



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 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 1st. If your dues are sent in after January 3rd, 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, 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 7th, Unit #2 March 4th, Unit #34 March 11th and Unit #1 March 15th. 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 29th-30th. 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 5th. 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 14th 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 14th 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 13-17th 2023 at the Mill Casino in North Bend.

DISTRICT 1

District President Dianne Standing
District Vice Sheri Russell

District Mtg – March 11th @ ST. Helens Post #42
Caucus – May 13th @ Seaside Post #99

DISTRICT 2

District President Kim Johnson
District Vice Glenna Smith

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

DISTRICT 3

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

District mtg – March 11th @ Newport #116
Caucus – June 3rd @ 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 21st @ Redmond Post #44
Caucus – May 13th @ Crook County Post #29

DISTRICT 6

District President Maggie LaMont
District Vice Mary Ward

District Mtg – January 7th @ Hermiston Post #37

DISTRICT 7

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DISTRICT 8

District President Trudie McGriff
District Vice Angie McKinney

District Mtg –
Caucus – May 16th @ Portland Post #1

DISTRICT 9

District President Frankie Trask
District Vice Betty Adams

District Mtg – Jan 7th @ Fallin Post#123

DISTRICT 10

District President Linda Schmidt
District Vice Shirley Torrey

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

Upcoming 2022/2023 Dates:

January 14th – Mid-Winter DEC Virtual 9AM

January 14th – SAL Fundraiser Dinner Post #180

April 14-16th – Spring DEC – Redmond Post #44

March 18th – Round-up, Crook County #29

May 6-9th - DLNC

June 14-17, 2023 – Convention – Mill Casino

Suicide & Crisis Lifeline – Dial 988 &
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<https://orlegion.org/media/oregon-legionnaire/>

