



Department President
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April 4th, 2020

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF OREGON**

2019-2020

**SPRING DEC MEETING
CONFERENCE CALL**

BOOK OF REPORTS

District #1
Spring DEC 2020
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District 1 is doing some great things out there! Our membership is still increasing, and we're getting new members to join. Everyone is working hard to implement programs and increase awareness of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Here are some accomplishments of our Units during December, January, and February (7 of 10 reported):

Aloha #104 – Christmas tree decorating party at the Post, 4 members, 8 volunteered hours. Wrapped and shopped with Veterans at the Portland VA Gift Shop; 6 Aux, 1 SAL, 1 TAL, 40 hours. Donated 2 quilts, 14 fabric Christmas bags, and many pre-wrapped shoe boxes. Girls State girl spoke at our general meeting, she also was chosen to go to Girls Nation as a Senator. Held the Children's Christmas Party which 12 children attended and received presents; \$206.33 spent. Meat raffles held on Wednesday nights; \$342 made. Craft night each month with cards being delivered to the Portland VA for the veterans meal trays; 5 members, 21 hours, 132 cards made. Wednesday night dinners in January; 60 hours, \$242 made. Mailed 5 boxes of goodies to newly deployed National Guard troops in Qatar. Donated 69 teddy bears to the Washington County Sheriff's Department. Participated in membership revitalization day at the Post, making several phone calls to get members to renew; 2 members, 6 hours. Valentines Heart sale to raise funds for Girls State activities; 2 members, \$613 made. Sewing was held each month; 4 members, 9 hours.

Argonne #56 (Sherwood) – Provided Christmas cheer, food, gifts for teens and all the children of a squadron of the Oregon National Guard. Held the Post Christmas Party potluck. Continue Taco Tuesday with proceeds going to the Girls State Fund. Held burger night and trivia night once a month. Super Bowl party chili/soup cookoff. Annual crab &/or chicken dinner was a sellout for both seating times. Have been nominating new officers and delegates for convention.

Banks #90 – Contacted local rural schools beyond Banks with Girls and Boys State materials. Hosted Bingo once a month; \$450 made. Arrange poppy presentation at elementary school, and confirm Boys and Girls Citizenship Award schedule with the middle school. Support the annual Christmas Dinner by providing prizes, decorations, and decorating. Reviewed the entire Legion and Auxiliary membership list for Shut-Ins or those needing some extra TLC. Assembled Valentine boxes which were then distributed by Legion and Auxiliary members. Community Service – 28 hours. Service for Veterans/Military Families – 24 hours.

Cannon Beach #168 – Donations made to Department for veteran's facilities, women's facilities, and veteran's hospital and homes; Cannon Beach Christmas Basket Program; Cannon Beach Fir & Rescue; Cannon Beach Post #168, Susan G. Komen Foundation, and additional contributions were made to local veterans and auxiliary members. Volunteer at the monthly oyster and fish feed, Sunday breakfast, annual Sandcastle Day Breakfast, and the Christmas Basket Program. Sponsored a Super Bowl party. Collected donations for the Scholarship Program. Made 12 lap robes for VA&R.

Louis Larsen #68 (Clatskanie) – Held a breakfast for Santa at the Post; including sleigh rides with Santa, candy canes, visit with Santa, and a craft table. Christmas dinner – 87 attended, Christmas cards were given out to everyone, and Christmas carols were sung. Attended the Portland Veteran's hospital gift shop opening and went caroling in some of the patient's rooms; 2 members. Donated money to local Post for providing meals to local veterans. Hold a monthly meal for veterans, home-cooked food, 20-34 veterans per month. Total services - \$3,500 spent, 859 hours, 778 veterans served.

Seaside #99 – Working membership, 167 renewed, contacting delinquent members. Community involvement: 11,550 volunteer hours, 357 community service hours, \$2,550 in items to the VA hospital, \$3,223 in items to local veterans in Assisted Living, 862.7 miles, \$7,348 in coupons mailed. Held a fundraiser for Children and Youth, collected \$200 and donated \$350 for school supplies. Donated \$100 to the Dalles, \$100 Portland VA, \$100 Roseburg, \$100 Lebanon, \$100 Transplant Center.

Tigard #158 – Eight members worked at the VA gift shop, an Auxiliary dinner of beef stew, collected food for food baskets, wrapped toys, and supplied food for the Post Christmas dinner. Held an Auxiliary chili cookoff. Served a meal for WWII and Korean veterans sponsored by the Riders; 6 volunteers. Had a Valentines dinner and an Americanism dinner for police and fire sponsored in conjunction with the Legion. Unfortunately 3 members passed in this time period.

This year has seen many challenges that have helped me grow in being a District President. I'm currently working to recruit new district officers, trying to promote the benefit of taking on new tasks! Hoping to finish strong!

Always Serving,
Catherine Brockmann
District 1 President

District 2
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This has been a rough year so far for membership. We have a few Units thinking about closing. I have asked them to give it one final push and see where they get to at the end of the year. With the stay at home order not much happening.

Unit 20, they have been building planters, and selling them. They have reached and went above their membership goal. Great job!!

Unit 21, we have struggled with membership. They have held an open house membership drive. They held a Valentines party for some of our Veterans at a care facility. They handed out lap robes, and homemade cards, made by our Junior Auxiliary members.

Unit 57, The newest Unit. They are learning, excited, and planning. They held a membership drive.

Unit 75, they continue to clip coupons, make lap robes. And 1 member away from reaching their membership goal.

Unit 89, they have had to cancel all planned activities.

Unit 136, 122, 110, and 173 have also canceled all planned events due to the Covid-19, stay at home order.

Debra Godwin
District 2

DISTRICT 3
2020 SPRING #3
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District #3 has had units with one or two meetings, and they are all cancelled until further notice. Many are working from home making contact with members, neighbors, family and friends to see what help may be needed. The Spring District meeting was also cancelled and we are hoping that that meeting would be able to be held in May. Membership is at 100% for #184 and #59 and I am pleased that #32 has now 10 members.

The units that have reported are the following:

Albany #10

They have one Junior Member and she worked with her classmates and made valentines for the Marine Veterans. Thy did a beautiful job and reported they had a lot of fun. The plans were to bring the poppy poster to her class but that now has been suspended.

The Sewing Ladies had 15 members spend 523 hours and received \$6000 in donations to make masks for the hospitals, clinics, senior living homes, etc. They also made 20 quilts and donated them to the Portland VA along with some other personal items.

Currently the post is closed, and all events have been cancelled, a few ladies are still working from home on a few projects.

Calvin Funk #32

This unit had been having their meetings at the assisted living, they now have moved to the post and changed time to noon, they will start the meetings jointly with the post and at that time update post on auxiliary activities then adjourn to their meeting room. This has been a very positive arrangement for both.

Bohemia Days in July the auxiliary will have a membership drive along with the post.

Girls State they reported they have funds to send one girl and applications and information has been delivered to the school, it is unknown at this time if any girls have applied.

The unit donated \$200 for support of the veterans at Veterans Legacy. They plan a field trip sometime this summer.

Currently in support of the local veterans, they are on the last Monday of each month, at least 2 auxiliary and 2 post members will be having lunch with veterans from the Magnolia Gardens Assisted Living Center. There are now 3 veterans living at the Center.

3 Members spent 15 hours and spent \$20.50 making cookies for Memorial Services.

Santiam #51

Reports January did Smorgasbord for New Years Day, with 5 volunteers

February American Legion Birthday party for District #3. They also had a special dinner for the 29th Chuck Wagon money for the post.

All meetings have been cancelled and the post is closed.

Francis M. Yost #59

Hours working with veterans 204.

Make quilts for Honor Project

Celebration of Life for post member

Take veterans to doctor appointment.

Have coffee and lunch with Veterans and baking cookies for them. Work in kitchen at Elks Veterans Café.

Community Service 85 hours.

Making gowns for the stillborn babies project.

Working in kitchen at church.

Volunteer at Siuslaw High School.

One member housed the family of the AL Post member who passed away. They were there for four days as there was no where to stay while they were in Florence taking care of burial arrangements and cleaning out his apartment This time is not reflected in the above hours. Just happy they could help where needed.

Timber City #133

Reported meetings in January and February. Next meeting will be by telephone. This unit does not have a post, so they will get together when events can be rescheduled.

District 4
Spring Book of Reports

Membership continuous to be priority in each unit. With the current virus most units have cancelled meeting and activities.

District 4 did have their caucus by conference call. President Gia and Vice President Kathi joined us as we had our first telephone conference. I would like to congratulate Heidi Cottingham. She is the incoming district 4 President. I will be her 1st Vice.

Sadly, Grants Pass unit 28 will be turning in their charter. Letters will be going out to each member shortly.

I hope that everyone is healthy and hopefully we will be able to resume working our programs in the near future.

For God and Country,
Cindy Soria
District 4

**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 100th 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 3rd 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

Yvonne Drury
District 5 President
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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.

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

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

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

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DISTRICT 8 PRESIDENT
ANGIE MC KINNEY
SPRING DEC 2020**

District 8 has been working very hard at membership and we are now within 2% of 1st Place with District 10. Looks like Linda and I have competition on again. May the fun begin.

Report on what are Units are doing:

Willamette Falls Unit #5 has been working the following program so:

Community Service they have 82 hours

VA Hospital they have 36 hours

Department Volunteer time 216 hours

Assorted Communications 90 hours

District Fundraiser 12 hours

Total volunteer time is 436 hours.

Portland Unit #1 has been working various programs:

Every month they hold a luncheon for WWII/Korean/POW Veterans. In January and February they served 56 veterans, had 49.50 volunteer hours and a cost of \$97.50.

They serve weekly Sunday breakfasts with a total of 133 volunteer hours for January and February.

VA&R Project they have made 62 neck pillows and made 5 afghans. They worked 319 hours making these items.

Their Calendar Girls held a Super Bowl Raffle and gave 20 hours to this project.

They held a dinner for the WYEast Veterans Homeless Shelter, they served 100 people and gave 35 neck pillows, 10 afghans and assorted food and apples to the veterans. They had a cost of \$98.72, and volunteer hours of 93 hours.

Oregon Trail Unit #150 really got busy with some of their favorite projects:

They gathered various items for their annual run to the Oregon Veterans Home in The Dalles. They gathered various snack

items and non-alcoholic beers and various other need items to the tune of over \$2,000 for their annual Super Bowl Party they hold at the home. They served about 175 veterans and gave over 200 hours in raising the funds, shopping and delivering the items and had 12 volunteers to work this projects.

They serve breakfast and dinners every month and serve between 80 and 100 people for breakfast and their dinners average between 60 to 90 people. They average having 10 to 12 volunteers working these meals with about 65 hours given.

They put on various dinners for the Fleet Reserve and the 82nd Division and their families serving between 25 to 100 people at these dinners. They have 10 volunteers who work these dinners giving 50 hours.

Since we into quarantine from the Covid-19 virus they have formed a team that calls and check on various members to check on them and see how they are doing and if they needed anything. They do this for about 2 hours a day with a team of three members making the calls. They also take calls to help veterans and their families who need help with bills, gas or food as needed.

I received no report from Milwaukie 180 on what they are doing.

This concludes my report on the activities that District 8 is involved in at this time. Hope to see all our friends in the near future when we can be together again.

District 10 Book of Reports
April 4, 2020 Cancelled DEC
Linda Schmidt, District 10 President

With the Coronavirus pandemic affecting every state and almost every country, the April 4, 2020 Department Executive Committee meeting and training scheduled for LaPine were cancelled. I did however, take part in a Department conference call on April 4, where the budget, policies for officers and chairmen were reviewed, Minutes of the Mid-Winter DEC January 12, 2009 in Springfield were reviewed and approved, and other issues and business were discussed.

My last District 10 meeting was held at Harney County Post 63 on February 10 with only Harney County 63 members present. We held a joint opening ceremony with the American Legion and observed a Four Chaplains Ceremony before opening our own meeting in the Auxiliary room.

Most Units did carry on business during January, February and part of March before voluntarily isolating themselves in their homes with the escalation of the COVID-19 spreading, with only essential trips taken away from home as needed. Since the middle of March, Auxiliary business, as well as 'caring and sharing' have been done through phone calls, texting messages and emails.

Ellis Tracy #77 (John Day): Reports they received 95 Americanism essays, including home-schooled for 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade students. First place winners were submitted to Department. Because of the pandemic, their yearly dinner for the essay winners will be held at a later date. The essays were placed in a small bulletin flyer composed by Unit President Ruth Harris. They reported that they do not get the coverage they were accustomed to in the local newspaper; the current editor is more interested in state news, with little emphasis being given to local news.

Harney County #63 (Burns): Conducted business from January through the middle of March which included: 4 Post yard sales, 3 occasions where members wore Auxiliary clothes while serving weekly meals held at the Senior Center (one event also sponsored by the Unit), other members help at the Center weekly with the food bank and office duties. Articles were submitted for the 3rd quarterly edition of the local Harney County Post & Unit 63 newsletter "The Telegraph"; one member has crocheted several items for VA&R and other non-profit groups or individuals in need; yet another is knitting and crocheting items which her church sells to help cancer patients; and our Unit President Shirley will be donating 3 quilts she made for the Department Convention raffle in June. From January through the beginning of March the Unit, although not currently holding meetings for safety reasons, has donated a total of \$2,415 to Department and local organizations. Presentations for Girls State at Burns & Crane high schools, the home schooled, and the Charter School have all been cancelled due to school closings.

Ontario #67: Currently holding no regular meetings at this time.

Prairie City #106: Had their first-ever experience ordering poppy kits from Emblem Sales with one member taking on the task and making beautiful poppies. They also sent \$500 to the Transplant Unit.

Alexander Harper #115 (Dayville): Currently holding no meetings at this time. Unit Secretary/Treasurer Nancy does several acts of kindness for the town. She is also the Secretary/Treasurer for the Cemetery Committee which involves a lot of her time; she is also the unofficial coffee shop for several neighbors and friends. When school is in attendance, she donates goodies for their fund raisers.

Vale #96: Currently holding no meetings at this time. Unit Secretary/Treasurer Dottie, who oversees renting the Post for events, reports no rentals going on due to the pandemic. She has been recycling papers and cans for the Nursing Home and volunteers and donates to the local Food Bank. She recently cared for a sick friend in Boise until she put her own health in jeopardy and returned home.

Thank you to all our District 10 members, and although we are not currently out and visible in the community, we are still working behind the scenes doing what we can ... for whoever we can.

Our District 10 – District 6 joint Caucus is currently scheduled for Saturday, May 16 at the Ontario Veterans Hall, 10:00 Mountain Standard Time.

Speaking for all of us in District 10, we wish all of you in the American Legion Family, safety in your "She Sheds" and "Man Caves", and as you need to travel Journeys Blessings.

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January 10-12 DEC in Springfield = snowing in mountains so DEC was closed early so everyone could get over the mountains before dark.

February 11 Canby-Aurora Post/Auxiliary 6057 Iwo Jima Commemoration in Canby. A rededication& Flag Raising. 21 gun salute, scattering of Iwo Jima sand and introducing the WWII veterans that were there. An indoor parade with flags and Boy Scouts portraying the American flag raising at Iwo Jima.

March 11 ALA Unit 41 unit meeting.

April 3 DEC by teleconference because of the “stay at home, stay safe” request.

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

Membership Report for April 4, 2020 DEC Phone Conference 10 am

Department of Oregon is in 4th place in the Western Division

31st place in the National standings with 88.83% and 81.343% of Department goal

Needing 516 members to make National Goal / 942 to make Department Goal

6 Units are at Goal with 3 units just needing 1 to make goal. Malin #84, Alexander Harper #115 & Prairie #106.

There are two units still under the required 10 members: Mill City Gates #159 only 6 and F & J Ravin #134 with 9.

District 6 President, Maggie LaMont has been trying to contact George St. Denis #140 Mission to try and get some kind of movement out of them. They do have the 10 senior members as of now, but they do not have any officers (members) and are not having meetings or business of any Auxiliary kind. It has been very difficult to contact them and get any cooperation from them.

End of year reporting for Membership is due to me by May 1st either by email or mail.

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Department of Oregon
DEC Spring 2019-2020
Lynda Dryden
Parliamentarian

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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NEC
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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

Administrative Committee Report

Spring Department Executive Committee Meeting

Conference Call | April 4, 2020

In addition to the updating the three policies for adoption today, Presidents Policy, Vice Presidents Policy, and All Chairman Policy, the Admin Committee has been working to provide guidance and assistance during COVID 19.

Administrative Assistant, Cindy Hillyard, continues to be paid and works at home with periodic trips into the office to process membership, mail and retrieve messages. The Department is grateful for her can do attitude to get the business of the Department done during this unique time in history.

At the request of President Gea and Vice President Kathi, the Admin Committee reviewed and investigated the appropriate methods of voting in this unique time of COVID 19. The National organization provided a list of electronic voting platforms with guidance to verify your states non-profit voting regulations. The Oregon State Department of Justice, Charitable Activities website was reviewed. The 2019 Chapter(ORS) 65 — Nonprofit Corporations details Oregon's participation in meeting by remote communication in section in 65.205.

(1)(a) Members that are not physically present for a membership meeting may participate in, be deemed present in person at and vote at the membership meeting if the board of directors authorizes participation by remote communication. Participation by remote communication is subject to guidelines and procedures that the board adopts.

(b) Before a board of directors may authorize members to participate in a membership meeting by remote communication, the corporation shall implement measures to:

(A) Verify that a person that is participating in the membership meeting by remote communication is a member; and

(B) Ensure that a member may participate by remote communication in an effective manner.

(c) The corporation shall maintain a record of the vote or other action of a member that participates in a membership meeting by remote communication.

(2) A notice of a membership meeting at which the board authorizes participation by remote communication shall state that the board authorizes participation by remote communication and shall describe how a member may notify the corporation that the member intends to .participate in the membership meeting by remote communication. [2013 c.274 §16]

The DOJ provides specific instructions regarding voting by email at

<https://www.doj.state.or.us/charitable-activities/laws-guides-for-charities/tips-for-charities/can-vote-email/>

The Department By-Laws adopted 6/17/2017 provide electronic voting in **ARTICLE IV, DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**, Section 5. Electronic Voting: Between Department Executive Committee meetings, the Department President may bring motions before the Department Executive Committee for action through email, telephone conference calls, or alternative methods that will allow discussion and voting.

Presidents, please review the Constitution and By-Laws of the Units in your Districts to determine if any have specific verbiage regarding the approval to vote electronically OR specifics voting NOT allowed electronically. If there are not specifics, the Units then revert to the Department Governing Documents.

It is the recommendation of the Admin Committee that each District President register for a conference call line, FreeConferenceCall.com is one option (we are using that now) to facilitate District Meetings and Unit Meetings for the purpose of electing new officers. District Presidents can assist by ensuring that roll call votes are recorded in the minutes and each member announcing themselves and is recognized by the Chair (Unit or District President).

The Admin Committee (Linda Liebenow, Helen Hisaw, Jody Marsh) is willing to assist in answering questions and providing additional support in the process of electing new Unit and District officers.

May you all stay healthy and safe in this crazy time!

Jody Marsh, Chair
Linda Libenow & Helen Hisaw, Members

Legislative Report Spring DEC 2020

Members,

This month I travelled to Washington D.C. for the Legislative advocacy week. Updates were presented on several programs and legislation affecting VA&R, Education, Veterans Benefits hearings/appeals, and National Cemeteries. Department officers visited their respective representatives and delivered our 2020 Legislative Agenda. Finally, the Legion National Commander delivered his annual testimony before Congress.

We may be shut in, but we can advocate effectively for veterans and their families from our homes. Consider the following resources available from the Legion Family:

1. **Sign up for Alerts** at <https://www.votervoice.net/AmericanLegion/home>
2. Become familiar with **TAL Legislative Agenda** for the 116th Congress second session. ATTACHED
3. Always follow the suggested bills of TAL do not deviate.
4. **Connecting with elected officials** – ATTACHED
5. Read American Legion Auxiliary Legislative Advocacy Guide found at: <https://www.alaforveterans.org/Resources/Legislative/>

It will take our members to build momentum behind the Legions Legislative Agenda in 2020. Your involvement is appreciated. Take good care.

Best Regards,

Susan Guerin, Chair
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National Security
Book of Reports
Spring DEC 2020

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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**ALA DEPARTMENT OF OREGON
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
Public Relations Chairman