



What's Happening NOVEMBER 2020

Monthly Newsletter

Hard to believe that we are approaching the holiday season. Veterans Day will be very unusual this year. Some of you have parades and other small activities, but no big gathering to celebrate.

November – Membership Month!

We are ROCKING it for 2021. As of our last report, Oregon is currently sitting at #1 in the Western Division at 50.77% with 2,242 members currently paid and two units hitting GOAL. Last year we were at 44.83% and 2,071 and no units at goal. It would be amazing if we could hit the 75% goal by December 7th. That means we need another 1,070 memberships to be processed by the December 7th.

We are encouraging units to not hold onto membership and to submit dues regularly. Members can also pay online at www.ALAforVeterans.org or by phone at (317) 569-4570 to National.

Our first target date is November 10th for the 100% Unit Award and December 7th is the Department 75% for Pearl Harbor Day Award. November 10th is also the 10x10 award submission deadline.

Please make sure you are checking new applications to make sure they are complete before you send them into Department.

Department President Visits – President Kathi would love to come visit your unit, a District meeting or an Event. Please complete the visitation form and submit to Department so that we can get you scheduled. If you need a copy of the form let us know and we can send you one.

Kathi is currently planning to visit Mt. Angel #89, Canby #122, Aurora #110, Newberg #57 and Washington #2 during the first week of November.

She will also be at Department that week if anyone would like to make an appointment to stop by and visit with her. Weather permitting, she will be in McMinnville #21 on the 17th.

Department President's Project – Divide Camp in Joseph and Veterans Legacy Oregon Camp Alma outside of Eugene this year are Kathi's project. Both camps help support our veterans.

Divide Camp is dedicated to serving our wounded warriors. Giving them the opportunity to hunt, fish, ride ATV and horse pack.

Veterans Legacy Oregon Camp Alma serves as a residential facility treatment site. Helping vets with homelessness, PTSD and those fighting substance abuse.

If you would like to donate to Kathi's project, funds can be sent to Department.

VA Gift Shops – Will be a lot different this year from what we are used to. Portland VA Gift Shop will be sending out \$50 gift cards to approximately 125 veterans. The Dalles OVH will be receiving snacks, Lebanon OVH will be allowing small gift bags that will be delivered to the facility and they will hand out. Currently Roseburg plans to have a modified gift shop. They plan to have an opening on November 28th and run the 29th thru Dec 2nd. There is still time to make a donation. Donations can be sent to department.

Mid-Year Reports – Reports are due December 15th. Make sure you are reaching out to get as much information from your units and chairmen as you can.

Unit Constitution, By-Laws and Standing

Rules – We have had a few come in this last month. If you have not sent an updated copy to Department and to the Constitution & Bylaws Chairman, please do so soon. With changes made by National, everyone needs to update theirs.

National Presidents Visit – National President Nicole will be visiting Oregon March 8-11, 2021. Once we know her schedule, we will send out more information.

National Commanders Visit – National Commander Bill Oxford will be visiting Oregon the end of June 2021.

DISTRICT 1

District meeting is Saturday December 12th at either Tigard Post 158 or St. Helens Post 42. There is a light lunch from 11:30-12:30 and meeting starting at 1pm.

DISTRICT 2

District meeting is Sunday November 15th at Carlton Memorial, Post 173 at 1pm

DISTRICT 3

District meeting will be Saturday November 14th in Springfield. Lunch at noon and meeting at 1pm.

DISTRICT 4

District meeting – Saturday January 23rd at Grants Pass Post #28. Lunch at noon and meeting at 1pm.

DISTRICT 5

District meeting – Saturday January 23rd at Redmond Post #44. Prineville also has scheduled their Christmas Benefit Auction on December 11th.

DISTRICT 6

District meeting – October 17th at noon in Milton-Freewater Post 24

DISTRICT 7

District meeting – January 23rd time and place TBD

DISTRICT 8

District meeting

DISTRICT 9

District meeting is scheduled to be held Saturday December 19th at Earle B Stewart -Roseburg Post 16. Lunch at noon for a small fee and meeting to follow.

DISTRICT 10

District meeting was scheduled for Saturday November 14th has been cancelled. Business is still been handled by phone calls, emails and mailings.

Remember to change your clocks this weekend.

Upcoming 2020 Dates:

Jan 16-17th 2021 – Mid-Winter DEC in Carlton

June 23-26th 2021 – Department Convention
– Seven Feathers Casino

Hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving!



OFFICE CLOSURE DATES

November 11th – Veterans Day

November 26 & 27th – Thanksgiving

December 24 & 25th – Christmas

December 31st – New Year's Eve

January 1st – New Year's Day