



What's Happening May 2023

May – Poppy Month – National Poppy Day is May 26th. The little red Memorial Poppy, an emblem of sacrifice, serves a three-fold purpose; it is an expression of the gratitude of this country to those who fought to keep America free. Disabled Veterans in VA facilities are paid to make the Poppies and monies received from the distribution of Poppies is placed in Restricted Funds to be used only in assisting Veterans and their families.

May is also National Mental Health Awareness Month. It is a time to raise awareness of those living with mental or behavioral health issues and to help reduce the stigma so many experience. Suicide Prevention, The Veterans Crisis Line is 988 – press 1

National Teacher Appreciation Week – May 8-12th. It's a time to recognize and appreciate what the teacher do for our youth. This falls under Education in our programs.

Poppies – Poppy Day is May 26th. Poppy Report Forms and funds are due to Department June 1st. We have the opportunity again this year to distribute Poppies at the Lincoln City Outlet Mall. If you wish to participate, please reach out to our chairman Dianne Standing.

VA Rose Court Reception – May 31st at 1:30pm in the Portland VA Medical Center Auditorium.

Membership – Go Team Oregon! Hard to believe the year is coming to an end. It's still not too late to pay your 2023 dues if you haven't already.

There's still a few more days for your Unit to make GOAL by May 26th. We are currently 3 goal units ahead of this time last year. Still waiting for our first goal District, we have a couple that are very close.

Our next GOAL date is Poppy Day, May 26th to hit 95% and receive \$95 to advance our ALA mission. **We need 144 new or renewed members to be paid and sent into Department.**

The next GOAL date after that is July 4th to hit 100%. That would give the Department \$500 towards advancing our ALA Mission. And another \$500 if we can hit 102% by July 29th. Can we do this???

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.

Unit Elections – Officer Installation Report – Units as you complete your elections, please remember to send in your Installation Report Form to Department. We want to make sure we get your correct information on the roster and have your membership cards for you at Convention.

Department Officer Elections – We are getting set to elect our 2024 Officers. We have Catherine Brockmann running for Dept President and Cindy Soria running for Dept Vice. If you are interested in a chairmanship and have a passion, please let us know. We still have a few spots to fill.

Department officers must maintain their primary residency within the state of Oregon.

Department Convention – June 14-17th 2023 at the Mill Casino in North Bend. Delegate fees need to be paid by each Unit even if you are not attending Convention. Fun activities are being planned. Make sure to get your meal, convention shirt, and Poppy Paint Session forms into Department.

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

Caucus – May 13th @ Seaside #99

Unit #6 Bizarre May 20th at the Post

DISTRICT 2

District President - Kim Johnson
District Vice - Glenna Smith

Caucus – May 7th @ Newberg #57

DISTRICT 3

District President - Roberta ‘Bobbi’ Peebler
District Vice - Suzanne ‘Sue’ Driver

Caucus – May 13th @ Lebanon #51

DISTRICT 4

District President - Cheryl Martin
District Vice – Martha Smith

DISTRICT 5

District President - Ginny Williams
District Vice - Karen Banks

Caucus – May 13th @ Crook County #29

DISTRICT 6

District President -Maggie LaMont
District Vice - Mary Ward

Caucus May 7th Virtual

DISTRICT 7

Vacant

Caucus – May 6th - TBD

DISTRICT 8

District President - Trudie McGriff
District Vice - Angie McKinney

Caucus – May 16th @ Portland #1

DISTRICT 9

District President - Frankie Trask
District Vice

Caucus – May 20th @ N. Bend Post #34

DISTRICT 10

District President - Linda Schmidt
District Vice - Shirley Torrey

Caucus – May 6th @ Prairie City #106

Upcoming 2023 Dates:

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

May 26th – National Poppy Day

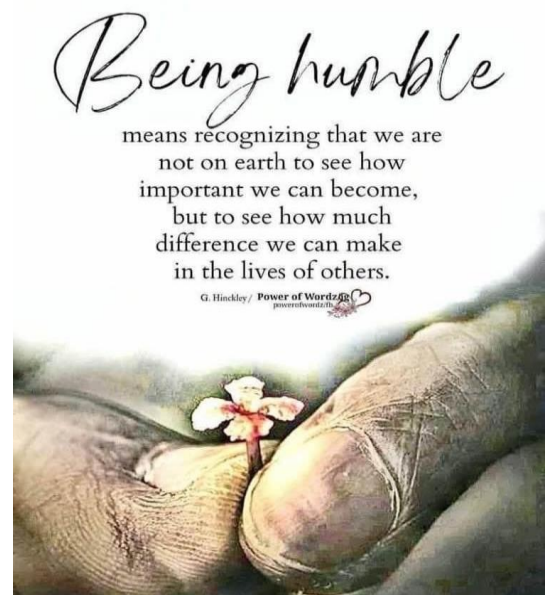
May 29th – Office CLOSED

May 31st – Portland VA Rose Court 1:30

June 14-17, 2023 – Convention – Mill Casino

July 1st – you can start paying 2024 dues renewals

July 4th – Office CLOSED



Link to the Oregon Legionnaire

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

Suicide & Crisis Lifeline – Dial 988 press 1