



Department President  
Debra Godwin

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**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF OREGON**

**2022-2023**

**FALL DEC MEETING  
EUGENE, OR**

**BOOK OF REPORTS**

# Department President Book of Reports Fall D.E.C. 2022/2023

Hello Team Oregon!!

It seems that it has been a year since we have all gotten together. The new year has started out with a lot of learning happening. We have held 2 training classes, with great success.

I attended the District 2 meeting. The Units shared ideas, experiences, and planned for the remainder of the year.

My travels have taken me to LaGrande Unit #43, where I felt at home, and welcome. What great hospitality they have, and not to mention the food was great. I visited the Veterans housing project while there and was extremely impressed.

Training is very important to our organization, and membership. We will be planning more classes and will get that information out.

Debra Godwin

Department of Oregon

ALA President

2021/2023

MEMBERSHIP REPORT  
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We've started the year with some new players, we're learning how to play together, and we're becoming a very productive team! Thank you for being the players we need to cover all bases and make this year a success.

All our Units are working membership, renewals and new, and we're beginning to show that we are still able to increase our numbers. A big shoutout to those recruiting new members. Overall we have 83 new members spread out over 9 districts, with District 1 leading the way with 36.

There is still work to be done. We have units that are in crisis and on the verge of closing. We need to rally as a team, help make those members feel valued, and figure out how to add members to bring new life into these Units. I have reached out to District Presidents to get feedback on Units with 0 membership at this time. I am willing to help with revitalizations, contacting current members, or doing whatever is needed. Asking for help is a sign of intelligence, not incompetence. We are all part of the team and want to help.

Comparison of the last few years.

Date	# Members	Goal	Percentage
10-10-2019	1,159	5,023	23.1%
10-14-2020	1,647	4,488	36.7%
10-13-2021	1,471	4,159	35.4%
10-12-2022	968	4,180	23.2%

As you can see, our goal is almost 1,000 less than 3 years ago, and we're at the same percentage we were then. We need to be working membership to retain our current members.

Over these first few months of being Vice President, I have been providing monthly reports to the Western Division Membership Chairman. We are going to start monthly western division zoom calls to share our successes and our struggles. I also participated in the first quarterly call, earlier in October, which included all department membership chairmen as well as division and national appointees. These calls are an opportunity to share the great things our state is doing to maintain and increase our membership. It is important to connect our organization on all levels and participate in meetings.

The most important thing we can each do, as a member, is to be positive, kind, and understanding. If we each put on a happy face, work together with others, and leave the drama behind, we can be 'The' place that others want to belong because we show the positive values of being a team.

Always Serving,  
Catherine Brockmann  
Vice President – Membership  
Dept of Oregon ALA

# **Department Historian**

Geanne Horne

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As Department Historian I am in search for some history from our PDP's.

I would like to take this opportunity to reach out to PDP's and do a history on each one this year.

Please contact me at (503) 849-8149. We can do it in person or over the phone.

Thank you in advance for participating.

District #1  
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Dianne Standing

We held our District meeting in September in Aloha #104. It was my first meeting as District 1 President and all the ladies at the Post was so helpful. We had a great lunch served and again thank you so much Aloha. There were 7 Units represented and a total of 15 attending. We had a special presentation from Immediate Past Commander Don Webber speaking on the new campaign Be the One for suicide prevention. We talked about membership and how we should continue to recruit and renew. Linda Liebenow talked to us about the VA Hospital in Portland, and their needs. We talked about Project 22 at the different Posts and the activities coming up in the future. I decided that our 50/50 drawing would go to the National Auxiliary Emergency Fund.

Aloha #104-Unit continues to support the Post with a once-a-month Wednesday Night Dinners, which has brought in 400.00 dollars for the first quarter. Hosted a pre 4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ & Potluck. It was a fun way to come together as a Post. We also participated in the annual Hillsboro Days Parade. We did a Parking Lot Bake sale and brought in \$254.00. In August the SAL hosted its annual Hog Feed. ALA was in charge of planning the event and was a huge success. The dunk tank alone brought in \$900.00. All proceeds went to the remodeling of the kitchen and the repair account for the post. We had 2 memorial services in the month of September. (395 VH)

Argonne #56-New officers, President Kinsley and VP Georgia Delozier. Sherwood sponsored Cruisin Sherwood as well as the Robin Hood festival. The post served breakfast food and drinks. The legion was honored to host a dinner for our National Commander Paul Dillard. We met our goal of 80 members. Our Women's Auxiliary continues to participate in the lives of our Veteran's and their families as well as our wonderful community.

Banks #90-We did not hold meetings in July and August but was still very busy. We gained 2 new members and a third in process. Contributed \$100.00 to the Department's Veterans program because of our poppy sales. We continue to host one bingo a month to give the legion a rest and raise money for the Auxiliary. We partnered with the legion for our annual Membership Appreciation BBQ and was a great success having over 60 people attending. Two weeks later we joined the Post in leading the parade at the annual Banks Parade. Our float hosted the two 8<sup>th</sup> grade Citizenship winners and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Poppy Poster Contest winner for the first time. To increase community awareness with our schools we had a parade banner made which was carried by our locally supported Boy Scout troop. It listed the Legion's 4 Pillars and Community Support. We got first place in the parade. We filled our secretary position with a new member and was saddened by the loss of one of our past officers, we honored her with a bronze Auxiliary grave marker for her family.

Cannon Beach #168-In June we brought back our Sandcastle Breakfast as part of the Cannon Beach Sandcastle Contest. In July we had our annual Garage Sale, it provides funds for supporting our local Veterans. We are continuing our Bake-less Bake sale fundraiser in conjunction with our Craft Fair.

Clatsop #12- (no report)

Hillsboro #6-We started out the year with a new meeting day of the month, new meeting style and lots of activities. We moved our meeting day to the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month. We start at 6:00 pm with the legion, we have a speaker then we go over the monthly calendar. We then have our own meetings. This has worked well to make sure we are communicating on the same page. We have participated in 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, North Plains Garlic Festival, Stand downs and Saturday Markets. The Post is now open

more for special events and has been undergoing some nice renovations. Our new officers have started the new year with lots of enthusiasm and we are looking forward to lots of fun this year.

Louis Larsen #68-Our Auxiliary has taken the summer off but has stayed very busy serving our Veterans. 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month we have a Veterans Breakfast serving 25-35 veterans and their families. We have also been involved in the Clatskanie Festival volunteering over 160 community service hours during the festival. We had a lifelong member pass away and our Chaplin will be honoring her at the first meeting in October. The Post was able to hire a local owner in town to cater the monthly breakfast which is a huge help to the Auxiliary. I received an award for member Dorothy Bowles at the District 1 meeting in Aloha. Dorothy was nominated as the member of the year from our unit. (439 VH)

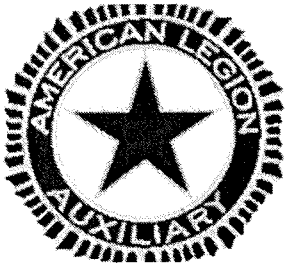
Seaside #99-Seaside was present at the Department Convention in Aloha/Beaverton. Installation of officers was done following the end of Convention. The Unit does not hold meetings June, July, and August, during that time we continue with Tuesday Tacos which helps us greatly both financially and good will amongst our Legion family. In September we attended the District 1 meeting in Aloha on the 10<sup>th</sup>, and on the 11<sup>th</sup> held our annual Post Picnic. This is similar to a member appreciation day. All members in good standing are provided lunch and non-members are welcomed as well for \$10.00. This is a popular event here and all branches of the Legion Family tree receive many renewals on this day.

Tigard #158-We continue to assist with Post 158 events in addition to our Auxiliary events. We serve lunch on Wednesday and Thursday and dinners Wednesday and Saturday. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month the Auxiliary sponsors dinner, while on the 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday we assist the Legion and the Legion riders with their dinners. Auxiliary members that are also Legion Riders clean up outside the post the last Sunday of the month, one of our members will do the editing, labeling, and mailing of the Post newsletter. We collect cans and bottles to contribute to National Auxiliary Emergency Fund. Three days a week we collect, sort, and deliver surplus food to be distributed to food banks and shelters in the Tigard area. We have had a raffle, a garage sale and our members assisted with a fundraiser at the Post for the David's Chair foundation. (300 VH)

Washington #2-We do not meet in July and August, had our first meeting in September, this meeting was very special because it was a joint meeting with our Post. We are planning many activities this year and even though we did not meet during the summer we stayed very busy. We participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Hillsboro, we continue to work on our Rock House for Veterans, one of our legionnaires volunteered to build it and the auxiliary has been painting the rocks. We held our first paint party where we had multiple people from our unit, Hillsboro unit and people from the community come to paint rocks. We provided food for a Celebration of Life for Jim Craigg, attended an Auxiliary sponsored training, painted and redecorated our Auxiliary office and planning to have a Poppy field mural on one of our walls. We held a quilt raffle and participated with the Legion in a booth at the Forest Grove Corn Roast, where we handed out flags, poppies and talked to the community about who we are and what we do. We hosted the movie Project 22 and had a discussion afterwards. (774 VH)

Dianne Standing

District 1 President



## **Mcminnville Unit 21**

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**May 7. Auxiliary members have been very busy starting with Cinco De Mayo Dinner. It was a great dinner, green enchiladas, rice beans chips, salsa, delicious. Thank you everyone we worked 38 hrs. total.**

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**May 13. Auxiliary prime rib dinner night 20 hrs. worked delicious dinner as always.**

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**May 16. Auxiliary National President came to visit great welcoming committee. Our Unit members helped with the dinner that was served. Was a privilege she to meet her she is a very down to earth woman she is doing great work for the organization. 18 hrs. +**

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**May 27. We were over at Evergreen Museum distributing Poppies in Honor and Memory of our great fallen Soldiers and all our Veterans. We just went on Saturday between 5 of us taking turns we did 15 hrs.**

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**May 28, Sweeney Poker Run our Auxiliary was asked if we could help and that is our favorite thing to do volunteer when and where we are needed. So, several of our members helped.**

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**May30th. Memorial Day remembrance members of all our Post 21 families go. We gather at the post and head out at 8 AM. With Legion riders heading the possession we all follow first stop is Amity Cemetery, from there we go to Dayton Memorial, from there we head out to Yamhill/ Carlton Cemetery then we go to Christian academy where there is over 5000+ flags each one representing a fallen soldier from Oregon. It is such a special sight you will have to come see for yourselves. Then we head back to Post 21 for our own memorial for our Veterans that passed away this year and auxiliary members. In all locations there are poems or prayers read by a member of all the families we auxiliary alternate readers. Then they do taps it is a special day to honor those who sacrifice it all for our freedom in the great USA. Then there is a BBQ waiting for all to come and enjoy Auxiliary provided side dishes and desserts.**

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**Our Service officer Carol put in 256 hrs. in the month of May. She visits our care facilities and crochets lap blankets goes shopping for her supplies to keep doing what she loves. Thank you so much Carol**

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**June 10<sup>th</sup> Auxiliary continues helping the other families when it is their turn for prime rib dinner specials. This time it was our night to do it we always enjoy it. We get to see a lot of our Veterans that we usually wouldn't see. We put between 20 -30 hrs. a month during all those Fridays.**

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**June 18<sup>th</sup>.A few of us Members volunteered to go help the legion with Take a Veteran Fishing to Hagg Lake it was lots of fun we BBQ for all and the day was beautiful. Great food**

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**June 19 Father's day breakfast brunch free to all fathers. They had a choice of free special or half off of menu. It was well attended 53 breakfast were served. June 7<sup>th</sup>. Auxiliary members were invited to attend**

Salute to Service Night Hillsboro Hops baseball game at 7:05 pm Some of our members also attended the Volcanos game with Legion Riders to do a flag presentation.

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July 4<sup>th</sup>. Post hosted a Car and Bike Show / BBQ auxiliary members provided side dishes and desserts. Plus Auxiliary helped with the raffles and other duties as needed. Cristale assembled some baskets for the raffles. Thank you for those they were beautiful

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July 8<sup>th</sup>. Prime rib night Auxiliary night it was fun and well attended. Usually 3-4 members volunteer. Like I said we help all through the month is needed. We helped when it was Legion night to do it they were shorthanded.

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July 13<sup>th</sup>. Auxiliary Board met to discuss the calendar and what kind of fundraising we are planning on . That way we can discuss it with the membership on our next scheduled meeting. We are trying to keep all our members informed in case they want to volunteer.

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July 16-17 Members were receiving and sorting donated items for the garage sale.

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July 19<sup>th</sup>. Our regular meeting a lot was discussed. We went over the calendar and discussed what we had penciled in on post calendar to see if anyone wanted to be PIC. We also wanted to get everyone's input on the fundraising and come up with ideas. We will be putting together a packet for new members. And give them to them when they come to their first meeting. Great way to welcome them and make them feel great about joining.

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JULY 23<sup>RD</sup>. Salute to Veterans Golf Classic is hosted at Michelbook in McMinnville Put on By the Legion Auxiliary sponsored a hole and also helped make stuff swag bag with goodies. Gregoria and Becky manded hole 11 it was toss of the dice for \$20. to get closer to the green by what # you rolled on it all the golfers were good sports and fun. and we had Darla Shirley and a few others helped up front welcoming the golfers. Thank you all for a great job.

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July 24<sup>th</sup> Auxiliary members tolerating the heat wave collet donations and separated them for the garage sale great job. PIC Dianne wants to be able to separate the things she is receiving with her helpers so that way it is easier when the time comes.

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Auxiliary Unit 21 received 100% Goal Unit ribbon at convention awesome job everyone thank you to our Commander Juan Palacios for all your help. We also received an award for publicity clipping. Thank you Becky for writing it out

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August 5-7<sup>th</sup> Auxiliary Annual Garage sale was held PIC Dianne with the help and mentoring by Becky did awesome. Plus a lot of Members from all the families helped deeply appreciate it. It takes teamwork and they did awesome. Even though it was hot a lot of volunteers came out. Then came clean up time on Sunday thank you dan Shirley bob Becky for helping load and transport all the left over items to Sheridan where we donated it so because they also were doing a garage sale.

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Aug. 12 prime rib night for Auxiliary 12 hrs. were put in plus 8 hrs. for the legion night that we helped.

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SEPT. 10<sup>TH</sup> Riders Scholarship Fund Auxiliary helped with the money and registration for all that were going to do the route. Ruffling was also part of their duties while everyone was on the ride. Thank you, ladies it was a great time, had by all, Bert's chuck wagon barbeque served the dinner. A lot of great silent auction and raffle items.





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Our District meeting was held at Travis Moothart Post #184 in Brownsville Ore on October 15,2022.

It was so nice to be able to get together and share information.

Albany Unit #10- This Unit has been very busy helping prepare for the Veterans Day parade. She will catch us up in her next report

Lebanon Unit #51-not a lot to report other than preparing for the new term. Working on membership will be the biggest goal.

A few of the volunteer members cleaned all the cupboards to prepare for new locks.

Cottage Grove Unit #32- Suzanne Driver and myself visited the Cottage Grove unit in September. The unit is preparing for the Thanksgiving and Christmas events for the Veterans, families, and community. They are working on building the membership.

Florence Unit # 59- This Unit has active working 88 hours at the Veterans café which is held at the Elks Lodge in Florence. The members take Veterans to lunch, Doctor appts and shopping when needed.

Two Echoes were purchased by a member at a cost of \$70.00. These were set up for the Veterans.

An Elliptical was gifted to a Coast member by President Marilyn. The value was \$1000.00.

They are very active in the Florence community.

Brownsville Unit#184-

Quilts of Valor have stayed busy preparing quilts for presentations to our Veterans at their Post and at the Lebanon Veterans homes. They presented their 600<sup>th</sup> Quilt at the District meeting. We were honored to be present for the gifting of the quilt.

The members are very active in the community. Meals on Wheels, the local museum, senior Center to name a few. The Unit was active helping with the annual Pioneer Picnic.

They are a very small group but give great services and work well with Post and community.

Santa Clara Unit #83

The Unit continues to do the Vet Relief breakfast once a month with all funds going into the restricted account for Veterans and families. Each breakfast there are 6 volunteers with a total of 120 hours.

Income comes to \$1463.00 for the restricted fund,

The annual yard sale was partnered with the Riders this year. A two-day event with 18 volunteers total of 99 hours. Each earned \$1000.00 for their programs, even in the pouring rain.

Two members represented the Unit at convention. For all their dedication they came away with fourteen awards. They made goal plus and carried in the Unit colors at opening ceremony.

At the June Flag retirement ceremony, they had 5 volunteers for a total of 20 hours.

Three Veteran memorials were held with 12 volunteers at 48 hours. Three memorial flag boxes were presented to the families. Cost of Unit Boxes -\$120.00. Food trays @\$100.00 a total of 12 hours. President Karol: took part in the Legion Rider Flag Line service for a Vietnam Army nurse and proudly presented the Memorial flag to her spouse. An impressive ceremony.

Helped the post with the annual Chicken BBQ fundraiser by serving and cashiering. A total of 12 volunteers at 130 hours. The two-day event earned a total of 25% of a net \$2000.00 for programs.

School supplies to Spring Creek elementary school. 5 volunteers for a total of 20 hours and \$200.00 unit funds.

Car show was crazy busy and had wonderful community support 6 Auxiliary and 1 Junior member at 8 hours for a total of 56 hours. With all the entities it was a total of 525 hours with \$4000.00 net income. \$3000.00 was donated to the new building fund from the Legion families.

The 9-11 ceremony was held in the evening, Commander Hightower gave a very moving tribute.

Stand Down was held on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 23 volunteers with 102 hours. Sorting donations, setting up and tearing down. In-kind donations \$4810 Unit funds, \$200.00 care items. Total of \$5010.00(VA&R)

Busy summer and more to come.

I did not hear from a few units but will follow up with them for next report.

Thank you so much for all you do District 3 members. You all are an amazing team to work with.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bobbi Peebler

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Medford Unit 15

Ruby Taylor is now the President and her daughter, Ruby Starr, the Vice-President.

Because of the mass homeless population of veterans in this area, Unit 15 is now looking into hosting a golf tournament or fundraiser to raise money for that need. The VA Dom in White City (in Medford's vicinity) has a lead person for the homeless veterans. This will also promote recognition for the Unit which can increase support in the area, renew the energy for its stagnant members, and gain new members.

Also, the members will be putting together food and hygiene baskets along with a drive for bath towels for the VA Dom Veterans for Christmas.

Morrison Glenn Unit 70

The ALA President is wanting to host a spaghetti feed once her spouse is doing better medically. The Legion owns the building there in Cave Junction which needs some major repairs. I'm inquiring to get Federal grants and donations for supplies needed.

William's Unit 50

It is very active and continues to have events and activities to serve the veterans in their area. Bingo nights, pancake feeds, upcoming wreath fundraiser.

Malin's Unit 84

Has ideas to increase veteran support and junior outreach.

We will be having our District Meeting on November 5 in Grants Pass.

The VA Domiciliary in White City has officially approved me as a volunteer there. I hope to use some of its resources to gain interest for the surrounding ALA Units for growth of its members. Camp White Museum is almost completed and will be an awesome addition in Southern Oregon bringing awareness to the history of our military heros.

Grants Pass Unit and the Klamath Falls Units are barely holding on with interest from only a couple of members in each of their Units.

Onward and forward,  
Cheryl Martin us

Fall DEC Springfield  
October 30, 2022  
District 5  
Ginny Williams

I have been working on 3 Units that need to be closed.

Redmond - Ray Johnson #44 has given up their Charter, I have received almost everything that belongs to Department and most of it has been given to them.

Warm Springs - Eugene Green #48, Letters have been sent, however I have had no communication from the Unit President or any of the members. I have called and left many messages and no answer.

Madras - John Sloss #125, Letters have been sent to all members, I have received 3 or 4, however not from the President. I have talked to 1 member and will call her again when I return home.

Ginny Williams  
District President

FALL 2022 DISTRICT 6 DEC REPORT  
OCTOBER 30, 2022  
BY MAGGIE LA MONT, DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT

All Units are meeting and planning events. Their Unit reports are:

- Athena Unit #130 has not met as the Legion Hall is not available. It is under construction to fix their heating problem. I am planning to present the Unit Goal Ribbon at their Unit meeting In the spring. They have not submitted membership yet for this year.
- Lone Unit #95 have 19 members who paid their dues for 2023. They will have their annual craft bazaar on November 5<sup>th</sup>.
- George St. Denis Unit 140 has 7 paid members for 2023. They have a new contact person and have started meeting again. They plan is to improve their membership. I sent them the 2023 Unit Member Roster, 2023 Paid Unit Roster and the new Membership Application. I look forward to working with them as I would hate to see the Unit close as it is important to their Past District 6 President Tessie Williams.
- Hermiston Unit 37 has 2 members who paid their 2023 dues. In July I attended their monthly meeting and presented their 100% Membership Ribbon, installed Officers, and did an initiation of a new member. They purchased Patriotic hats for their Veterans. They have a new very experienced treasurer. They helped the Post with a Veterans Picnic, second annual Veterans Yard Sale, A Potato bar & Dessert social and plan to assist with a Vietnam Veterans Apology and Welcome Home Dinner/Rally. They visited 24 Veterans who reside in Assisted Living and Adult Foster Homes and delivered hats, trail mix and gifts to each Veterans. They plan on make it a quarterly Outreach Program.
- La Grande Unit 43 has 40 members paid for 2023. They help with the Dollar Tree school supply drive by delivering 1,000 items to the National Guard Armory. Two new members were initiated. In August they had their Annual Golf Tournament and supplied salad along with leftover chips and cookies from the Golf Tournament for their District 6 meeting. In September they had an information table at Celebrate La Grande, purchased new patio furniture for the Post, had a Luau dinner and Chicken Fried Chicken Dinner with Department President Debra Godwin (she visited La Grande's Tiny Homes for Veteran's, and they supplied a hotel room and gift), and hosted a Post Family Open House/Membership drive with a grant received from the Eastern Oregon Military fund. At their General Meeting they passed their 2022/2023 budget. Future events are Fall Bazaar in October and Veteran's Day Spaghetti lunch after the Parade.
- Milton-Freewater Unit 24 has 1 paid member for 2023. I attended their June meeting and installed their Officers for the coming year. They did not meet in July, August, and September. In their October meeting, they signed up a new member. Their Annual Yard Sale will be on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. They help set up and clean for the monthly potlucks. They help the Post with their Veteran's Day Breakfast. On October 14<sup>th</sup>, a personal letter will be sent to all members asking them to pay their dues.

Unit that are of concern are

1. Athena Unit 130 is a concern as we have not been able to attend a Unit meeting for years. I can reach the President by phone.
2. Geo. St. Denis Unit 140 does not have 10 members, but they have plans to comply.

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Fall DEC

October 29, 2022

District 8 has been busy with membership, helping our Veterans, and feeding all. They have breakfast during the month, overall, three Post and Units with help from SAL. 50 to 100 and sometimes 150 a month with close to 150 or more volunteers.

Our Units make neck pillows, hygiene bags, donate socks filled with hygiene material to hand out to Veterans in need. We donated school supplies, had fund raisers filling backpacks with school supplies and donating the supplies to children in need.

Putting together garage sales, luncheons for WWII, Korean, Vietnam, POW, Veterans. Helping out Wyeast Transitional shelter, American Military Enhancement Network (AMEN), Camp Withycombe and Fort Kennedy. Everyone loves helping our Veterans.

We all meet once or twice a month. District meets every other month, third Tuesday and a Christmas dinner in December.

Our membership is growing, and I feel doing well. Being a goal District is being worked on! Once again.

The Auxiliary is doing a wonderful job helping Veterans and the community. I am so proud of them all.

Trudie McGriff

District 8 President

**DEC—October 2022**  
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**District #9**

**Bay Area #34** has been busy planning their events for the year. Bay Area was spotted scooping ice cream at 2 different summer festivals. This unit will be passing out coloring books at Halloween. They are planning a Veterans Day dinner and will have a Poppy display for everyone to see. They will be holding a joint Christmas party with the Elks and will be assisting them with the Food boxes. We will be helping with presents for various local families.

**Earle B. Stewart #16** has been busy beavers. They help daily with the Veterans, and participate in Stand Downs, farmer's markets, etc. They are currently working on the Veteran's Day parade in Roseburg. They are working on Christmas Cards for Veterans and are planning to do over 700 cards.

**Baird Heaton #152** sadly will be turning in their charter.

This District President is so proud of all the volunteering that all of the members are doing for their communities without the recognition. The attitude is: Is what we should do?

For God & Country,  
Frankie Trask  
District #9 President



District 10 Report  
October DEC – Springfield, Oregon  
Linda Schmidt, District 10 President

Americanism: Units reported veteran graves decorated for Memorial Day with flags, crosses or poppies, poppies given at the cemetery gate, and a table staffed at the cemetery chapel with extra flags, poppies, maps and veteran markers for visitors needing assistance. American flags are placed on businesses on special occasions by the local scout troops/Auxiliary members. Two members volunteered at the Kiwanis July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks booth for 50 hours, \$400 was also donated to the city's fireworks display. Two Auxiliary members stood by to answer any questions at a POW/MIA table displayed at a community business' open house. \$1,200 was donated to the large community flag fund. In-Kind Donations: \$400 Unit Costs: \$1,200

AEF (Auxiliary Emergency Fund): \$175 was donated to the AEF fund.

Children & Youth: Members volunteered for several events such as Lacrosse, a regional baseball tournament drink/food booth, and scouts. The "Give 10" program donated school items to Slater Elementary School; Emblem Sales coloring books were purchased for those backpacks and others will be given out during the year. 16 dictionaries were presented to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. A donation was made to the Shriners Hospital. Hours: 89 In-Kind Donations: \$190 Unit Costs: \$469.85

Community Service/Fund Raisers:

Several units reported a myriad of community projects such as community calendars built and distributed, yard sales, SHIBA Counseling, Medicare 101 training, Senior Center office and meal volunteers, a church hygiene program, Human Trafficking Awareness Training, Fair volunteers, Assisted Living cooking. Donations were made for Senior Center meals, hygiene products, trafficking items/refreshments, American Cancer Society, Kidney Foundation, Muscular Dystrophy Foundation, CASA school drive, OPB, Save-A-Stray, and Rimrock Recycling. Hours: 370 In-Kind Donations: \$1,600 Unit Costs: \$1,567.64

Education: Department Scholarship Fund: \$200

Girls State: One girl attended Girls State. Two high schools were visited, one charter school and home-schooled were notified. Ads were placed in the local paper. Two members also attended Girls State.

Legislative: One member wrote 6 letters regarding Autism Speaks, Muscular Dystrophy (wheelchair accessibility) and the Kidney Foundation (transplant versus dialysis). In-Kind Donations: \$275

National Security: Human Trafficking Training by a Unit member (a survivor) was reported under Community Service above. Several attended including an 'In Our Backyard' staff member from Bend, the local Chief of Police and two other police officers, as well as two members from another Unit.

Poppies: One unit distributed poppies at several locations over a three-week period. Two other units reported passing out poppies at the cemetery gate and decorating their grave crosses with poppies.

Service to Veterans & Active Duty: Units reported plush throws/lap robes, crocheted afghans, lap robes and hat/scarf sets sent to veterans' facilities throughout Oregon. Two Units worked Post yard sales. One Unit participates in a Veterans Yoga Program; as well as the Veterans Hall Appreciation Group and their Association meetings. Donations were made to a local Veterans Awareness Account, Kidney & Liver Transplant Unit, Veterans Christmas Gift Shops, Check-A-Month, the National ALA and TAL Foundations, National Veterans & Children's Foundation, and a canned food drive for a veteran's facility. Hours: 1,099 In-Kind Donations: \$3,580 Unit Costs: \$2,547

My District meeting was Saturday, October 22 in Vale. I am so proud of our members; we are small but have big hearts! 😊

**Americanism  
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Fall 2022**

**Hello President Debra, Officers, Chairmen and Members;**

**I hope you all had a chance to review my bulletin. As I mentioned in my bulletin, my focus is to educate our children about our United States Constitution. Now more than ever it is so important to the future of our country. Reaching out to our schools, churches and community is what we need to do.**

**See if we can do a presentation regarding our patriotism and what it means.**

**I encourage you to look at the Star Spangle Kids program. You can find it on the national website. It explains the history of the United State and the U.S. Constitution in a way for our kids to understand. Contact me and I will send you the information. [Soriacynthia56@gmail.com](mailto:Soriacynthia56@gmail.com)**

**The essay contest topic for this year is “What does patriotism mean to you?” You will find the guidelines attached.**

**Remember your mid- year reports are due to me by December 15, 2022. I would love to hear what awesome things your unit/district are doing to promote Americanism.**

**I am proud to be an American and God bless USA.**

**Cindy Soria  
Chairman**



**AMERICANISM ESSAY CONTEST  
2023 Cover Sheet**

Each year, the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) sponsors an Americanism Essay Contest for students in grades 3-12, including students with special needs. Grade levels are divided into six classes. One award in each of the six classes will be presented in each division. Winners will receive \$50 and a \$50 donation in the student's name will be made to the Children of Warriors National Presidents' Scholarship fund. National winners will be posted at [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org) after convention.

**Essay Title:** *"What does patriotism mean to you?"*

**Essay Classes:**

Class	Grade Level	Word Requirement
I	3 and 4	150-250
II	5 and 6	250-300
III	7 and 8	350-400
IV	9 and 10	450-500
V	11 and 12	450-500
VI	Students with special needs	Word count should correspond with student's grade level.

**Essay Checklist:**

- Class competing in \_\_\_\_\_
- Sponsoring ALA unit \_\_\_\_\_
- Typed or neatly written essay conforming to the word requirement for class
- Completed essay coversheet as first page of essay
- Word count of essay \_\_\_\_\_
- Due date for student to return to ALA unit \_\_\_\_\_

**To Be Completed by the Student/Parent:**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street, City, State, Zip): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name and Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Auxiliary Use Only (Must be completed for entry to be considered.):**

Sponsoring Unit Name/Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Unit Americanism Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit winner due to Department on: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Department Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

*Department winner due to National Americanism Division Chairman by April 15, 2023*

CHILDREN & YOUTH REPORT  
FALL DEC 2022  
Angelina McKinney, Chairman

This year we are working on these three areas for our Children and Youth this year program.

- A—Youth Hero and Good Deeds Awards-National wants to give out 103 Youth Hero and Good Deeds Awards this year. You can find outstanding children's stories on social media, news outlets, newspapers, and anywhere you might hear about them. Use [www.legion-aux.org/youth-hero-good-deeds-awards](http://www.legion-aux.org/youth-hero-good-deeds-awards) to nominate your candidates.
- B—KDH2-Kids of Deployed are Heros 2-We have a new Certificate that can be presented to military children with a focus on those kids who have a parent deployed on extended assignment or on a temporary duty assignment.
- C—American Legion Child Welfare Foundation (ALCWF)-We are encouraged to give support for the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation. Save your change and put it in a piggy bank earmarked ALCWF. The Legion has awards for donations that come in.

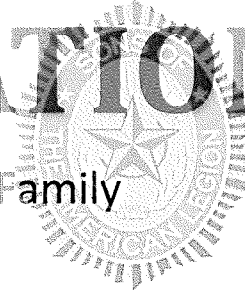
A new way to support our deployed children is offered through The Sons of the American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin is ensuring comfort is provided to children of deployed parents or hospitalized children with their Operation A.L.F. (American Legion Family) puppy. They give out soft cuddly brown dogs wearing a red American Legion Family shirt. They have given out over 2,000 of these dogs to children since March 2020 "to help them cope with the difficult times in their lives due to separation from a parent. I have included to form to order these dogs. They suggest a \$10 donation for this puppy.

April is the month of Children & Youth. But remember that Children and Youth projects can be done all year long. There are many items available for you to use to help with your Children and Youth projects. We now have three coloring books that you can download from the Auxiliary website and give out to the children attending your functions. You can download "I'm a Hero 2" stickers, the order form for "Proud Parent of a Military Child" honor button and the Hero Certificates. I'm hoping you have a successful year with your youth in your area and please report them to me and send pictures of your activities and don't forget to post them to the Facebook page for Children and Youth. Don't forget to wear a purple shirt on Wednesday to show your support for our Children and Youth program.

Have fun with this program and share your efforts. Don't forget mid-year reporting is due December 15<sup>th</sup> to me.

# OPERATION A.L.F.

American Legion Family



The American Legion Family

## Providing caring comfort to children whenever and wherever needed

Whether it be a child hospitalized for a serious medical issue or the children of deploying parents, the Wisconsin Sons of The American Legion are proud to provide an A.L.F. puppy to children who need a soft cuddly companion to help them cope with difficult times in their lives.



If you would like to partner with us in this great project, we will gratefully accept whatever cash donation you would like to make.

Please note: Our puppy cannot be sold for profit or used as a fundraiser.

Suggested donation is \$10 per puppy/25 dogs per case

For more information contact Bob Sirovina, 414-881-0721, email: wisalcmdrbob@att.net

SQUADRON/POST/UNIT NAME & NUMBER _____	
CONTACT NAME _____	EMAIL _____
ADDRESS _____	
CITY, STATE, ZIPCODE _____	PHONE _____
DONATION AMOUNT _____	

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: SAL-WI SEND TO: Bob Sirovina, 9428 W Eden Pl, Milwaukee, WI 53228

**National Security Department of Oregon**  
**Fall DEC – October, 2022**

Yvonne Drury, Chairman - 541-390-4231  
63521 Boyd Acres Road, Bend, OR 97701 - [ydrury47@gmail.com](mailto:ydrury47@gmail.com)

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Call or email me anytime...I'm here to help.

For God and Country,

*Yvonne*

Yvonne Drury, Chr.

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# **Oregon Veterans Home**

Geanne Horne

I was just contacted two weeks ago by our activity's director at the Oregon Veterans Home. There are a lot of residents and staff down with Covid.

Activities have been put on hold again this year. That means there will not be a Christmas gift shop again. With that said we will most likely be doing treats again this year.

They are asking for us to move our stuff out of storage there so they may use the storage area.

Does anyone have the ability to store our Christmas stuff?

Please contact me as soon as possible at 503-849-8149.

Thank you for all you do for our veterans.





VA&R – Dept. of Oregon  
2022 Fall DEC Book of Reports

Marie Larson, Chairman

The Portland VA Health Care System will not be holding a Christmas Gift Shop this year. Tiffany Knight, Chief, Center Development & Civic Engagement (formerly Voluntary Services) explained the Infectious Control Center wants to continue to play it safe.

- Working with the Portland VA we will again be sending out \$50.00 FM gift cards to our Veterans at Christmas.
- The Portland VA is accepting Bereavement quilts, neck pillows and lap robes.
- There has been some confusion but as of last week they are accepting our in-kind donations.
- There are still discussions regarding our Christmas Cheer program, nothing finalized yet.

Lebanon Veterans Home will be hosting a Christmas Gift Shop. Michelle Wilkinson, Liaison to OVH from Albany Unit #10 stated the date has been set for Tuesday, December 6, 2022. There has been discussion about the residents and a “Wish List” is being developed, including preferences to help with shopping.

The Roseburg VA Health Care System’s Chief of the CDCE, Traci Palmer, stated they are planning an event for the Christmas season and are inviting all Veterans Service Organizations to participate. They are also talking about a new “Letters to Santa” program. There will be upcoming information.

I have heard from some Units:

- Portland Unit #1 continues to work with the WyEast Veterans Shelter supplying dinner each month. They also provide them with hygiene bags, neck pillows, afghans/quilts, and diabetic socks. They continue to host a WWII/Korean/POW Luncheon each month, which now includes Vietnam Veterans.
- Hillsboro Unit #6 delivered 32 lap robes to Portland VA and one for a Veteran's widow.
- Milwaukie Unit #180 delivered beautiful Bereavement quilts to the Portland VA.

Veterans Hospitals and Homes are only a small portion of the organizations that provide support for our Veterans. There are other options for Units to help Veterans in and around the state. I want to provide an additional list of other non-profit organizations that can use donations and/or volunteers to help Veterans and military families.

## OREGON VETERANS/MILITARY FAMILIES SUPPORT LIST

❖ These are some ideas:

### Camp Alma

Veterans Legacy Oregon  
P O Box 11226  
Eugene OR 97440  
541-914-0885  
[contact@veteranslegacyoregon.or](mailto:contact@veteranslegacyoregon.or)

Veterans Legacy's mission is to provide a safe, secure place in a rural setting for local veterans encountering homelessness, post-traumatic stress disorder and substance abuse disorders to live and work as they begin the journey back to successfully reintegrate into the community.

Veterans Legacy has renovated the former work camp to provide rehabilitative and mental health services to homeless Veterans.

On their website is a list of projects, large and small, that might be of particular interest. Veterans Legacy would be glad to earmark individual funding to these various needs. As they welcome more Veterans, more projects will be in the works. They welcome any donations for all projects.

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### The Salvation Army Veterans and Family Center

14825 SW Farmington Road  
Beaverton OR 97007  
503-239-1259  
[veterans.salvationarmy.org](http://veterans.salvationarmy.org)  
Contact: Major Rhonda Lloyd – [Rhonda.lloyd@usw.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Rhonda.lloyd@usw.salvationarmy.org)

The Salvation Army Veterans and Family Center is a transitional housing center that provides a therapeutic environment for 50 Veterans and their families daily. Through intensive case management and collaboration with the Veterans Administration, clients are provided with the tools necessary to become self-sufficient.

They accept donations of money, goods, and clothing. According to their website their critical need now is for hygiene kits.

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### Fort Kennedy

7600 SE Johnson Creek Boulevard  
Portland OR 97206  
503-765-2661  
[fortkennedy.org](http://fortkennedy.org)  
[volunteer@fortkennedy.org](mailto:volunteer@fortkennedy.org)  
Follow them on Facebook – [facebook.com/FortKennedy](https://facebook.com/FortKennedy)

Their mission:

“Our direction is to enable all Veterans to move forward in their lives after military service. We will strive to provide transitional housing, plus shelter for homeless service men and woman. To Ensure all Veterans receive the support through employment, family counseling, and help with benefits. We

will work with all Veteran agencies in the community, we will achieve a much-needed hand up, not a handout for our homeless Veterans.”

They take clothing, food, hygiene items and send them back out into the Veteran community.

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### Do Good Multnomah

7809 NE Everett St

Portland OR 97213

Website: [dogoodmultnomah.org](http://dogoodmultnomah.org)

Do Good Multnomah is a non-profit organization that partners with the community to provide permanent supportive housing and low-barrier emergency shelter to houseless Veterans in Portland, Oregon. They emphasize relationship-building, one-on-one engagement, supportive services, and direct community participation, changing the way we serve houseless Veterans.

Do Good Multnomah provides over 500 shelter beds in 24/7 facilities, transitional and permanent supportive housing, and housing assistance for houseless Veterans. There are a lot of needs that arise while serving the populations with whom we work, and it would be impossible to do the work we do without the support of our amazing community and people like you!

There is a list of current needs on their website.

### Current Do Good Shelters:

WyEast Shelter

1415 SE 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave

Portland OR 97233

Downtown Shelter

550 NW 6<sup>th</sup> Ave

Portland OR 97209

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### Pomeroy Place

18670 SW Blanton St

Aloha OR 97078

General Information: 503-654-1007 EXT. 100

NHA's most recent project, Pomeroy Place, was built specifically to respond to the need for more affordable housing for extremely low-income veterans and their families.

Completed in the winter of 2017, Pomeroy Place provides 20 units of new, safe, affordable housing for Washington County veterans and their families.

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### Central Oregon Veterans Village

C/O Bend Heroes Foundation

1900 NE 3rd St. Suite 106 #205

Bend, OR 97701

[centraloregonveteransvillage.org](http://centraloregonveteransvillage.org)

The Central Oregon Veterans Village is a community of transitional shelters designed to provide shelter and services for homeless veterans.

The project is a Joint Venture between the **Bend Heroes Foundation** and **Central Oregon Veterans Outreach (COVO)**. It is being managed as a public-private partnership with the City of Bend, Deschutes County, and the State of Oregon.

The Village became fully operational on Veterans Day 2021. It is being modeled after a successful program in Clackamas County. The Village has 15 shelters and a community building with kitchen, dining, case management offices, laundry, restrooms, and showers.

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### Divide Camp

(Now known as Cross the Divide)

603 N Main St

Joseph OR 97846

dividecamp.org

“Honoring Service; Building Hope”

It now serves to house Veterans who come to Wallowa County to participate in Cross the Divide activities – primarily hunting and fishing.

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### Clackamas County Veterans Village

16575 SE 115<sup>th</sup> Ave

Clackamas OR 97015

503-80-4832

The purpose of this project is to provide decent, safe, and sanitary shelter for our veterans. Helping people live independent, productive lives benefits the community. The Veterans Village is partnered with Do Good Multnomah and Clackamas County.