



What's Happening May 2021

It has been a long year for everyone. We were able to have a DEC in April and it was well attended. At this time, it looks like State Convention will be a go and planning is happening. Watch your email for more information and Delegate/Registration forms.

Here's to looking forward to more gatherings in 2021-2022.

May – Poppy Month – National Poppy Day is May 28th. The little red Memorial Poppy, an emblem of sacrifice, serves a three-fold purpose; it is an expression of the gratitude of this country to those who fought to keep America free. Disabled Veterans in VA facilities are paid to make the Poppies and monies received from the distribution of Poppies is placed in Restricted Funds to be used only in assisting Veterans and their families.

May is also National Mental Health Awareness Month. It is a time to raise awareness of those living with mental or behavioral health issues and to help reduce the stigma so many experience. Suicide Prevention, The Veterans Crisis Line is 1-800-273-8255 – press 1

Poppies – Poppy Report Forms and funds are due to Department June 1st. Have heard that with the COVID restriction lifting somewhat, that units are planning on doing poppy distribution this year. If you ordered poppies this year, we'd like to hear where you ordered from and how was the quality.

Convention – June 23rd-26th in Canyonville at the Seven Feathers Casino Resort, 146 Chief Miwaleta Land, Canyonville, OR 97417.

National Convention 2021 – The American Legion Auxiliary 100th National Convention. August 27-September 2, 2021 in Phoenix, AZ

Department Officer Elections - With Convention around the corner, Department is planning for officer elections. We have received endorsement letters from Debra Godwin for Department President, Cindy Soria for Department Vice President, Krisann Owens for NEC.

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

Unit Elections – Officer Installation Report – Units are in the process of nominating and electing unit officers. Once your officers are installed, please send the Installation form with your officers' information to Department so that the Department Roster can be updated.

Membership – May 18th is our next target date for membership. Armed Forces Day Award from National goes to Departments hitting 95% of their membership goals. We still have time left. If you have membership that you haven't sent to Department yet, PLEASE do so. We need to get your members current.

There is still time for your unit, districts or maybe even Department to make GOAL.

Blood Drive – The Department's next Red Cross Blood Drive is scheduled for May 27th 9am-2pm. You can sign up to give blood by going to redcrossblood.org and scheduling your time.

Year-End Reports – REMINDER Year-End Reports, Impact Reports, are due to your Department by MAY 15th.

Book of Reports – Book of Reports are due to Department by June 4th. Units need to get these into your District Presidents soon so that they can complete their reports.

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

DISTRICT 1

District Meeting - Caucus was held Saturday May 8th and will be virtual.

DISTRICT 2

District Meeting - Caucus was held Sunday May 2nd at Carlton Post #173.

DISTRICT 3

District Meeting - Caucus was held Saturday May 8th at Santiam #51.

DISTRICT 4

District Meeting – Caucus was held Saturday April 24th via a virtual call.

DISTRICT 5

District Meeting – Caucus was held Saturday April 24th at Crook County Post #29.

DISTRICT 6

District Meeting – Caucus will be held Monday May 10th at Milton Freewater Post 24 6pm. There will be a hosted sub sandwich bar available from 5:30 to end of meeting.

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 May 18th at 7pm. Format will be decided as time gets closer.

DISTRICT 9

District meeting – Caucus was held Saturday May 1st at Bay Area Post 34. Lunch at noon, meeting to follow.

DISTRICT 10

District meeting – Caucus was held Saturday May 1st in Ontario at 10am.

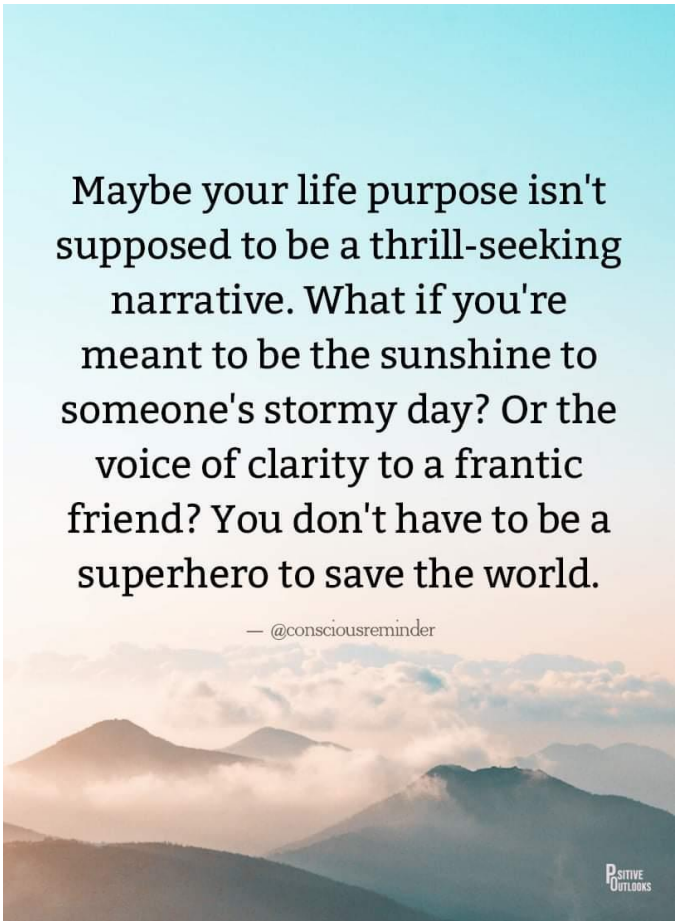
All District meetings subject to change due to COVID restrictions.

Upcoming 2021 Dates:

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

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

August 27th-Sept 2nd – National Convention – Phoenix, AZ



Maybe your life purpose isn't supposed to be a thrill-seeking narrative. What if you're meant to be the sunshine to someone's stormy day? Or the voice of clarity to a frantic friend? You don't have to be a superhero to save the world.

— @consciousreminder

Link to the Oregon Legionnaire

<https://orlegion.org/media/oregon-legionnaire/>