



What's Happening

March 2021

Monthly Newsletter

We've had some exciting here in the last couple of weeks. Most all of us have finally moved out of EXTREME RISK. This means we are finally moving towards being able to have meetings and dining indoors at restaurants. Seems like it has been forever since we have been able to do that.

March – Community Service Month and National Celebration of Women's History!

Work with community programs that assist veterans. Making our communities better places in which to live is another core value put in action by American Legion Auxiliary members everyday across this country. Whether hosting a stand-down to bringing vital health and support services to homeless veterans or coordinating a send-off or welcome-home event for a deployed military unit, Auxiliary members are continuously at work in their communities, demonstrating the compassion and heart we have for those who serve our country and give so much. Community Service projects focus on enhancing the quality of life for veterans and their families.

New Chairman / Officers. If you are interested in being a Department Chairman. Please contact Debra Godwin or Department and let us know. Letters for Department Officer positions should be sent out by March 15th. Information on what is needed and who it needs to be sent to is following. Offices being elected this year are: President, Vice President, NEC and Alternate NEC.

Department officers must maintain their primary residency within the state of Oregon.

M. ELECTION OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

- 1) Candidates may include experience and qualifications gained in organizations other than the American Legion Auxiliary (1950).
- 2) Department Candidates letters are to only be sent to the Department Headquarters, Department Officers, and District Presidents.
- 3) The consent of a candidate must be obtained before she is endorsed for Department or National office. (1973)

Unit Data Forms – Forms are due to Department by April 1st. Even if you are not changing your dues amount, please complete. This is the form that Department provides to National each year for the dues renewal notices. These forms can be emailed or mailed to Department. If you did not receive the form, please contact Department. 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, Please, get this went into Department. We do not want you on the naughty list.

Membership

Membership renewal notices are out and now that most units are opening, let's be sure to make sure you get your membership current. If you received a renewal notice, but have paid already, there is about a 30-day lag time from the cut-off to the notices being mailed from National. Membership chairmen now is the time to work some magic and reach out to your members that have not paid for 2021. **Looking for our next goal unit or maybe a District!**

Blood Drive – We just completed our first Department Blood Drive this last week. We filled every spot and had a successful drive. We had 17 total donors, 6 first time donors and collected 14 Units.

Food Collection – Department has boxes out in the office to collect non-perishable and personal hygiene items. These items will be given to Clayton Mohr and Clackamas Veterans Village. If you would like to contribute, you can drop off anytime during business hours.

Year-End Reports & Awards – Reports are due to your Department chairmen NO LATER than MAY 1st. Even if you do not have anything to report, please at least send that information to the chairman.

National Presidents Visit – We have been given a few more dates and are hoping to reschedule Nicole for later this summer. More information once we have a plan confirmed.

National Commanders Visit – National Commander Bill Oxford will be visiting Oregon June 28-July 3, 2021.

DISTRICT 1

District meeting - Saturday March 13th in Seaside. Lite lunch from 11:30-12:30. Meeting at 1pm. Caucus will be held May 8th at Aloha Post #104.

DISTRICT 2

District Meeting - Caucus will be May 2nd at Carlton Post #173

DISTRICT 3

District meeting - Saturday March 13th at Junction City #61. Caucus is scheduled for May 8th at Santiam #51.

DISTRICT 4

District Caucus – April 24th via a virtual call

DISTRICT 5

District meeting – Saturday March 20th at Crook County Post #29.

DISTRICT 6

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

DISTRICT 7

District meeting – April 17th 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 16th at 7pm. Format will be decided as time gets closer.

DISTRICT 9

District meeting – March 6th 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 1st at Bay Area Post 34. Lunch at noon, meeting to follow.

DISTRICT 10

District meeting – Caucus is May 1st in Ontario at 10am. This meeting may go virtual.

All District meetings subject to change due to COVID restrictions.

Upcoming 2021 Dates:

April 10-11th – Spring DEC La Pine

June 14-15th – Virtual Girls State / Boys State

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



**It doesn't matter
how old you are or
where you come from...
Manners, kindness,
respect and compassion
will always be the signs
of a descent human
being.**