



What's Happening

JANUARY 2021

Monthly Newsletter

The New Year has arrived. 2020 seemed to last forever. Hoping that we will see somewhat more of what used to be normal. Remember, there are still things we can do to help and support our veterans.



January – Legislative and National Security Month! What State and National legislation is pending that pertains to veterans? Are you prepared for a national disaster....is your Post and home?

VA Gift Shops – Gift Shops did not seem very normal this year. Snacks that were requested were delivered to The Dalles OVH the end of November. Gift bags were put together and dropped off at the Lebanon Veterans home. Roseburg was actually able to hold a small gift shop this year. They were able to serve 33 veterans and their families at the facility. Remaining gifts were dropped off at the Charlie Company National Guard. Portland with the help of the Voluntary Service Office was able to send out 100 gift cards to our veterans. This is not as many as we would normally serve by having the actual Gift Shops, but we were still able to support our veteran for the holidays. To each and every one of you that helped make this possible, THANK YOU! We couldn't have done it without you.

Mid-Year Reports DUE – Most all the reports have been received here at Department. District Presidents and Chairman, if you have not already done so, please get your reports sent in no later than Friday January 8th. Even if you don't have anything to report, let us know that.

Membership

Even with the COVID restrictions, we have still managed to get membership processed. We have been doing an amazing job so far. We seemed to have slowed down with the holidays. It's a new year. Let's reach out to our members and if they haven't paid let see what we can do. The next renewal notice will be going out February 1st. If dues were not processed by Department by the end of December, those that have not paid will be getting a renewal notice.

Blood Drive / Food Drive – Department will be hosting our first Blood Drive here at Department on February 15th, 2021. We will also be collecting non-perishable food, household and hygiene items. These items will go to help our Veterans at the Veterans Village and Clayton Mohr Commons in Clackamas County that are transitioning into housing. Department staff will continue to collect items throughout the year to help support them.

National Presidents Visit – National President Nicole will be visiting Oregon March 8-11, 2021.

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

We have not heard of any changes yet in the travel schedule from National. We will let you know as we receive more information on both the National President and Commanders visit.

DISTRICT 1

District meeting is Saturday March 13th in Cannon Beach. Caucus will be held May 8th at Aloha Post #104.

DISTRICT 2

District meeting is Sunday February 21st at Carlton Memorial, Post 173. Caucus will be May 2nd.

DISTRICT 3

District meeting was scheduled for January 9th. In person meeting has been cancelled. Working on holding a conference call.

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.

DISTRICT 6

District meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday January 23rd. Trying to schedule for Baker City.

DISTRICT 7

District meeting – January 23rd time and place TBD. This is a TAL date as we do not have a District President in this District.

DISTRICT 8

District meeting – January will be holding a Zoom meeting call at 7pm

DISTRICT 9

District meeting – March 20th at Reedsport #62 (senior center)

DISTRICT 10

District meeting – February 20th tentatively at Ontario for the Auxiliary

All District meetings subject to change due to COVID restrictions.

Upcoming 2020 Dates:

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

Feb 15th 2021 - 12-6pm - Dept Blood Drive

April 10-11th 2021 – Spring DEC LaPine

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

