



# What's Happening

## AUGUST 2020

Monthly Newsletter

Changes and New Beginnings. Things have been crazy here at Department lately. With COVID we had to cancel our annual Convention that would have been the last week of June. As July came and went, we wrapped up our 2019-2020 year. Now we are into August and the start of 2020-2021 year. All of us at Department are excited to see where this year will take us. We look forward to hearing from you and what your Units have planned. Communication is our key to success.

### **AUGUST – New Fiscal Year Begins!**

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 there is no National Convention this year. We are working on getting the website dated with this year's information and forms.

This last Saturday we held a Department Officer Training at Headquarters. The training was well attended by most all District Presidents and Vice Presidents and our NEC. Everyone appears to have learned lots of valuable information that they can take back to their Districts and share with the units.

**Department President Visits** – Does your Unit have something going on that you would like to have the Department President or Vice President attend? If so, contact Department to get a visit request form so we can get you on the calendar.

**Centennial Celebrations** – With COVID and National not holding convention we have another year to continue with the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration. Please let Department know if you have a planned event. Invite our Department President to your celebration. Contact Department to schedule your visit.

**Bulletins** – Chairmen, we are looking for your 2020-2021 Bulletins. If you have not yet completed these and sent them in, **Please, do so now**. We would like to get them on the website and sent out to the Unit by September 1<sup>st</sup> so that they have them for their meetings.

**Officer Installation Reports** – Most of you have completed these and sent them in. That is very much appreciated. If you have not yet completed the form, please do so and get this sent in. Department needs to have this updated annually and anytime you change an officer. This is the only way we can be sure that our records are up to date..

**Membership** – We are well into seeing 2021 dues starting to come in. Many are paying online. This is very exciting. We are encouraging units to not hold onto membership and to submit dues regularly, at least once a month if not more often. You owe it to your members to not hold onto the dues after they pay. If a member is paying for 2020 and you are sitting on membership, this means your member is not current.

Our first target date is November 10<sup>th</sup> for the 100% Unit Award and December 7<sup>th</sup> is the 75% for Pearl Harbor Day Award. Let's set a challenge to reach these goals. Call your members. Not having meetings for the last several months is a good reason to call and see how they are doing. Let them know ways that they can pay their dues. Renewal notices will be mailed from National September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**DON'T BE AFRAID OF NEW BEGINNINGS, FROM NEW PEOPLE, NEW ENERGY, NEW SURROUNDINGS, NEW CHALLENGES**

**National Presidents Visit** – We have received word that National President Nicole will be visiting Oregon March 8-11, 2021. Once we have her scheduled lined out, we will let you know so that you can have the opportunity to meet her.

**Unit Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules** – All units that have not sent in an updated copy, this needs to be done. Changes were made in 2019, which means every unit should have updated.

### **DISTRICT 1**

District meeting is Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup> at Cannon Beach, Post 168. There is a light lunch from 11:30-12:30 and meeting starting at 1pm.

### **DISTRICT 2**

District meeting is Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup> at Carlton Memorial, Post 173.

### **DISTRICT 3**

District meeting will be Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup> Sweet Home at the VFW Hall. Lunch at noon (off the menu), meeting at 1pm.

### **DISTRICT 4**

District meeting – Will have a conference call meeting on Saturday October 10th

### **DISTRICT 5**

District meeting – Will have a meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup> tentatively schedule in Redmond.

### **DISTRICT 6**

District meeting

Unit 24 – Is still planning American Legion Auxiliary celebrating 100 years. September 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at the American Legion Hall, 848 NE 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Milton-Freewater. Call (541) 234-4083 for more information.

### **DISTRICT 8**

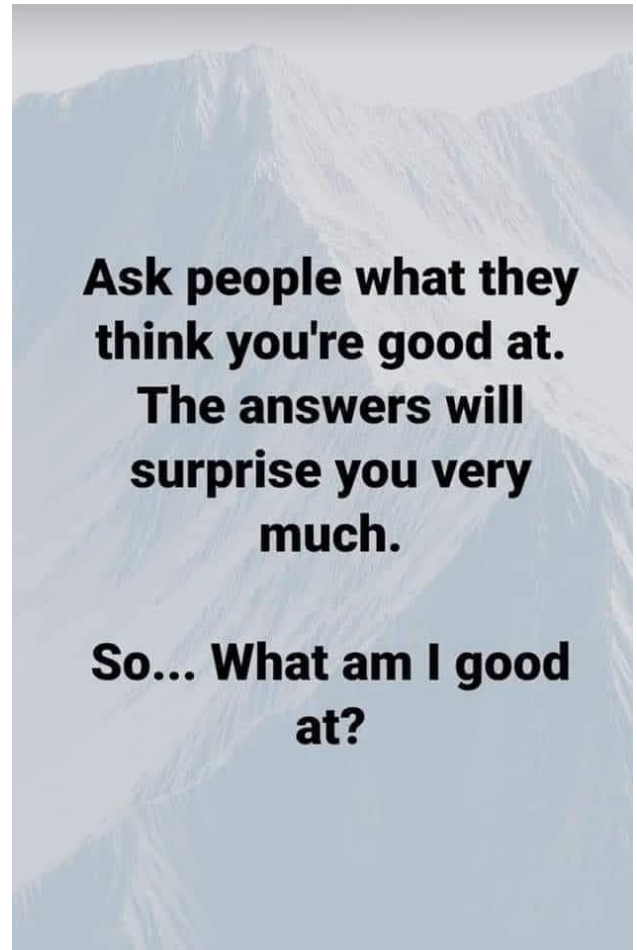
District meeting

### **DISTRICT 9**

District meeting is scheduled to be held Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup> at Bandon Post 26 (VFW Post). Lunch at noon for a small fee and meeting to follow.

### **DISTRICT 10**

District meeting will be held on Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup> in Prairie City at 10am. **This has been canceled.**



### **Upcoming 2020 Dates:**

Oct 3-4<sup>th</sup> 2020 – Fall DEC in Lebanon

June 23-26<sup>th</sup> 2021 – Department Convention – Seven Feathers Casino