



# What's Happening

## FEBRUARY 2021

Monthly Newsletter

We are now one month into the New Year and COVID is still playing havoc on our daily lives. Slowly some people are starting to get vaccinated. For some of us, we still have many months to wait.

While we know most units are not yet able to meet, Please, make sure you are reaching out to your members and making buddy checks. We don't want our members to think they have been forgotten.

### February – Americanism Month!

The Americanism program promotes patriotism and responsible citizenship. Chairman Donna Hartwell has challenged Senior members to submit an essay.

### Special 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary History Program

**Facts:** Americanism: a term which became relevant in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century standing for allegiance to traditions. When the concept of Americanism was first used, nearly half of all Americans had not attended high school and many, being immigrants, did not speak English. Education came to the forefront to teach English, Americanism and Patriotism as well as to understand what our veterans had endured during the war. As the programs of The American Legion Family grew, so did the knowledge and feeling of Americanism and the U.S. Flag became our symbol of freedom and patriotism, known all over the world.

**Unit Data Forms** – Forms are due each year to Department no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> even if you are not changing your dues amount. This is the form that Department provides to National each year for the dues renewal notices. These forms were provided with the membership report January 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you did

not receive the form, please contact Department. We understand that many units are not meeting, but please try to connect with your members to complete the form, as it should be voted on.

**Bonding Fee** – If your unit has not yet paid your annual bonding fee, invoices will be going out next week.

**ALAMIS Access** – If you had ALAMIS Access and the fee has not yet been sent to Department, invoices will be going out next week. If you do not have access and would like to have it, Department can send you the form to get signed up.

### Membership

Membership has slowed down the last couple of months. For those not renewed, email notices went out in January and mailed renewal notices went out this week. If you receive a renewal and believe that you have already paid, check with your unit or Department. There is a lag time from when National pulls their information and when the notices go out. If you have not paid, you need to do so, as your membership is now expired. Membership chairmen now is the time to work some magic and reach out to your members that have not paid for 2021. Reach out to those that haven't paid for 2020, 2019 or even 2018. **Who will be our next goal unit?**

**\*UPDATED - Blood Drive / Food Drive** – Date has been changed to February 25<sup>th</sup> due to a scheduling issue. Department will be hosting our first Blood Drive here at Department on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Go online to [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) to sign up. We will also be collecting non-perishable food, household and hygiene items. These items will go to

help our Veterans at the Veterans Village and Clayton Mohr Commons in Clackamas County that are transitioning into housing. Department staff will continue to collect items throughout the year to help support them.

**Year-End Reports & Awards** – Reports are due to the various chairmen NO LATER than MAY 1<sup>st</sup>. These reports should include data from 2019-2021. Applying for an award? Make sure you follow all the directions. Not having a complete entry may disqualify your entry. Last year's award entries cannot be used for this year. If you have questions, please reach out to the chairman.

**National Presidents Visit** – National President Nicole scheduled for March 8-11, 2021 has been canceled due to our current COVID restrictions.

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

### **DISTRICT 1**

District meeting is Saturday March 13<sup>th</sup> in Cannon Beach. Caucus will be held May 8<sup>th</sup> at Aloha Post #104.

Unit #6 is selling Candy Grams for Valentines Day. They are doing a Taco Take Out Dinner Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> from 5-6:30pm, Tacos or Taco Salad. For more information on either event or to place your orders Contact Michelle (253) 341-1395.

### **DISTRICT 2**

District meeting is Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup>. Location TBD. Caucus will be May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **DISTRICT 3**

District meeting is scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup> at Junction City #61. District Caucus is planned for May 8<sup>th</sup> at Santiam #51.

### **DISTRICT 4**

District meeting – Nothing currently scheduled.

Unit #15 will be meeting Feb 10<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30pm

### **DISTRICT 5**

District meeting – Roundup is tentatively scheduled for Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup> at Crook County Post #29.

### **DISTRICT 6**

District meeting is scheduled for Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup> at either La Grande or Milton Freewater.

### **DISTRICT 7**

District meeting – April 17<sup>th</sup> time and place TBD. This is a TAL date as we do not have a District President in this District.

### **DISTRICT 8**

District meeting is scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm Format will be decided as time gets closer.

### **DISTRICT 9**

District meeting – March 6<sup>th</sup> at Reedsport #62 (senior center) There will be a joint training starting at 10am. Lunch at noon, meeting to follow. If COVID restrictions allow. Caucus will be held May 1<sup>st</sup> at Bay Area Post 34. Lunch at noon, meeting to follow.

### **DISTRICT 10**

District meeting – No meeting currently scheduled due to COVID.

Harney County #63 will have their yard sale Friday & Saturday February 5-6 8am-2pm.

**All District meetings subject to change due to COVID restrictions.**

### **Upcoming 2021 Dates:**

**Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 2021 - 12-5pm** - Dept Blood Drive

**April 10-11<sup>th</sup> 2021** – Spring DEC LaPine

**June 23-26<sup>th</sup> 2021** – Department Convention  
– Seven Feathers Casino

