



What's Happening April 2021

We've had some excitement here in the last couple of weeks. Most all of us have finally moved out of EXTREME RISK. This means we are finally moving towards being able to have meetings and dining indoors at restaurants. Seems like it has been forever since we have been able to do that.

April – Children & Youth Month - The purpose of the Children and Youth program is to emphasize protecting, caring for and supporting children and youth, particularly those of veterans and military families.

Plan a special celebration for the Children and Youth in your community. It can be something simply such as a hot dog feed. It can be more elaborate with games, activities, clowns, or your local Police k-9 unit. Provide certificates of encouragement for each child.

Spring DEC – April 10th & 11th in La Pine. Training will be Saturday afternoon. Training and the DEC are open to all members. All meetings will be across the street at the La Pine Moose #2095, 52510 Drafter Road.

New Chairman / Officers. Department is still looking for those interested in being a chairman or Department officer. Offices being elected this year are: President, Vice President, NEC and Alternate NEC.

Department officers must maintain their primary residency within the state of Oregon.

ELECTION OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

1) Candidates may include experience and qualifications gained in organizations other than the American Legion Auxiliary (1950).

2) Department Candidates letters are to only be sent to the Department Headquarters, Department Officers, and District Presidents.

3) The consent of a candidate must be obtained before she is endorsed for Department or National office. (1973)

Unit Data Forms – Forms were due to Department by April 1st. Even if you are not changing your dues amount, please complete and either email or mail them in. We are starting to email and call the units that we have not heard from.

Bonding Fee – If your unit has not paid, these are past due. If Department has not received your Bonding Fee, we will be calling you.

Membership – Time is running out to get your 2021 dues paid before the 2022 dues open up. There is still time for your unit to make goal. Or, maybe even your District or Department can make GOAL.

Looking for our next goal unit, or maybe a District or even Department!

Blood Drive – The Department's next Blood Drive is scheduled for May 27th 9am-2pm. You can sign up to give blood by going to redcrossblood.org and scheduling your time.

Food Collection – Department has boxes out in the office to collect non-perishable and personal hygiene items. These items will be given to Clayton Mohr, Clackamas Veterans Village or other Veterans in need. If you would like to contribute, you can drop off anytime during business hours.

Year-End Reports & Awards – REMINDER Year-End Reports are due to your Department

chairmen NO LATER than MAY 1st and to Department by MAY 15th. Even if you do not have anything to report, please at least send that information to the chairman. Remember to check your bulletins and see if there is a member of your unit that might qualify for an award. If you need a copy of a bulletin, check on our website www.alaoregon.org or contact Department.

UNITY AWARD – This is for one “SINGLE” project completed between the close of 2020 Department Convention and the start of the 2021 Department Convention. More than one entry may be submitted by the Post and Unit but must cover only a “single” project on each entry form. Forms are available at Department Headquarters.

National Commanders Visit – National Commander Bill Oxford will be visiting Oregon June 28-July 3, 2021.

National Vice Commanders Visit – National Vice Commander our own Rob Liebenow will be visiting Oregon District 6 April 23-26, 2021.

DISTRICT 1

District meeting - Caucus will be held Saturday May 8th at Aloha Post #104.

DISTRICT 2

District Meeting - Caucus will be held Sunday May 2nd at Carlton Post #173.

DISTRICT 3

District meeting - Caucus will be held Saturday May 8th at Santiam #51.

DISTRICT 4

District Caucus – Caucus will be Saturday April 24th via a virtual call.

DISTRICT 5

District meeting – Caucus will be held Saturday April 24th at Crook County Post #29.

DISTRICT 6

District meeting – Caucus will be held Saturday April 17th at Milton Freewater Post 24, lunch at noon, meeting at 1pm.

DISTRICT 7

District meeting – April 17th time and place TBD. This is a TAL date as we do not have a District President in this District.

DISTRICT 8

District meeting is scheduled for May 18th at 7pm. Format will be decided as time gets closer.

DISTRICT 9

District meeting – Caucus will be held Saturday May 1st at Bay Area Post 34. Lunch at noon, meeting to follow.

DISTRICT 10

District meeting – Caucus will be held Saturday May 1st in Ontario at 10am. This meeting may go virtual.

All District meetings subject to change due to COVID restrictions.

Upcoming 2021 Dates:

April 10-11th – Spring DEC La Pine

June 14-15th – Virtual Girls State / Boys State

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



Link to the Oregon Legionnaire

<https://orlegion.org/media/oregon-legionnaire/>