



What's Happening December 2022

December – Veterans Affair and Rehabilitation Month – That means Christmas Gift Giving for our veterans and their families. Department liaisons our working with Portland VA, Lebanon and The Dalles veteran homes to spread some Christmas Cheer. Many units work with area organizations to collect toys, gifts and meals to spread Christmas Cheer to our veterans and their families.

Pearl Harbor Day – December 7, Pearl Harbor Survivors, veterans and visitors come together to honor and remember the 2,403 service members and civilians who were killed during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. An additional 1,178 people were injured during the attack, which permanently sank two US Navy battleships, the USS Arizona and the USS Utah and destroyed 188 aircraft. This led to the United States declaring war on Japan the next day and thus entering WWII.

Training – The training team would like to THANK those that attended all 3 of the training sessions this year. They are, Dianne Standing, Sheri Russell, Glenna Smith, Gregoria Hernandez, Dana Spear, Connie VanHorn, and Michelle Wilkinson

Membership – Second renewal notices will go out February 1st. To avoid receiving a renewal notice, your membership dues must be processed by Department, online or by calling National by January 3rd, 2023. Remember if you haven't renewed, your membership expires December 31st.

2023 dues can be paid to your unit, by phone to National (317) 569-4570 or online at www.alaforveterans.org, then click the renew button.

Department President visits – President Debra will be visiting District 8 Dec 20th Unit #6 Feb 7th, Unit #2 March 4th, Unit #34 March 11th and Unit #1 March 15th. If you would like to schedule a visit, just fill out the form or contact Department to save your date.

Christmas Gift Shops – OVH Lebanon gift shop has been moved to December 19th. OVH The Dalles will be December 3rd and 5th. Portland gift shop will be doing gift cards again this year. We were able to put together and pass out 77 Christmas Cheer to patients at the Portland VA on Monday December 5th.

Wreath's Across America – December 17th President Debra and Vice President Catherine will both be at Willamette National Cemetery supporting The American Legion Family. Wreaths are laid as family and friends remember both those who made the ultimate sacrifice, and those who currently serve in the armed forces.

Mid-Winter DEC – Will be held virtually on January 14th starting at 9am. A link will be sent out prior to the meeting.

Willy Williams Scholarship Fundraiser. Join the Sons of The American Legion on January 14th at Post 180 for the 'Wild Willy's Western Night'. The SAL are starting an Educational Scholarship in honor of Willy Williams. This event is to help raise funds for the scholarship.

Department Convention – This year convention dates have been moved. **PLEASE** mark your calendars. It will be held June 14-17th 2023 at the Mill Casino.

DISTRICT 1

District President Dianne Standing
District Vice Sheri Russell

District Mtg – Dec 17th @ Tigard Post #158

DISTRICT 2

District President Kim Johnson
District Vice Glenna Smith

District mtg – Dec 11th @ Carlton Post #173

DISTRICT 3

District President Roberta ‘Bobbi’ Peebler
District Vice Suzanne ‘Sue’ Driver

District mtg – December 10th @ Albany #10

DISTRICT 4

District President Cheryl Martin
District Vice – Martha Smith

District mtg –

DISTRICT 5

District President Ginny Williams
District Vice Karen Banks

District Mtg –

DISTRICT 6

District President Maggie LaMont
District Vice Mary Ward

District Mtg –

DISTRICT 7

Vacant

DISTRICT 8

District President Trudie McGriff
District Vice Angie McKinney

District Mtg –

District Xmas dinner Dec 20th Post #150, 7pm

DISTRICT 9

District President Frankie Trask
District Vice Betty Adams

District Mtg – Jan 7th @ Fallin Post#123

DISTRICT 10

District President Linda Schmidt
District Vice Shirley Torrey

District Meeting – February TBD

Upcoming 2022/2023 Dates:

December 7th – Pearl Harbor Day

December 17th – Wreath’s Across America

December 23 & 26th Department closed for Christmas

December 30 & January 2, 2023 – Department closed for New Years

January 14th – Mid-Winter DEC Virtual 9AM

April 14-16th – Spring DEC

June 14-17, 2023 – Convention – Mill Casino

Suicide & Crisis Lifeline – Dial 988 & press 1

Link to the Oregon Legionnaire

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

