



# What's Happening

April 2024



Department Of Oregon American Legion Axillary HQ.

## Membership in Auxiliary

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

Hello ALA members,  
Now that spring is in full bloom and membership is starting to bloom too. We have 3 goal units and many more to come. DEC is right around the corner. We are going to have a very informative talk about membership by our fantastic office assistant Dani. Also, we have a little over 2 months until the convention. It's time to water our seeds and grow our membership. Remember this is everyone's organization and it is up to all of us to keep our organization thriving.

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April 1st,2024 is the last day for any changes to reflect on 2025 preprinted membership cards from National such as New Members and name changes.

Your dues can be paid to your unit, by phone to National (317) 569-4570 or online at [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org), then click the renew button.

When paying online, please make sure that you are on the ALA Renewal website.



Angie McKinney: Children & Youth Chairman Department of Oregon 2023/2024

## April is Children & Youth Month.

The month of April is children and youth month. During the month of April, you should wear purple to honor our military children, especially on April 15. There are T-shirts available on Amazon that are made specifically for military children to honor them, and they run between \$15 and \$20 each.

April is the month that we honor our military children and have special programs for them, some units honor the children for special things they've done by giving them gifts certificates or cash awards.

Don't forget that we can still give out the youth award for good deeds and youth hero awards. This would be a good time to do the military table to remember all the times the military child has a parent missing to celebrate important parts in their lives. If you need a copy of the military table program, contact me as I can get it for you. Please send me any pictures you take for any event that involves children and youth. I will report it and get it on the Facebook children and youth page.

The military children are referred to as the dandelion's children, because as a dandelion is picked up by the wind, and carried across the area, so are our military children. Every time their parents are stationed in another place, they have to pick them up and move and start over again. Let's remember these children and try and make their lives a little bit better by letting them know we care.

Don't forget we are fast approaching the year end reporting. When you go to do your reports, really stop, and think about all the little things that you do for the children in your area and report it. It doesn't have to be long but report on what you're doing so that we can pay tribute to your good efforts.

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## National President Lisa Williamson

April 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Have you heard our National President Lisa is coming this weekend on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. If you would like to go and meet our national president here are the locations she will be:



- Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> in Florence, Oregon: 3:30PM to 4:15PM – Meet & Greet, Be the One Walk on the Boardwalk
- Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> in Coos Bay, Oregon: (TBD)
- Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>:
  - Roseburg, Oregon: 11:30AM - 1:00PM – Meet & Greet, Lunch at Earle B Stewart #16.
  - Cottage Grove, Oregon: 1:30PM – 2:00PM – Visit the Veterans Park, Be the One Walk
  - Eugene – Santa Clara, Oregon: 4:00PM - 5:00PM – Meet & Greet at American Legion Post 83.
- Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> National President Departs.

For more Detailed information on more detailed information please click the link. [National President Itinerary.docx](#)

## Who Running for 2024/2025



**Cindy Soria**  
For 2024-2025 Department President.

She is our current Department Vice President and Our membership Chairman!! Also, she is our VA&R Rep for our Roseburg.

She currently belongs to unit 123 Fallin- Canyonville and so let's all give her our support and best of luck.

Go Cindy Go!!!

**Dianne Standing**  
For 2024-2025 Department Vice President

Dianne is currently our District 1 President and Washington-Forest Grove Unit #2 Vice President, where she is a member.

Don't forget she is also our Poppy Chairman for department of Oregon.

Best of luck to Dianne and let all support her as well!!

You Got this Dianne!!!



## Round Up News

Well members, looks like our Department President Catherine & Department Commander Cory had to clean up after someone at round-up this year!!!



Our Lovely Department President Catherine Brockmann getting her smile on!!!

**Our Amazing Ladies looking pretty!!!**

- Helen Hisaw
- Linda Liebenow
- Catherine Brockmann
- Jody Marsh
- Ginny Williams







# What's Happening



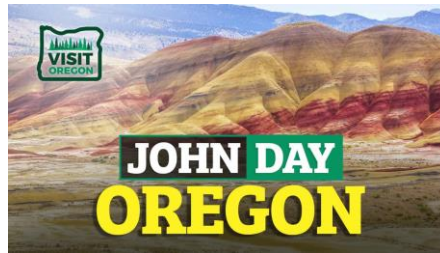
## Air Force Reserve Birthday



### History

On April 14, 2024, the Veterans Land Board will celebrate the 76th birthday of the Air Force Reserve! The goal is to equip combat-ready forces with the ability to fly, fight, and win. Since 1948, when President Harry Truman established the AFR, it has been helping the Air Force accomplish its objectives. Initially, it was only a reserve force, but now it makes up 20% of the active-duty work of the United States Air Force.

## 2024 Spring DEC April



Just a reminder Everyone next Saturday & Sunday is our Spring DEC.

### April 20<sup>th</sup>:

- 9:00 AM – Awareness Walk
- 2:00PM – 3PM - Membership training
- 3PM - 4PM – National Security information
- 5PM - Social Hour at Elks Lodge
- 6PM – Dinner at Elks Lodge

### April 21<sup>st</sup>:

- 8:00AM DEC Meeting

Then depart to go home!!!  
Drive safe everyone!

## Army Reserve Birthday

On April 23, 1908, Congress organized a group of 160 doctors to form the Medical Reserve Corps. The aim was to provide the nation with a team of medical professionals who have been professionally trained to be used during national emergencies. The bill was signed by President Theodore Roosevelt, who was one of the greatest citizen-soldiers of the Army Reserve, a month later. In 1920, Congress established the Organized Reserves for Officers through the National Defense Act. That reserve force today is known as the U.S. Army Reserve.



## Our VA & R Team



On March 27, 2024, our Vice President / Roseburg Rep. Cindy Soria and our VA&R Chairman attended the



National Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans at the Douglas County Fair grounds to help volunteer for our veterans. Nice work ladies!

## Our Department Convention

### Dates

**June 12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>**

More Details coming soon!



## Girls State

2023-2024

Reminder  
Girls State is happening this year. All forms are posted on



the ALA Department of Oregon website.  
<https://alaoregon.org/>

**When:** June 23<sup>rd</sup> - June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Where:** Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR

**Application Deadline is May15, 2024 to apply.**

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## Birthdays in April

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

- **Yvonne Drury**
- **Cyndi Dahl**
- **Karol Satterfield**



## Up Coming Dates 2024:

- April 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> - National President Visit
- April 14<sup>th</sup> - Air Force Reserves Birthday
- April 15<sup>th</sup> - Poppy Posters due to Chairman
- April 20-21 - **Spring DEC (John Day)**
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Army Reserve Birthday
- April 27<sup>th</sup> - Family Fun Day
- May 1<sup>st</sup> - End of Year report due
- May 15<sup>th</sup> - Girls State  
**Applications/Convention Delegates due to department**
- June 1<sup>st</sup> - Poppy Payments to department due
- June 12-15 - **Department Convention**
- June 23-29<sup>th</sup> - Girl's State
- August 23-29<sup>th</sup> - **National Convention (New Orleans)**

## National Convention 2024



The National Convention will be in New Orleans this year. So, mark your Calendars for this event and start preparing. More details to come down the road.

**Dates: August 23<sup>rd</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>**

### DISTRICT 1

District President Dianne Standing

District Vice Sheri Russell

District Mtg - May 18<sup>th</sup> @ Aloha Post #104 - **Caucus**

### DISTRICT 2

District President Gregoria Hernandez

District Vice - **Vacant**

District mtg - May 4<sup>th</sup> @ Lester C Rees Post 57 - **Caucus**

### DISTRICT 3

District President Roberta 'Bobbi' Peebler

District Vice Suzanne 'Sue' Driver

District mtg - May 11<sup>th</sup> @ Lebanon Post 51 @ 1:00PM- **Caucus.**

### DISTRICT 4

District President Patricia "Patsy" Sakraida

District Vice Bonnie Smith

District Mtg - April 27<sup>th</sup> @ Grants Pass Post 28 @ 1PM

### DISTRICT 5

District President Ginny Williams

District Vice Karen Banks

District Mtg - May 11<sup>th</sup> @ Pineville Post 29 - **Caucus**

### DISTRICT 6

District President Maggie LaMont

District Vice Mary Ward

District Mtg - April 13<sup>th</sup> @ La Grande Post 43 @ 2pm - **Caucus**

### DISTRICT 7

**Vacant**

### DISTRICT 8

District President Trudie McGriff

District Vice Tawnya Lege

District Mtg - May 21<sup>st</sup> @ Milwaukie Post 180 @ 6:30PM - **Caucus**

### DISTRICT 9

District President Frankie Trask

District Vice - **Vacant**

District Mtg - **TBD**

### DISTRICT 10

District President Linda Schmidt

District Vice- **Vacant**

District Meeting - April 27<sup>th</sup> @ Ontario Veterans' Hall @ 10AM