



What's Happening September 2022

September – National Suicide Prevention Month.

For Department, September is Junior Activities Month. Work with schools on programs such as Americanism, Girls State, and Poppy Posters.

September also kicks off our membership year. Let's make this a FANTASTIC YEAR!

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. On July 16 the US transitioned the 10-digit Suicide & Crisis Lifeline to 988. The easy to remember 3-digit number provides access to suicide prevention and mental health crisis services nationwide.

Everyone is affected by suicide, not just the victim. Suicide impacts family and friends long after the loss of a loved one. On average, one person commits suicide every 16.2 minutes. Two-thirds of the people who commit suicide suffer from depression.

Patriot Day – September 11th. Patriot Day is a holiday in the US that commemerate the lives of those who died in the 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. It also recognizes those who died attempting to rescue people trapped by the attacks.

National POW/MIA Recognition Day September 16th - In the United States, the third Friday in September honors National POW/MIA Recognition Day - Each year since 1989, a presidential proclamation brings the nation together to remember and honor the members of the Armed Forces who remain missing in action or are prisoners of war. The day serves as a call to action, reminding

the nation to rededicate our efforts. We're responsible for bringing our patriots home and for caring for our military families awaiting word of their loved ones.

US Air Force and Air National Guard Birthday - September 18th marks the 75th birthday of both the United States Air Force and the Air National Guard.

Gold Star Mother's and Family Day - On the last Sunday in September, Gold Star Mother's and Family Day honors the mothers, fathers, and families of fallen military service members. Also known as National Gold Star Mother's Day, the day serves as a reminder of the losses suffered by military families.

Since World War I, the observance has provided a way to recognize and honor those who have lost a son or daughter who served our country in the United States Armed Forces.

A gold star symbolizes a family member who died in the line of duty while serving the United States Armed Forces.

Training – The Department Auxiliary College held August 6-7th in Lebanon was a huge success. The next training is a unit level training scheduled for October 8th from 10-5 in McMinnville at Post #21, 126 NE Atlantic Street. This training is open to everyone. More information will be available soon.

Membership – Oregon made goal in 2022. Can we repeat in 2023??? Only you, the members can determine that.

Our first goal date is November 11th. This is the 100% Unit Award. This award is presented to Units

that reach 100% of their 2023 membership goal by November 11th.

2023 dues can be paid to your unit, by phone to National (317) 569-4570 or online at 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.

FALL DEC – Is scheduled for October 28-30th in Springfield.

Blood Drive – Department Headquarters will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Hilton Garden Inn in Wilsonville on November 11th from 10am-3pm.

DISTRICT 1

District President Dianne Standing
District Vice Sheri Russell

District Mtg – Sept 10th @ Aloha Post #104

DISTRICT 2

District President Kim Johnson
District Vice Glenna Smith

District mtg – Sept 18th @ Sheridan Post #75 lunch @ 1pm, mtg @ 2pm

DISTRICT 3

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

District mtg – October 15th @ Travis Moothart #184

DISTRICT 4

District President Cheryl Martin
District Vice – Martha Smith

DISTRICT 5

District President Ginny Williams
District Vice Karen Banks

District Mtg – Nov 5th

DISTRICT 6

District President Maggie LaMont
District Vice Mary Ward

DISTRICT 7

Vacant

DISTRICT 8

District President Trudie McGriff
District Vice Angie McKinney

DISTRICT 9

District President Frankie Trask
District Vice Betty Adams

District Mtg – Sept 24th @ Bandon Post #26

DISTRICT 10

District President Linda Schmidt
District Vice Shirley Torrey

District Meeting – Oct 28th @ Vale Post #77

Upcoming 2022 Dates:

September 5th – Labor Day - Department Closed

October 28-30th - Fall DEC in Springfield

November 11th – Blood Drive @ Hilton Garden Inn 10am-3pm

Suicide & Crisis Lifeline # 988 Texting 988 and online chat (available at

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

