



What's Happening

December 2023



Department Of Oregon American Legion
Auxillary HQ.

Pearl Harbor

History

Thursday Dec 7th marks National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day and is the 82nd anniversary since the attack in Hawaii that began the U.S. involvement in the World War II.

On Dec.7,1941, the Japanese military made a surprise attack on the United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, which resulted in the deaths of thousands of service members and civilians, over a thousand injuries, the sinking of American ships and destruction of aircrafts. The next day, the U.S. declared war on Japan and entered into World War II.



Pearl Harbor 1941



Cindy Soria: Vice President / Membership Department of Oregon
2023/2024

Our Membership in Auxiliary

Veterans day was November 11th. It was a special day not because the banks were closed or because there was no mail service or because the schools were closed, and the kids had a free day off. It was a special day because it was Veterans Day. A day set aside to honor and show our respect to all that have served in the military. It doesn't matter during what war, conflict, or non-conflict they served in. Our military has served our country honorably and faithfully through their service; we the members of the auxiliary are here. Without them, the auxiliary would not have been formed and we would not still have over 100 years working every day for them. Please help with membership. This is not a job just for your membership chairman. Your membership chairman processes the paperwork, we get the members. We, the members of the auxiliary are the ones to go out and ask.

We invite and bring new members into our great organization. Advertise. Strut your stuff. Be vocal about being a proud and honored member of the American Legion Auxiliary. Pull those blank membership forms out of your purse or briefcase. Hand them out. Spread the word. We are here, strong, and working hard. We honor their service through our membership and the membership of others. Give the gift of a membership to a friend or loved one.

"I wish each of you a blessed Christmas and the Best to You in 2024. God bless our active military, veterans, and their families as we remember the birth of Jesus Christ."

By Cindy Soria

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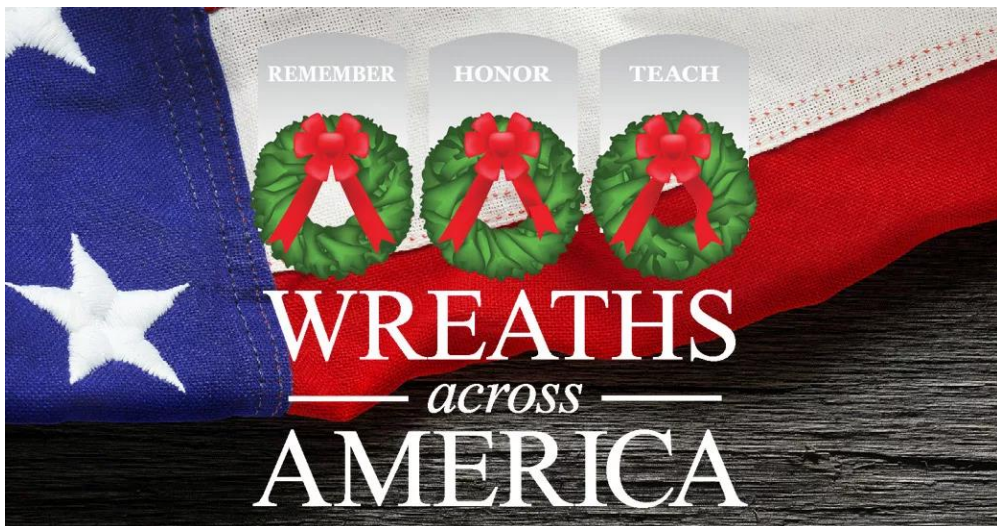


This year the OVH The Dalles, Gift shop was open on Saturday, December 2nd at 10am till 3pm. They had the Ribbon cutting ceremony with our President Catherine Brockmann, Commander Cory Brockmann, and SAL Detachment Commander Rob Liebenow.



Cory Brockmann (Department Commander) on left Catherine Brockmann (Department President), Santa (Daryl Melzer unit 49), Rob Liebenow (Dept SAL Commander)

Rob Liebenow, Catherine Brockmann, Cory Brockmann



Wreaths Across America

The Wreaths Across America mission is to remember the fallen, honor those who serve, and teach the next generation the value of freedom. The mission is accomplished by supplying wreaths, to designated cemeteries, to be placed on Veteran's graves on National Wreaths Across America Day, which is Saturday, December 16, 2023.

All monies raised from this program will be used to support our Department President and Commander's Project.

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Christmas Gift Shop in Portland

Here are some pictures for the Portland Gift Shop.



"It was a success" said Linda Liebenow (VA & R Committee – Chairman)



Christmas Gift Shop at the Oregon Veterans Home in The Dalles 2023



Forest Grove Light Parade Unit 2



"Our Holiday open house with Santa and the Forest Grove light parade. Our post led the parade with the color guard followed by our float."

**By Sheri Russell Vice
President District 1**



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Birthdays in December

For Our Dept. Officers & chairman
Wishing you a happy birthday!!!

Connie Smith Unit 77
&
Geanne Horne Unit 71



Up Coming Dates 2023/2024:

- Dec. 7th - Pearl Harbor Day
- Dec. 9th - Dept. Christmas Party
- Dec. 16th - Wreaths Across America
- Dec. 22nd - Office is closed.
- Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve
- Dec. 25th - Christmas Day
- Dec. 25th - Office is Closed
- Dec. 29th - Office is Closed
- Dec. 31st - 2023 membership expires, need to renew.
- Dec. 31st - New Years Eve
- Jan. 1st - Happy New Years
- Jan. 1st - Office is Closed

Mid – Winter DEC

Our Mid - Winter DEC will be held virtually on January 20th & 21st. A link will be sent out prior to the meeting.



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 - Vacant
District mtg - Feb 3rd @ Salem 136

DISTRICT 3

District President Roberta 'Bobbi' Peebler
District Vice Suzanne 'Sue' Driver
District mtg - December 9th @Brownsville Post 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 @ Ione Post 95

DISTRICT 7

Vacant

DISTRICT 8

District President Trudie McGriff
District Vice Tawnya Lege
District Mtg - December 19th @ Oregon Trail #150
District Xmas Dinner Dec 19th 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.



From the Department of
Oregon, the American
Legion Auxiliary we want
to wish you all a Happy
Holidays.

