



What's Happening November 2023

November – is Military Family Month

For Department and Units, November is to appreciate the continuous sacrifices and contributions of our military families. The observance recognizes the challenges family members face in support of their loved ones in uniform. Without their commitment and dedication, it would be impossible for our military to remain organized and focused. They are our patriots who support their family members, while enriching the communities they call home. This month honors the parents and children who stay behind and love their family members on active duty to protect the interests of their nation.

Marine Corps Day - November 10th. - This year marks the 248th birthday. “On 10 November 1775, the Second Continental Congress resolved to raise two battalions of Marines. Congress commissioned thirty-one-year-old Samuel Nicholas, a well-known Philadelphian, as captain of the fledgling force of Continental Marines. From Tun Tavern in Philadelphia, Nicholas raised two battalions of Marines as directed and began the long illustrious history of the United States Marine Corps. Every year since 1925 the founding of the Marine Corps has been celebrated with a Birthday Ball.”

Veteran Days – November 11th - Veterans Day is a time for us to pay our respects to those who have served. For one day, we stand united in respect for you, our veterans.

This holiday started as a day to reflect upon the heroism of those who died in our country's service and was originally called Armistice Day. It fell on

Nov. 11 because that is the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I. However, in 1954, the holiday was changed to "Veterans Day" in order to account for all veterans in all wars.

Christmas Gift Shop – Reminder that the Christmas Gift Shops at the VA Hospitals and the Veterans Homes are open this year and the Christmas cheer as well. Donations are accepted at any time.

The OVH the Dalles - Dec. 2 @ 10am to 3pm.

Lebanon Veterans Home - Dec 6 @ **TBA**

Portland VA - Nov. 25th @ 1pm to 4pm & Nov 27th to 30th @ 10am to 4pm.

Membership – You should have received your renewal notice in the mail by now. All senior members who have not renewed their membership in ALA MIS by January 2, 2024, will receive a second renewal notice via mail. February 1, 2024, is when the notices will be mailed.

If you have not received your new membership cards, please reach out to the Department Office.

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

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

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



DISTRICT 1

District President Dianne Standing
District Vice Sheri Russell
District Mtg – Dec 16th @ Tigard Post #158

DISTRICT 2

District President Gregoria Hernandez
District Vice Lori Vallery
District mtg – Nov. 18th @ Aurora Post 110

DISTRICT 3

District President Roberta ‘Bobbi’ Peebler
District Vice Suzanne ‘Sue’ Driver
District mtg – December 9th @ Travis Moothart #184

DISTRICT 4

District President Patricia “Patsy” Sakraida
District Vice Bonnie Smith
District Mtg – Nov 18th @ Grants Pass Post 28.

DISTRICT 5

District President Ginny Williams
District Vice Karen Banks
District Mtg – Feb 3rd @ Prineville

DISTRICT 6

District President Maggie LaMont
District Vice Mary Ward
District Mtg – Dec 16th @ **TBA**

DISTRICT 7

Vacant

DISTRICT 8

District President Trudie McGriff
District Vice Tawnya Lege
District Mtg – November 21st @ Portland #1
District Xmas dinner Dec 20th Post #150, 7pm

DISTRICT 9

District President Frankie Trask
District Vice - **Vacant**
District Mtg – Jan 7th @ Fallin Post#123

DISTRICT 10

District President Linda Schmidt
District Vice Shirley Torrey
District Meeting –Feb 3rd @ John Day Elks Club
Nov.4th– **CANCELED.**

Upcoming 2023 Dates:

November 5th – Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 10th – Blood Drive Noon to 5pm
November 10th – Marine Corps Birthday - Office Closed
November 11th - Veterans Day
November 23rd – Thanksgiving Day
November 23rd & 24th – Office is closed
November 28th – Deadline to order Wreaths Across America

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/>

