



# What's Happening

## MARCH 2020

Monthly Newsletter

Spring is just around the corner. Flowers are starting to blossom; trees are starting to bud and gardeners are starting to get their hands in the dirt.

**MARCH – Community Service month** – What does your unit do for project? A Community Service Project should focus on enhancing the quality of life for Veterans and their families. Make sure to report to Margie DeMoss by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Officer Elections** – It's getting to be that time of the year again. Units, Districts and Department will be selecting officers here real soon. Do you have the desire to be a leader? Page 2 of this news letter list the dates of the District Caucus's. Department will also be holding election for Department Officers at Department Convention in June. Those positions that will be voted on for Department are Dept President, Vice Pres., NEC and Alternate NEC. If you are interested in running, District 5 Round-up in Prineville on March 20-21<sup>st</sup> is the time to get your name out and campaign. To be an officer on any level, you must be current with your membership.

### DEPARTMENT Reminders:

**Email addresses for Department** – we recently made some changes to the email addresses at Department. The only emails to use are: [alamembership@alaoregon.org](mailto:alamembership@alaoregon.org) or [alaor@alaoregon.org](mailto:alaor@alaoregon.org) any other email address will not be monitored.

**Unit Elections** – Remember to complete the 'Installation of Officer 2020-2021 form' after your officers have been installed. The form is available on the Department website, [alaoregon.org](http://alaoregon.org) or by contacting Department. If you need someone to do

your installation, contact your District President or Department. Once this form is completed, please send to Department either by email or mail.

**Unit Data Forms** – Unit data forms were sent to Unit Presidents recently. This form reports what your unit dues will be for the 2021 membership year. The form is due back to Department by April 1<sup>st</sup> either by email or mail. 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** – Please don't hold onto membership. If someone has paid their dues, be sure to get that sent into Department.

**Girls State Applications** – Applications are slowly starting to come in from applicants. If you haven't visited the schools in your area, lets start getting out there. If you would like to sponsor a girl or two, please let Department know so that we can get you matched up with some girl. A couple units have already reached out letting us know that they would like to sponsor some girls. Please don't hold applications until the deadline.

**QUILT RAFFLE** – 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.

### DEC – April 4<sup>th</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> in LaPine

Our next DEC is just a month out. Make sure your units are reporting to your District Presidents so that they can get their reports into Department on time. If you plan to attend, be sure to get your lodging

reservation made. The deadline for reservations is March 15<sup>th</sup>. If you plan to attend the Banquet Saturday night welcoming National Commander Candidate Randall Fisher, you MUST pre-purchase your tickets.

### **DISTRICT 1**

District meeting will be held Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> at Clatsop Post 12.

### **DISTRICT 3**

Unit/Post 51 monthly dinner is March 17<sup>th</sup> at the Post. Dept. President will be in attendance.

The District is hosting a Girls / Boys State orientation at Post 51 on April 25<sup>th</sup> starting with a luncheon at noon. All applicants are welcome to attend. There may be a small fee to cover the luncheon.

### **DISTRICT 5**

District 5 meeting and Roundup March 20-21 at Crook County Post/Unit 29.

Unit 48 Welcome Home Vietnam Era Veterans Parade & Expo April 25<sup>th</sup> from 11-4pm

### **DISTRICT 6**

Unit 43 - President Gea will be visiting on March 11<sup>th</sup>. March 17<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick Day Corned beef and cabbage dinner both at the Post and March 28 is their Auxiliary Yard Sale.

Unit 24 – American Legion Auxiliary celebrating 100 years. April 25<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 or to reserve your spot.

### **DISTRICT 8**

March 14<sup>th</sup> District fundraising Dinner, at Post 180 guest speaker will be PNC Charlie Schmidt.

### **DISTRICT 9**

President Gea will be visiting North Bend Unit 34 on March 14<sup>th</sup> for their annual Birthday dinner and Centennial celebration.

### **Caucus Dates:**

District 1 – May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Aloha Post #104  
District 2 – April 26<sup>th</sup> at Carlton Post #173  
District 3 – May 9<sup>th</sup> at Eugene Post #3  
District 4 – April 18<sup>th</sup> at Grants Pass #28  
District 5 – May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Redmond #44  
District 6 & 10 – May 16<sup>th</sup> 10am at Ontario #67  
District 7 – May 23rd  
District 8 - May 19<sup>th</sup> at Portland 1  
District 9 – June 9<sup>th</sup> at North Bend #34

### **2020 Oregon Women Veteran Conference**

May 30-31, 2020 at the Riverhouse on the Deschutes. Free and open to all women veterans.

### **Lebanon Strawberry Festival**

June 4-7, 2020 at Cheadle Lake Regional Park, Lebanon, OR. The Legion Family will have a booth there and are looking for volunteers to help man it

### **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 during the event.

To volunteer, email [NVWG2020Volunteer@va.gov](mailto:NVWG2020Volunteer@va.gov)



### **Upcoming 2020 Dates:**

March 20-21 – Round-Up in Prineville  
April 4-5 – Spring DEC in LaPine  
May 11-13 – National President visit  
June 14-20 – Girls State  
June 24-28 – State Convention at Seven Feathers  
July 3-8 – National Veteran Wheelchair Games