



What's Happening

MAY 2020

Monthly Newsletter

Times are certainly unusual and unpredictable lately. I know everyone is ready to get back to a little more normal life than what we have had the last few months. Let's hope May brings some changes and we can start to get out.

Let's make sure that we keep reaching out to our members to make sure they are ok and if they might be in need to some help.

MAY – Poppy Month. National Poppy Day in May 22nd. The poppy is worn to symbolize the sacrifices made by servicemembers around the world during World War I.

Reminder that Poppy Poster, Little Miss Poppy and your year end reports are due to Cindy Soria by May 1st.

National Convention 2020 - has been canceled. All current National officers will remain in office. Some reporting due dates have been extended to 2021. Because of this our Centennial Celebration may continue through the next year.

Officer Elections – Department is still moving forward with plans to hold Convention if it is allowed by the State. We have received endorsement letters from Kathi Karnowski who is running for Dept President and Debra Godwin for Dept Vice President. Endorsement letters need to be sent to Department Headquarter, Department Officers and District Presidents.

NEC and Alt NEC were up for election, but due to the fact that National Convention has been canceled, this has been postponed until the 2021 convention.

DEPARTMENT Reminders:

Email addresses for Department – PLEASE use the following alamembership@alaoregon.org. Please delete the following email address officemanager@alaoregon.org email address, it is no longer being monitored.

Department Reporting – These are still due to Department by May 15th even if they are not required by National. This includes Year-End Reports, Impact Reports and Awards.

Unit Elections – If your unit has elected officers, please be sure to complete the Officer Installation Report and send that into Department. If your unit plans to keep the same officers, we ask that you still complete the form and send it in, either by email or mail.

Unit Data Forms – Most all unit have responded. If we did not receive your form, you should have heard from Department and/or your District President. Even if you do not plan to make changes a form sent to Department is required. Either by mail or email. We encourage units to have their dues mailed to the post mailing address whenever possible.

Membership – Department is well aware that Posts are closed at these point in time. If you aren't able to process membership, but have members that would still like to pay we have a few options. Members can send their dues directly to Department. Call and encourage your members to pay online. Please don't hold onto membership. If someone has paid their dues, be sure to get that sent into Department.

Girls State Applications – Girls State has been canceled. If you have any applications, please send them to Department so that we can keep in contact with the students. Do not send the registration fees. We are hoping for an exciting 2021 sessions.

RAFFLES – 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.

DISTRICT 1

Caucus / District meeting is Saturday May 2nd. They will be holding a conference call.

DISTRICT 2

Caucus / District meeting is Saturday May 16th. They will be holding a conference call at.

DISTRICT 3

Caucus / District meeting is scheduled to be held Saturday May 9th at Eugene Post 3.

DISTRICT 4

Caucus / District meeting – They held a conference call on Saturday April 18th.

DISTRICT 5

Caucus / District meeting was held by zoom meeting on Monday April 27th. Karen Banks is running for District President and Helen Hisaw for District Vice.

DISTRICT 6

Caucus / District meeting is scheduled to be held Saturday May 16th Ontario Post 67

Unit 24 – American Legion Auxiliary celebrating 100 years. June 20th at 5:30 at the American Legion Hall, 848 NE 8th Avenue, Milton-Freewater. Call (541) 234-4083 for more information

DISTRICT 8

Caucus / District meeting is scheduled to be held Tuesday May 19th at Portland Post 1.

DISTRICT 9

Caucus / District meeting is scheduled to be held Tuesday June 9th at North Bend Post 34.

DISTRICT 10

Caucus / District meeting is still currently scheduled to be held Saturday May 16th Ontario Post 67

State Convention – This is currently still being planned. Your District Presidents have been emailed the current delegate strength information. Meal information has been sent out. Please send that to the Legion by June 1st. Delegate & Convention registration forms are being mailed to the units.

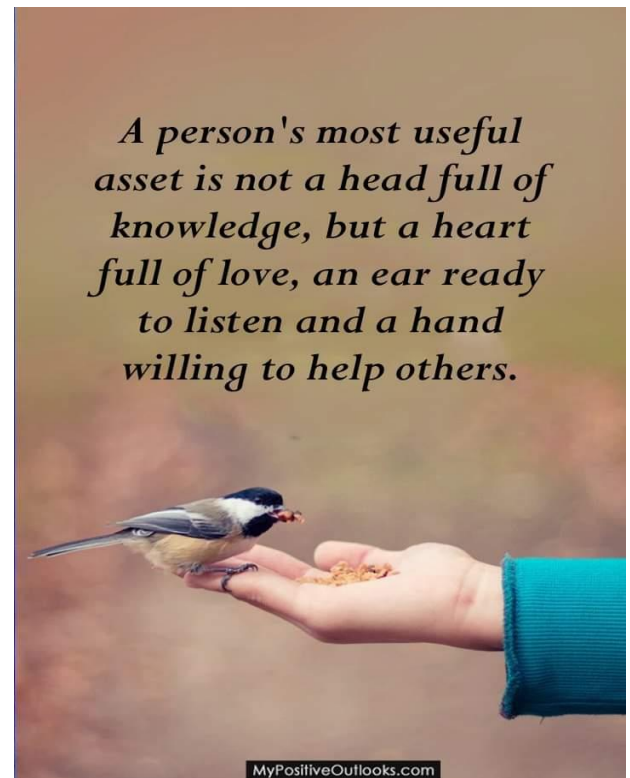
National Presidents Visit – Was scheduled for May 11-13th. This has been postponed and will be rescheduled sometime after September. We will update once we have a new date scheduled.

VA Rose Festival - Rose Court Visit

The Portland Rose Festival has postponed the event until possibly August. We will update you as we have more information.

40th National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Portland July 3-8, 2020

The Wheelchair Games have been canceled.



Upcoming 2020 Dates:

June 24-28 – State Convention at Seven Feathers

Stay Safe, Stay Home, help save lives.