



What's Happening

JUNE 2020

Monthly Newsletter

This has sure been a year that we won't soon forget. We here at Department hope you have done well during these times. I know that some Post are starting to open with limited gathering. As we move forward with our opening, please continue to reach out to your members and the Veterans that we support. Through these times everyone still needs to hear a voice and someone to talk to.

JUNE – Convention Month. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 and the restriction set forth with reopening, Seven Feathers has canceled our State Convention for 2020. We will be hosting a Zoom Meeting. See dates and times on the last page.

Women Veterans Day – June 12th has been designated as Women Veterans Day. The first Women Veterans Day on June 12, 2018, marked the 70th anniversary of the groundbreaking WAC legislation signed into law by President Harry S. Truman on June 12, 1948. In order to celebrate future Women Veterans Days, the National Association of American Veterans suggests the following activities:

- Post pictures of women veterans throughout your office.
- Coordinate and/or organize a trip to a local women's veteran's event.
- Write a tribute to a woman veteran to share with a group of women veterans.
- Host a tea, brunch or lunch for women veterans in your family, friends, or workplace and let them share their stories.
- Read more: <https://militarybenefits.info/women-veterans-day/#ixzz6OFLduPaW>

Delegate Fees – We will still be holding a Convention via Zoom Meeting so that we can vote in New Officers and approve the 2021 Budget. To be able to vote we need to have a quorum. To have a quorum, we need to have your units Delegate Fees paid.

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.

Centennial Celebrations – We have another year to continue with the 100th Birthday Celebration. Please let Department know if you have a planned event. Invite our Department President to your celebration. Contact Department to schedule your visit.

Officer Elections – Department is still moving forward with plans to hold Officer Elections that would normally be held at Convention. We have Kathi Karnowski running for Department President and Debra Godwin running for Department Vice President. We are in the process of setting up a Zoom meeting conference for June 27th to hold our elections. Stay tune for more information.

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.

AWARDS – Chairmen, if you could send your winners list into Department, we would like to make the winners list available to send out. Certificates will be handed out at Fall DEC.

DEPARTMENT Reminders:

Email addresses for Department – PLEASE DO NOT use the officemanager@alaoregon.org address as it is not being monitored. Please use the following alamembership@alaoregon.org.

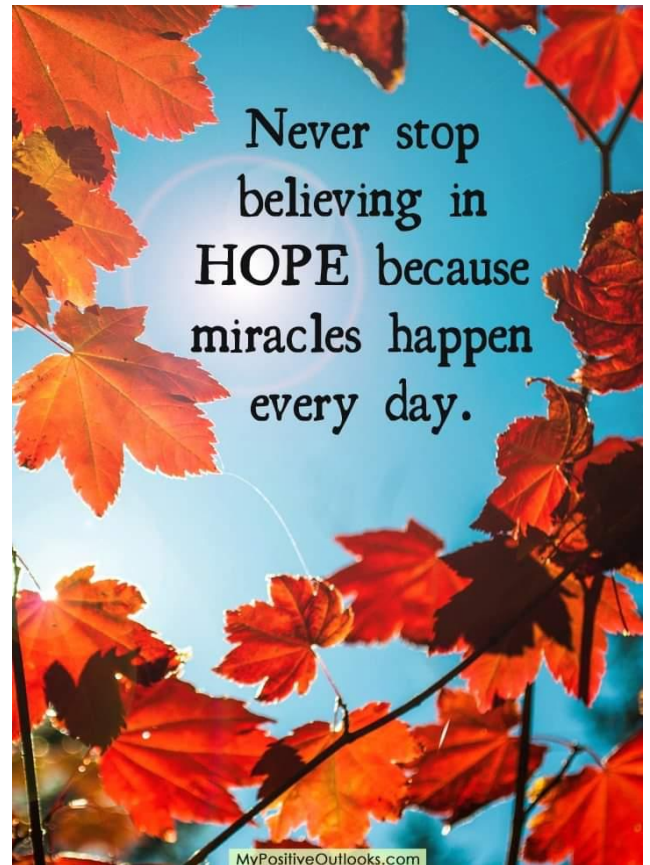
Department Reporting – We would like to thank those of you that were able to get your Impact Reports completed and sent to your District Presidents and to Department. This is very much appreciated, as it was due to National on June 1st. Be sure to track this information throughout the year, as it makes reporting much easier at year end.

Unit Elections – Some of you have held elections and some of you have decided to keep your officers in place for the upcoming year. Whatever you decided, please send the Officer Installation Report into Department this month. If you are waiting to do your installation in September, just make a note of that. We need this information so that we can get the 2020-21 Roster compiled and sent out.

RAFFLES – We had quilts that we were planning to raffle off at Department Convention this month. Because of the cancelation of our in-person Convention this is being postponed. We will have more information available soon and will pass that along to you once it is available. Proceeds will go towards the Department President and Commander project for Children and Youth. The St. Paul Rodeo has been canceled for 2020. That raffle will be revisited for 2021.

Membership – As the 2020 year wraps up, let's make sure that any membership you might have collected over the last few days, weeks or months, please get that turned into Department. If you are sitting on membership, this means your member is not current. 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.

Department will be working on the membership packets that are normally available at the Convention. If you have not turned in an Officer Installation Report giving us the name of your membership person, we will need to get this information so that we can get the packet to the correct person.



National Presidents Visit – This has been postponed and we are working on rescheduling a new date. We will update once we have a new date scheduled and approved.

Girls State Applications – Girls State has been canceled. We are in the process of getting any funds returned that have been submitted to Department. Those checks will be in the mail by June 15th. We will soon begin work on our 2021 program. We are hoping for an exciting year.

VA Rose Festival - Rose Court Visit

The Portland Rose Festival has been postponed Indefinitely. We will update you as we have more information.

Unit Constitution, By-Laws and Standing

Rules –With the change to the Preamble and the membership changes, the C&B Chairman along with the Department and Parliamentarian needs to get current copies of everyone's updated Constitution, By-Laws and Standing rules. If you have already made the changes and sent this in, we really appreciated it. We will start reaching out to the units that we have not received updated copies from. These can either be emailed or mailed.

DISTRICT 1

Caucus / District meeting was Saturday May 2nd, via a conference call. Catherine Brockmann has been nominated for District President and Jody Marsh for Vice.

DISTRICT 2

Caucus / District meeting was Saturday May 16th, via a conference call. Gregoria Hernandez was nominated for District President and Glenna Smith for Vice.

DISTRICT 3

Caucus / District meeting was canceled, but they selected District Officer via an email vote. It was decided that their officer would remain the same. Suzanne Driver as President and Bobbi Peebler as Vice.

DISTRICT 4

Caucus / District meeting – Held a conference call on Saturday April 18th. Heidi Cottingham was nominated for District President and Cynthia Soria for Vice.

DISTRICT 5

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

DISTRICT 6

Caucus / District meeting was held Saturday May 16th via conference call. Maggie LaMont was nominated for District President and Mary Ward for Vice.

Unit 24 – American Legion Auxiliary celebrating 100 years. September 26th 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 was done via email for Office nominations. Angie McKinney was nominated for District President and Carole Kauffman for Vice.

DISTRICT 9

Caucus / District meeting is scheduled to be held Saturday June 6th at noon.

DISTRICT 10

Caucus / District meeting was held via a conference call on May 15th, Linda Schmidt was nominated for District President and Shirley Torrey for Vice.

Convention Schedule –

June 20th - 10am Pre-DEC Budget Review via Zoom Meeting

June 27th - 10am Convention via Zoom Meeting

June 27th – 2pm Post Dec

Watch our emails for more details.



Upcoming 2020 Dates:

June 20th – Budget meeting via Zoom meeting

June 27th – State Convention via Zoom meeting

June 23-26th 2021 – Department Convention – Seven Feathers Casino

Stay Safe, help save lives.