



# What's Happening January 2023

**January – Legislative and National Security Month.** Legislative issues recurring for the American Legion Family include the following: Veterans Program Funding, Veterans Healthcare, Veterans Disability, Veteran Education and Employment, Troops and Family Support and Americanism.

National Security is here to maintain a Strong defense by strengthen/support military members and families. See what you can do to help out military families.

Visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) for more information on how to help be prepared for a disaster and how you can help others.

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

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.

**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>. We will publish her itinerary once we get everything lined out.

**Christmas Gift Shops** – It's a wrap. Gift shops were held at both OVH The Dalles and Lebanon this last month. It was great to be back after a few years of the pandemic. We were able to send out 55 gift cards for patients in the Portland/Vancouver area this year. We were able to pass out 77 Christmas Cheer stockings to patients at the Portland VA on Monday December 5<sup>th</sup>. We were actually able to get into the patient rooms and deliver these directly to the patients. It was good to hear the positive comments from patients and staff.

**Mid-Winter DEC** – Will be held virtually on January 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 9am. A link and agenda will be emailed out next week prior to the meeting.

## **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.

## **Willy Williams Scholarship Fundraiser.**

Join the Sons of The American Legion on January 14<sup>th</sup> 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 13-17<sup>th</sup> 2023 at the Mill Casino in North Bend.

## **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 – June 3<sup>rd</sup> @ Lebanon Post #51

## **DISTRICT 4**

District President Cheryl Martin  
District Vice – Martha Smith

District mtg –  
Caucus -

## **DISTRICT 5**

District President Ginny Williams  
District Vice Karen Banks

District Mtg – January 21<sup>st</sup> @ Redmond Post #44  
Caucus – May 13<sup>th</sup> @ Crook County Post #29

## **DISTRICT 6**

District President Maggie LaMont  
District Vice Mary Ward

District Mtg – January 7<sup>th</sup> @ Hermiston Post #37

## **DISTRICT 7**

Vacant

## **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 – Jan 7<sup>th</sup> @ Fallin Post#123

## **DISTRICT 10**

District President Linda Schmidt  
District Vice Shirley Torrey

District Meeting – February 11<sup>th</sup> @ Burns Post #63  
Caucus – May 6<sup>th</sup> @ Prairie City Post #106

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

**January 14<sup>th</sup> – Mid-Winter DEC Virtual 9AM**

**January 14<sup>th</sup> – SAL Fundraiser Dinner Post #180**

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

**March 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/>

