



# What's Happening February 2023

**February – Americanism Month.** Americanism is a fundamental value of the American Legion Auxiliary. Our Preamble states “To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism..” Contact schools and teach our youth about flag history, etiquette and proper disposal methods. Encourage participation in the Americanism Essay Contest. Participate in the promotion of the American Legion Americanism programs.

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

**National President** – Vickie Koutz will be making a short stop in Oregon on March 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. There will be a dinner at McMinnville Post 21 on the 29<sup>th</sup> and Oregon Trail Post 150 on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Hillsboro Unit 6 will be hosting a tea on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Information will be going out soon with the visit schedule and dinner reservation forms. We hope that many of you will be able to attend. This is open to the Legion Family.

**Membership** – Thank you to everyone that has paid their 2023 dues. If you have not paid yet, your membership expired December 31, 2022. Second renewal notices will go out February 1<sup>st</sup>. If your dues reached Department after January 3<sup>rd</sup>, you will still receive the renewal notice in the mail, please disregard the notice.. This is because National has about a 30-day window from when they pull the information for printing the notices, before they hit

the mail. If you are a unit, District or Department officer, it is important that you get your dues paid.

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

When paying online, Please make sure that you are on the ALA Renewal website.

**Spring DEC** – Will be held April 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> at Redmond Post #44. 704 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Redmond, OR.

**Round-up** – The District 5 annual Round-up will be held March 17<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> at Crook County Post #29. Information will be coming out very soon.

## **Thinking of running for Dept Office?**

### **M. ELECTION OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**

1. Announcements of candidacy to Department and District Officers shall be identified to Department Headquarters staff by February 1st preceding the Department Convention.
2. Candidates may include experience and qualifications gained in organizations other than the American Legion Auxiliary (1950).
3. Department Candidates letters are to be distributed only to Department Officers, District Presidents, and the Department Secretary.
4. The consent of a candidate must be obtained before they are endorsed for Department or National office.

**Department Convention** – PLEASE mark your calendars, as the date for convention has changed in 2023. It will be held June 14-17<sup>th</sup> 2023

at the Mill Casino in North Bend. Fun activities are being planned. STAY TUNED!

**The Battle for Iwo Jima** – February 19, 1945-March 26, 1945, was a major battle in which the US Marine Corps and the US Navy landed on and eventually captured the island of Iwo Jima from the Imperial Japanese Army during WWII.

### **DISTRICT 1**

District President Dianne Standing  
District Vice Sheri Russell

District Mtg – March 11<sup>th</sup> @ St. Helens Post #42  
Caucus – May 13<sup>th</sup> @ Seaside Post #99

### **DISTRICT 2**

District President Kim Johnson  
District Vice Glenna Smith

District mtg – March 5<sup>th</sup> @ Canby Post #122  
Caucus – May 7<sup>th</sup> @ Salem Post #136

### **DISTRICT 3**

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

District mtg – March 11<sup>th</sup> @ Newport #116  
Caucus – May 13<sup>th</sup> @ Lebanon Post #51

### **DISTRICT 4**

District President Cheryl Martin  
District Vice – Martha Smith

District mtg –  
Caucus – April 22<sup>nd</sup> @ Grants Pass #28

### **DISTRICT 5**

District President Ginny Williams  
District Vice Karen Banks

District Mtg –  
Caucus – May 13<sup>th</sup> @ Crook County Post #29

### **DISTRICT 6**

District President Maggie LaMont  
District Vice Mary Ward

District Mtg –

### **DISTRICT 7**

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### **DISTRICT 8**

District President Trudie McGriff  
District Vice Angie McKinney

District Mtg –  
Caucus – May 16<sup>th</sup> @ Portland Post #1

### **DISTRICT 9**

District President Frankie Trask  
District Vice Betty Adams

District Mtg – March 18<sup>th</sup> @ Roseburg #16  
Caucus – May 20<sup>th</sup> @ N. Bend Post #34

### **DISTRICT 10**

District President Linda Schmidt  
District Vice Shirley Torrey

District Meeting – February 11<sup>th</sup> - Canceled  
Caucus – May 6<sup>th</sup> @ Prairie City Post #106

## **Upcoming 2022/2023 Dates:**

**February 18<sup>th</sup> – Dept Oratorical Post #51**

**April 14-16<sup>th</sup> – Spring DEC – Redmond Post #44**

**March 17-18<sup>th</sup> – Round-up, Crook County #29**

**May 6-9<sup>th</sup> - DLNC**

**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/>

**You are a true leader  
when you help your  
team become  
successful. Remember  
leadership is not  
about you, it's all  
about the people you  
serve.**