

**American Legion Auxiliary District 5  
Mid-Year Report – Dec. 2019  
Yvonne Drury, President**

I received Mid-Year reports from three Units:

**Crook County Unit #29 – Prineville**

**From Louise Carter, President #1:** Our Unit has been busy. In September we held our annual hotdog feed/ bake sales turned out very successful.

Four of us attended the DEC in October as well as the District 5 meeting in Redmond. Held an Octoberfest dinner in October. I attended the spaghetti dinner in Mosier and had a great visit with those unit members.

Helped put out flags for Veterans Day. Had a really nice float in the parade with a big birthday cake and signs celebrating our 100 years of service. Little miss poppy and our department member of the year, riding on the float. After the parade we held a free spaghetti dinner open to the public feeding about 200 people. LEGION furnished us a cake, celebrating our 100 years.

Donated \$100.00 to our sheriffs/police department for Shop with a Cop. First year Prineville has held their own. They have helped Deschutes Co the last few years.

Plans have been made for our annual Christmas auction Dec. 13th. Dinner at 5pm and auction at 7 pm. Department President Gea will be attending. Come join us at the post.

Shopping for our Veterans and families as well as names from the Tree of Joy on the 14th. Then back to the post for wrapping. A dinner is planned for the National guard families on December 18th. With gifts for the children. (National Guard members are being deployed) Don't know details yet.

The Unit attended a City Hall meeting where Prineville Mayor Steve Uffleman presented us with a proclamation for our 100 years of service to our Veterans and families.

**From Cindy Lee, President #2:** The last part of September our unit held its annual hot dog and bake sale, with donations of back items from our unit members our profit was \$693.41. We had help from Legion and S.A.L. members which was really appreciated.

In October Unit 29 spent \$100.00 for the Food Backpack program, this is a program in our community ran by the schools to supplies children with food for the weekends if they are concerned the children do not have access to stable meals when not in school. Our unit spent 200.00 on items for the OVH and \$50.00 for towels for White City.

In celebrating the ALA 100<sup>th</sup> birthday our Unit with help from the Legion and S.A.L. put together a float for the Veterans Day Parade. After the parade we had a spaghetti feed and fed about 200 people, the Legion bought the Auxiliary a Birthday Cake.

December is always a busy month. The Legion will hold their annual Christmas Auction and the Auxiliary invited our Department President to attend this event. Unit 29 receives a generous donation each year from the Legion to shop for our Children, Seniors and Veterans in our community. Unit 29 will host a Christmas Banquet for our local National Guard.

### **LaPine Unit #45**

**From Margaret Mays, President:** Unit 45 sent cookies to the Dalles via Ginny Williams also just did Santa visit, donated \$500 for gifts plus donations.

Served over 440 for Thanksgiving dinner @ our Post 45 We donated dessert & served them. Helped put on 4 meals per month. Gave \$500 to the schools.

Will be giving donation to 3 Vet Hospital of \$100 each also this year; still going with 4 meals a month. Sorry unable to do Poppy this year. Membership renewals over the 100 member mark.

### **Stevens-Chute Unit #4 – Bend**

**From Katie Terry, President:** We ended our summer with our annual picnic at Yvonne and Denny Drury's home again. We also combined it with our swearing in of officers. As usual it was a fun afternoon, great food and great people.

Unit 4 cooperated with the Redmond American Legion and Auxiliary to put on the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Cow Pasture Golf Tournament in July.

Karen Banks talked with Abby's Pizza in Bend and they did two 4-hour donations to ALA with 10% of all sales coming to the Unit. Unit 4 started fall by hosting a Spaghetti dinner open to the public in Honor of the American Legion's 100th anniversary. We were floored by the number of volunteers who came to help out. We had a great turn out. A small raffle was held.

Our unit sponsors the local Scholastic 3-D Archery club and our Legion family was represented by a 11-year-old who returned home from South Dakota as the National Champion in his age group. We are so thrilled for him.

Yvonne Drury, Karen Banks and Katie Terry attended the DEC in Lebanon.

This year instead of gathering foods for individual families for Thanksgiving, we donated lots of food stuffs to our local Veterans Outreach here in Bend who are able to get much out to homeless camps and such. They also prepared and served a Thanksgiving breakfast on Friday following Thanksgiving, serving about 50 to 75 homeless.

We had our Christmas dinner Dec 3, having it catered so everyone could relax and have fun. All Veterans received a door prize we had a large raffle and a gift exchange with a game. At the dinner many brought gifts and money for our two families we received through the National Guard to assist in having a nice Christmas.

Yvonne Drury, Karen Banks and Katie Terry delivered cookies made by our unit to the Dalles Veteran Home and assisted in wrapping gifts for residents.

Wreaths Across America program was held Dec. 14, with Unit 4 and Boy Scout Troop 25 laying 171 wreaths on graves of veterans in Greenwood Cemetery.

### **John Sloss Unit #125 – Madras**

They have not been having monthly meetings but have held a few of their normal annual events. District 5 and Department has been helping the Unit get member renewals processed.

**Ray Johnson Unit 44 – Redmond**

Reading their combined with the Post monthly newsletter, they hold a fairly full calendar of bingo, dinners, special events, etc.

**Wamic – Unit #135** – no report.

**Eugene Green Unit 48 – Warm Springs**

District 5 Vice President Louise Carter has been communicating with the Unit, and has been told that the members voted to turn in their charter. Louise is working with them to collect the charter and to ascertain that the Unit bank account has been closed.

**Frank Burns Unit #25 – Condon**

After months of expressing the desire to keep the Unit alive, but no results, the Unit will turn in its charter and submit bank records to District 5. District 5 Vice President Louise Carter is working to receive the required documents, and hopes to report completion by the Mid-Winter DEC.

**Chris Schultz Unit #71** – no report.

**Hood River Unit #22** – no report.

**Mosier Unit #55** – no report.

**The Dalles Unit #19** – Had a phone discussion with their new president to help her understand what our “reports” are. As a dual member, she had not had any experience with reporting in the Auxiliary. No report has been submitted to date.

**SUMMARY:**

It looks as though several Units continue to be fully engaged in their activities and are an integral part of their community, but they find it difficult to report on it.

The saddest thing that also continues is the dissention among members within the Units. We MUST treat each other with respect and keep petty differences outside of our Units. We MUST keep in the forefront of our minds the mission of our organization – to serve our veterans, their families and our communities.

For God and Country,

*Yvonne Drury*

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SPRING 2020 DISTRICT 6 DEC BOOK OF REPORT  
April 5, 2020  
BY MAGGIE LA MONT, DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT

At our January District meeting, a request was made to support changing the Auxiliary eligibility to include descendants of Veterans. Attached is a resolution District 6 proposes to be passed by the DEC and at Convention then presented to the American Legion.

In December, January and February I was in Arizona, so no Presidents visits were scheduled. I was hoping to visit Athena's April meeting, but with the Corona Virus, that will not be happening.

George St. Denis Unit #140 have 10 members, but they have not responded to my inquiries and Vice President Kathi's efforts to help. I wrote a letter to their President and have not received a response. It now is time to write all their members a letter regarding canceling their charter. This is a move we do not like to take, but they refuse to report to our inquiries. They elected officers who are not eligible and will not make the effort to verify their eligibility. I gave them contact information and told them what they need to do for verification, but still with no response.

La Grande Unit #43 voted to not have meetings in December, January and February. President Gea visited the March meeting. They began the year with a luau and helped celebrate the Legion Birthday with a corned beef and cabbage dinner. All remaining activities have been canceled due to the Legion for the corona virus. We are not sure when we can meet again.

Ione Post and Auxiliary #95 is closed with no upcoming events.

Hermiston Unit #37 had a Hearts for Veterans Social & Dance on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Milton Freewater Unit # 24 in January had a bake sale and handed out membership applications. In February they went to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class and gave a presentation. They presented the school with a flag for their gym. Their April activities had been postponed.

## Vice President / Membership Report for DEC April 4, 2020

Since the Mid-Winter DEC on January 12, 2020 membership has been coming in slowly as it usually does. Some units have done great this year in getting new members and others have struggled.

We hope District Presidents have been trying to work with and encourage struggling units who have members that want to join or renew. Members who are not active and don't receive department or unit emails, are left out of the loop but they need to stay in contact with all of us as well. It is so easy to say, I'm not active and just pay my dues. You can but it is still your obligation as a member to try and stay up on info. We can't do it all for members as they need to want to be a member and take pride in that.

My project as department membership this year was to send a card recognizing and thanking our members with 50 or more years of continuous membership. I am at least halfway through doing this and it has been a pleasure to honor these members. Our Department does not have the funds to present awards for them as there are so many! This has allowed me to have contact with members I would never have talked or corresponded with and has been a great experience for me.

National sent me a letter of interest from a person who emailed them in December. I have reached out to that person offering information of a unit as well as an application and flyers. When these get lost and this much time has gone by, the odds are low of this person answering back.

All of us continue to renew members and try and recruit new ones with a positive attitude.

Respectfully,

Kathi Karnowski

V. President / Membership

## NEC Report

The mid-winter National Executive Committee Meeting was held February 22, 2020 in Indianapolis, Indiana at the American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters at 3450 Founders Road.

The meeting was called to order in due form at 9:00 a.m. by National President Nicole Clapp. After the introductions and greetings, we got down to the items on the agenda.

Using the consent agenda, it was moved, seconded and approved to accept the following -

- Charter cancellations which consisted of 30 units
- The changes to the National Appointments
- The National Finance Committee Policies that needed to be reviewed and updated for renewal
- The National Audit Committee Polices that needed to be reviewed and updated for renewal

We heard from the Board President of the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation. This was followed with a report from the Valeo Financial Advisors on Investment Policy and Practices and the Alerding CPA Group on the 2019 External Audit.

The National Chairmen presented their mid-year reports for their individual programs.

The National Staff introduced themselves. They gave us an overview of what their department does and what they are working on at this time.

The NEC acted on the following –

- Changing the name of the Code of Conduct to the Code of Ethics
- Changing the composition of the Executive Committee to the NEC
- Executive Director Responsibilities
- Subsidiary Organization – ALAF – remove reference to Audit Committee Charter

The NEC reviewed these items for action at the National Convention -

1. Bylaws - amend to establish Executive Committee to NEC
2. Bylaws – add Executive Director position
3. Constitution, Bylaws & Standing Rules – change of name of National Executive Committee to National Board of Directors and National Executive Committee Member to National Board Member.
4. Standing Rules – Audit Committee responsibilities

We ended the day at 5 p.m. and boarded the bus back to the hotel.

The next NEC meeting will be in Louisville, Kentucky prior to the start of National Convention.

Pam Seelye, NEC

## National Security

With our Auxiliary year coming soon to a close it is time to start thinking and gathering your information for year end reports. Your year end report is due to me May 1, 2020.

I want to remind you of the qualifications for the National Security Department Award. Last year a few units submitted for the reward, but I was unable to award it because the reports did not have the two requirements. A few units sent in wonderful narrative reports, but they did not participate in the National Security/Civil Preparedness Program. One unit participated in the National Security/Civil Preparedness Program but did not send in a narrative report.

Please, when submitting for any Department Award read the requirements for that award. It is disappointing to the Department Chairman and the units when the awards cannot be presented.

**Department Award** - Phyllis Parent Trophy for National Security/Civil Preparedness awarded to the Unit participating in the National Security/Civil Preparedness program and with the best narrative report.

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Department of Oregon  
DEC Spring 2019-2020  
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We all need to have our Units, Constitution & By-law and The Standing room all updated due to the new changes in the verbiage.

We need to make sure that all the (SHE, HER) are not Listed.

Then make sure that your dues that you are listing in your Standing rules or the minimal that the National request.

I have received a few and will have copies in the file that I have and both Department and I will make sure that we each have copy So, if you send to one of us, we will make sure we both have your copy.

I have attached a SUGGESTION of C & B, standing rules that can be used if this will make is easier for your units to fill out and return. In the past we have many units that have not updated. I hope will maybe get more units to update. There will be extra printed copies of these that you can pick up.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS MID-YEAR REPORT 2019-2020  
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I received questionnaires from four Units:

None have a website.

Stevens-Chute Unit #4 has a Facebook page, and also posts to District 5 Facebook page, showing upcoming events; Harney County Unit #63 does not have a Facebook page, but some members add news on their personal pages.

Crook County Unit #29 has been mentioned eight times in local media promoting their activities; Harney County is mentioned an average of once a month; Stevens-Chute Unit #4 Veterans Day Parade float and announcer's remarks were on local TV coverage, and had a 30-minute interview on local radio station KPOV promoting Girls State. Prairie advertised for the Veterans Day dinner and the Christmas Bazaar in the local paper.

Crook County published eight Public Service Announcements in local media; Stevens-Chute Unit #4 submitted PSA's but not were published by the media.

The Units all have a media contact list.

Crook County plans on submitting an entry for Unit PR awards; Harney County and Stevens-Chute do not plan on an entry.

Specific activities done to work toward Goals of the Centennial Strategic Plan:

Harney County members act out scenarios to have civility/diversity in the Unit. They distributed 5-minute elevator speeches conducive to their community; they recently produced their first ever Unit/Post newsletter "The Hi Desert Messenger."

Stevens-Chute strives to treat all members with respect and true friendship within the Unit. Being small, they have "committees of one" to initiate programs then invite the Unit and Post members to participate in the implementation.

Thank you, Harney County, Crook County, Stevens-Chute and Prairie Units for submitting reports.

For God and Country,

Yvonne Drury  
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