



What's Happening March 2023

March – Community Service Month

Making our communities better places in which to live. It has been a major outreach program since 1926. It also demonstrates our longstanding commitment to support the work of the American Legion by providing assistance with Blood Drives, First Aid Training, Child Safety Programs, Disaster and Emergency Preparedness Programs, just to name a few.

Women's History Month – Recognizing the contributions of female veterans throughout American History.

Vietnam Veterans Day – The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act, signed into law in 2017, designates **March 29** of each year as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. Most states celebrate “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day” on March 29 or 30 of each year. It was chosen to be observed in perpetuity as March 29, 1973 was the day United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam was disestablished and also the day the last U.S. combat troops departed Vietnam

Department President visits – President Debra will be visiting 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. On the 29th there will be a dinner at McMinnville Post 21. On the 30th there will be a Meet & Greet at

Department, a Tea at Hillsboro #6 and a dinner at Oregon Trail #150. The information will be out soon with all the information and dinner reservation forms. We hope that many of you will be able to attend. This is open to the Legion Family.

Membership – We still have a few more days to get membership in to hit the 85% Department GOAL by March 15th. We just need 108 more paid.

April 1st is the deadline to make any changes prior to the 2024 membership roster and cards being printed.

The 2024 Unit Data Form went out attached to the membership report last week. Make sure to get that completed and returned to Department. It is required for all units to return this form by the deadline. National has done a \$6 dues increase for 2024. The amount that Units will need to send into Department starting July 1st for 2024 renewals will be \$36. All 2023 dues amount to Department will remain \$30.

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.

Round-up – The District 5 annual Round-up will be held March 17th -18th at Crook County Post #29. Information will be coming out very soon. Come out and meet your 2024 Officer Candidates.

Girls State – We are very sorry to say that Girls State 2023 has been canceled. We will be back in 2024.

Spring DEC – Will be held April 14th -16th at Redmond Post #44. 704 SW 8th Street, Redmond, OR.

Department Convention – Will be held June 14-17th 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 20-21st at the Salem Convention Center. For more information click this link [2023 Oregon Women Veterans Conference](#)

Women Veterans Dinner – May 13th Lebanon Post #51 – see flyer attached to this email.

DISTRICT 1

District President - Dianne Standing
District Vice - Sheri Russell

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

DISTRICT 2

District President - Kim Johnson
District Vice - Glenna Smith

District mtg – March 5th @ Salem #136
Caucus – May 7th @ Newberg #57

DISTRICT 3

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

District mtg – March 11th @ Newport #116
Caucus – May 13th @ Lebanon #51

DISTRICT 4

District President - Cheryl Martin
District Vice – Martha Smith

District mtg –
Caucus – April 22nd @ Grants Pass #28

DISTRICT 5

District President - Ginny Williams
District Vice - Karen Banks

District Mtg – March 18th @ Crook County #29
Caucus – May 13th @ Crook County #29

DISTRICT 6

District President -Maggie LaMont
District Vice - Mary Ward

District Mtg – April 1st @ Wallowa Lake #157
Caucus May 7th Virtual

DISTRICT 7

Vacant

Caucus – May 6th - TBD

DISTRICT 8

District President - Trudie McGriff
District Vice - Angie McKinney

District Mtg – March 21st @ Milwaukie #180
Caucus – May 16th @ Portland #1

DISTRICT 9

District President - Frankie Trask
District Vice

District Mtg – March 25th @ Fallin #123
Caucus – May 20th @ N. Bend Post #34

DISTRICT 10

District President - Linda Schmidt
District Vice - Shirley Torrey

District Meeting –
Caucus – May 6th @ Prairie City #106

Upcoming 2023 Dates:

March 17-18th – Round-up, Crook County #29

March 29th – Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day

March 29-30th – National President's visit

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

April 15th – Purple Up for Military Children

May 13th - Oregon Women Veterans Celebration Dinner – Lebanon Post #51

May 26th – National Poppy Day

June 14-17, 2023 – Convention – Mill Casino

Link to the Oregon Legionnaire

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

Suicide & Crisis Lifeline – Dial 988 press 1