



# What's Happening April 2023

**April – Children & Youth Month** - The purpose of the Children and Youth program is to emphasize protecting, caring for and supporting children and youth, particularly those of veterans and military families.

Plan a special celebration for the Children and Youth in your community. It can be something simple such as a hotdog feed. It can be more elaborate with games, activities, clowns, or your local Police k-9 unit. Provide certificates of encouragement for each child.

**April is also the Month of the Military Child** – Taking care of our Military Children. Purple Up Day is observed every year on April 15. It is an opportunity to honor military children from all branches of the military. Military children across the country play a significant role in their schools, youth organizations, and communities.

**Department President visits** – Time is running out to get on the schedule for a unit visit with President Debra. She will be visiting Mt. Angel Unit #89 on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**National President's Visit** – National President Vickie Koutz made a short stop in Oregon on March 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to everyone that made it to one of the stops and/or hosted an event while she was here.

**Membership** – Thank you to everyone that helped make it possible. Department was able to achieve the 85% Department GOAL by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Our next GOAL date is Poppy Day, May 26<sup>th</sup>. We need to hit 95%. Our paid membership will need to be 3959. **Let's Go Team Oregon!**

Currently we need 311 more new or renewed members to hit that GOAL.

**Unit Data Forms** - The 2024 Unit Data Forms have been sent out and there are a few that have gone out snail mail. If you have not yet sent those back to Department, please do so ASAP as they were due April 1<sup>st</sup>. National has done a \$6 dues increase for 2024. The amount that Units will need to send into Department starting July 1<sup>st</sup> for 2024 renewals will be \$36. All 2023 dues amount to Department will remain \$30. Your minimum dues amount must be \$36.

**Membership** - 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. Hopefully it will stop snowing by then. Remember to wear your Purple on Saturday.

**REPORTS & DUE DATES** – Book of Reports are due now for the Spring DEC.

If your Post & Unit are submitting the Unity Award, that is due to Department no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Unit Impact Reports are due to your District President by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Make sure to report. This is how we show National the great work we do here in Oregon.

Remember to check your Bulletins for awards and reporting dated. Year-end Reports are due soon.

**Department Convention** – Will be held June 14-17<sup>th</sup> 2023 at the Mill Casino in North Bend. Fun activities are being planned. It's not too late to place an Ad in the convention book or share the Ad form with someone that might wish to advertise. STAY TUNED!

**2023 Oregon Women Veterans Conference.** May 20-21<sup>st</sup> at the Salem Convention Center. For more information click this link [2023 Oregon Women Veterans Conference](#)

**Women Veterans Dinner** – May 13<sup>th</sup> Lebanon Post #51 – see flyer attached to this email.

**National Poppy Day** – May 26<sup>th</sup> is National Poppy Day. Once again, the Lincoln City Outlet Mall has made the opportunity available to set-up at the Coast May 15-29<sup>th</sup>. See attached information.

### **DISTRICT 1**

District President - Dianne Standing  
District Vice - Sheri Russell

Caucus – May 13<sup>th</sup> @ Seaside #99

### **DISTRICT 2**

District President - Kim Johnson  
District Vice - Glenna Smith

Caucus – May 7<sup>th</sup> @ Newberg #57

### **DISTRICT 3**

District President - Roberta 'Bobbi' Peebler  
District Vice - Suzanne 'Sue' Driver

Caucus – May 13<sup>th</sup> @ Lebanon #51

### **DISTRICT 4**

District President - Cheryl Martin  
District Vice – Martha Smith

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

### **DISTRICT 5**

District President - Ginny Williams  
District Vice - Karen Banks

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

### **DISTRICT 6**

District President -Maggie LaMont  
District Vice - Mary Ward

Caucus May 7<sup>th</sup> Virtual

### **DISTRICT 7**

Vacant

Caucus – May 6<sup>th</sup> - TBD

### **DISTRICT 8**

District President - Trudie McGriff  
District Vice - Angie McKinney

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

### **DISTRICT 9**

District President - Frankie Trask  
District Vice

Caucus – May 20<sup>th</sup> @ N. Bend Post #34

### **DISTRICT 10**

District President - Linda Schmidt  
District Vice - Shirley Torrey

Caucus – May 6<sup>th</sup> @ Prairie City #106

## **Upcoming 2023 Dates:**

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

**April 15<sup>th</sup> – Purple Up for Military Children**

**May 13<sup>th</sup> - Oregon Women Veterans Celebration Dinner – Lebanon Post #51**

**May 26<sup>th</sup> – National Poppy Day**

**June 14-17, 2023 – Convention – Mill Casino**



**Link to the Oregon Legionnaire**

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

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