



What's Happening August 2023

August – New Fiscal Year Begins, Training & National Convention

For Department, August starts the new fiscal year. Our Dept President is Catherine Brockmann, Dept Vice President & Membership is Cindy Soria. Let's wish them a successful and FANTASTIC YEAR!

Training – Department Legion College is scheduled for August 12th in Albany at Post #10, 1215 Pacific Blvd SE, Albany, OR. The deadline to register is August 4th and there is still room available. If you are interested in attending, please contact Gene Hellickson, eugenehellickson@gmail.com

National Convention 2023 – The American Legion Auxiliary 102nd National Convention. August 25-31, 2023, in Charlotte, North Carolina. Many Department officers will be attending.

Officer Installation Report – Thank you to everyone that has sent in your installation form. We are down to just a few that are missing. If you haven't done so yet PLEASE, PLEASE send in the Installation form with your officers' information to Department, even if your officers are the same as last year. We need to get the Department Roster updated.

Membership – We as a Department didn't quite make goal this year. As part of Western Division, the Division did though. 2024 membership year is just around the corner and another opportunity to hit a 100%.

From National our Department Goal dates for 2024 are 75% by December 3rd, 85% by March 15th, 95%

by May 24th, 100% by July 4th, and 102% by July 24th.

There is also a 100% Unit Award for units that hit 100% of their 2024 membership goal by January 31.

2024 dues can now be paid to your unit, by phone to National (317) 569-4570 or online at alaforveterans.org then click on the renew button.

Girls State – Unfortunately we were not able to hold Girls State in 2023. We are looking for a Girls State Director for 2024. If you are interested, please reach out to Dept President Catherine Brockmann.

Department President visits – If you are interested having the Dept President visit please fill out the form or contact Department to save your date.

FALL DEC – Is scheduled for October 27-29th in Klamath Falls. More information to come after the National Convention.

Blood Drive – Department Headquarters will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive November 10th from 12-5pm at the Hilton Garden Inn in Wilsonville.

US Coast Guard Birthday – August 4th - The Coast Guard was founded in 1790 with congressional authorization to build the first set of vessels aimed to help combat smuggling and enforce tariffs and taxes.

National Purple Heart Day August 7th - It's a day for Americans to remember and honor the men

and women who bravely represented their country and were wounded or killed whilst serving.

DISTRICT 1

District President - Dianne Standing

District Vice - Sheri Russell

District Mtg – Sept 16th @ Clatsop Post #12

DISTRICT 2

District President - Gregoria Hernandez

District Vice - Lori Vallery

District Picnic – Aug 19th @ Red Oak Farm in St. Paul from 12-4pm

DISTRICT 3

District President - Roberta ‘Bobbi’ Peebler

District Vice - Suzanne ‘Sue’ Driver

District mtg – Sept 9th @ Springfield Post #40

DISTRICT 4

District President – Vacant

District mtg

DISTRICT 5

District President - Ginny Williams

District Vice - Karen Banks

District Mtg – Nov 4th @ Moro Post #55

DISTRICT 6

District President - Maggie LaMont

District Vice - Mary Ward

District mtg –

DISTRICT 7

Vacant

District Mtg – Nov 5th

DISTRICT 8

District President - Trudie McGriff

District Vice – Tawnya Lege

DISTRICT 9

District President - Frankie Trask

District Vice

District Mtg – Sept 16th @ Roseburg Post #16

DISTRICT 10

District President - Linda Schmidt

District Vice - Shirley Torrey

District Meeting – Nov 4th @ NYSSA Post #79

Upcoming 2022 Dates:

August 12th – Legion College - Albany

August 13-18th – Jim Willis LECC

Aug 25-31st – National Convention –Charlotte NC

Sept 1-3rd – Indy cars at PIR

September 5th – Labor Day - Department Closed

September 29-Oct 1 – Airshow in McMinnville

October 27-29th - Fall DEC in Klamath Falls

November 10th – Blood Drive @ Hilton Garden Inn 12-5pm

Suicide & Crisis Lifeline # 988 Texting 988 and online chat (available at <http://988lifeline.org/>)

Link to the Oregon Legionnaire

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

LIFE IS SO SHORT.

We spend so much time sweating the small stuff, worrying, complaining, gossiping, comparing, wishing, wanting and waiting for something bigger and better — instead of focusing on the simple blessings that surround us every day.

Life is so fragile and all it takes is a simple moment to change everything you take for granted. Focus on what's important and be grateful. You are blessed! Believe it! Live your life and leave no regrets.

— *Melanie Koulouris*

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