



# 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 1<sup>st</sup>. To avoid receiving a renewal notice, your membership dues must be processed by Department, online or by calling National by January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. Remember if you haven't renewed, your membership expires December 31<sup>st</sup>.

2023 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.

**Department President visits** – President Debra will be visiting District 8 Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Christmas Gift Shops** – OVH Lebanon gift shop has been moved to December 19<sup>th</sup>. OVH The Dalles will be December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. 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 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Wreath's Across America – December 17<sup>th</sup>** 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 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 14-17<sup>th</sup> 2023 at the Mill Casino.

## **DISTRICT 1**

District President Dianne Standing  
District Vice Sheri Russell

District Mtg – Dec 17<sup>th</sup> @ Tigard Post #158

## **DISTRICT 2**

District President Kim Johnson  
District Vice Glenna Smith

District mtg – Dec 11<sup>th</sup> @ Carlton Post #173

## **DISTRICT 3**

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

District mtg – December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 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 20<sup>th</sup> Post #150, 7pm

## **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 TBD

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

December 7<sup>th</sup> – Pearl Harbor Day

December 17<sup>th</sup> – Wreath’s Across America

December 23 & 26<sup>th</sup> Department closed for Christmas

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

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

April 14-16<sup>th</sup> – 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/>

