



What's Happening

DECEMBER 2020

Monthly Newsletter

Well, the year is almost over. Christmas is less than 4 weeks away and before you know it the New Year will be upon us. The holidays are a time for family and great food. Wishing you a warm and merry holiday season.

December – VA&R Month!

The Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation program promotes our mission to enhance the lives of US Veterans, military and their families.

What can you do? (when safe to do so)

- Assist in activities that help homeless veterans
- Support rehabilitation and healing of veterans through arts, crafts and hobbies
- Help the American Legion, State Department of Veterans Affairs and Chamber of Commerce promote job fairs for veterans and their families
- Enroll Auxiliary members as VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) Volunteers at VA health care facilities
- Find opportunities for Auxiliary members to serve veterans in your area
- Educate yourself about resources so you can help veterans access all their VA benefits, not just health care
- Assist and support caregivers of veterans

VA Gift Shops – Snacks that were requested were delivered to The Dalles OVH the end of November. Gift bags will be put together and dropped off at the

Lebanon Veterans home. Roseburg was actually able to hold a small gift shop this year. They were able to serve 33 veterans and their families at the facility. Remaining gifts were dropped off at the Charlie Company National Guard. Portland will be doing gift cards for the inpatients at Portland and Vancouver and to those that called into Portland VA Voluntary Services and get vetted.

Mid-Year Reports DUE – Reports are due by December 15th. Make sure you are reaching out to get as much information from your units and chairmen as you can. With covid many units are not doing much. We need to get what we have been able to do documented.

Membership

We have been doing an amazing job so far. We dropped a little on our last report from where we were at this time last year. Keep up the awesome work.

Our first target date was November 10th for the 100% Unit Award. We will know on our next membership report out December 10th if any of our units were awarded the \$100 to advance the ALA mission. December 7th is the Department 75% for Pearl Harbor Day Award.

Please make sure you are checking new applications to make sure they are complete before you send them into Department.

Blood Drive / Food Drive – Department will be hosting our first Blood Drive here at Department on February 15th, 2021. We will also be collecting non-perishable food items. Contact the office to sign up.

National Presidents Visit – National President Nicole will be visiting Oregon March 8-11, 2021. Once we know her schedule, we will send out more information.

National Commanders Visit – National Commander Bill Oxford will be visiting Oregon the end of June 2021.

DISTRICT 1

District meeting is Saturday December 12th by teleconference from 10-11AM. Several units are still holding some sort of meeting. Caucus will be held May 8th at Aloha Post #104.

DISTRICT 2

District meeting is Sunday February 21st at Carlton Memorial, Post 173. Caucus will be May 2nd.

DISTRICT 3

District meeting the meeting scheduled for December 12th has been cancelled. Future date to be determined.

DISTRICT 4

District meeting – Saturday January 23rd at Grants Pass Post #28. Lunch at noon and meeting at 1pm.

DISTRICT 5

District meeting – Saturday January 23rd at Redmond Post #44.

DISTRICT 6

District meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday January 23rd. Trying to schedule for Baker City.

DISTRICT 7

District meeting – January 23rd time and place TBD. This is a TAL date as we do not have a District President in this District.

DISTRICT 8

District meeting – December 15th will be holding a Zoom meeting call at 7pm

DISTRICT 9

District meeting Most unit are dark due to the covid restrictions. Post/Unit 34 will be having their Christmas Party on December 12th. The Post will also be having their Oratorical contest that same day starting at 10am.

DISTRICT 10

District meeting – no meetings are currently scheduled.

Upcoming 2020 Dates:

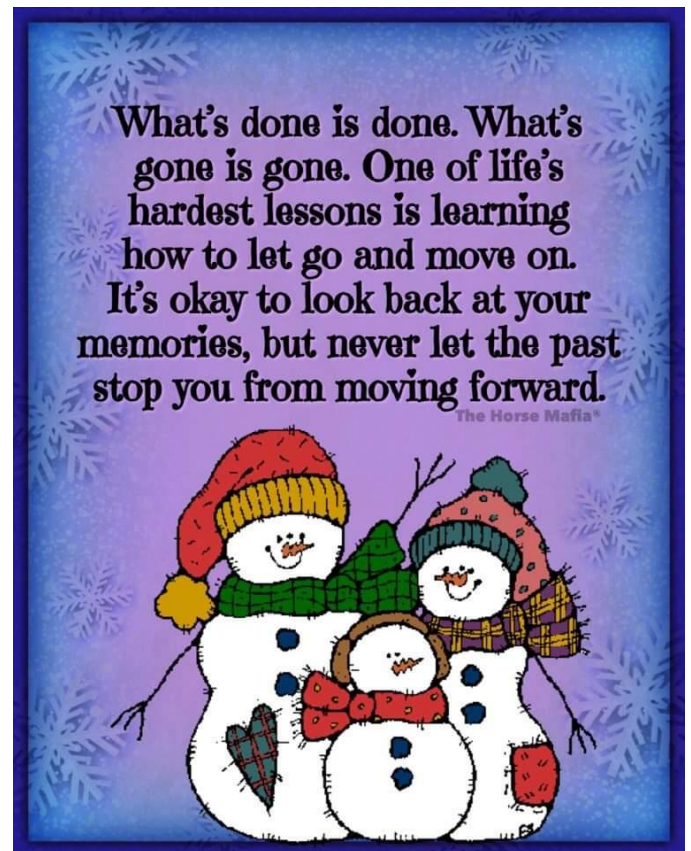
Jan 16-17th 2021 – Mid-Winter DEC - Carlton

Feb 15th 2021 - 12-6pm - Dept Blood Drive

April 10-11th 2021 – Spring DEC LaPine

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

**It's the most wonderful time of the year!
Wishing you the best this season and
always! Happy Holidays!**



OFFICE CLOSURE DATES

December 24 & 25th – Christmas

December 31st – New Year's Eve

January 1st – New Year's Day