



# What's Happening

May 2024



Department Of Oregon American Legion Auxiliary HQ.

## Membership in Auxiliary

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

Hello ALA members,  
Well, the end of year is almost here, and we still have a few things to do this year.

All units should have provided their 2025 Unit dues form information by now to the Department. The deadline was April 15<sup>th</sup>.

By: Cindy Soria  
Vice President/Membership Chairman 2023/2024  
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*Membership Packets for 2025-year Department will start soon to prepare and we will send out an announcement when they are ready for pick up or at the convention.*

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.



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Dianne Standing: Poppy Chairman Department of Oregon 2023/2024

## May is Poppy Month

Do you remember the saying April showers bring May flowers? Well, the month of May brings the Poppies, that little red flower that we all pass out to our communities for them to remember why we do this and some of us do it year-round, which we all should do! We want to remember our fallen soldiers that gave their life for us, not only in May.

May 1<sup>st</sup> the Poppy report is due to me and on June 1<sup>st</sup> your report is due to the Dept. giving your totals and 40% of the amount your Unit received in donations.

May 24<sup>th</sup> is National Poppy Day, what are your plans for that day?

- Make it fun (a cookie drive with a Poppy, lollipops with stickers on them)
- Have a proclamation signed by your mayor to make it a National Poppy day in your town.
- Coloring books for the children and having a Legion member with you is very important.
- Smile and listen to our communities and the Veterans, they can tell you some amazing stories.

I have received many Poppy Posters, and they are all beautiful, the judging of these posters will finalize this weekend.

Are you making a Poppy Display for convention, which will be judged there...

I wish everyone a successful Poppy month and remember to send me pictures. Hope to hear from you soon!

Thank you for all you do!

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## 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Department Convention

June 12<sup>th</sup> - 15th, 2024

Hello members, do you realize our Department Convention is next month? Have you ordered your meals yet or paid for your registration? If not, please send it to the department so we can reserve a spot for you. Registration is \$20.00 per person and \$7.50 per junior / Guest. All members / Guest attending must have their names listed on the form. Just a friendly reminder **No payment will be accepted at the Convention.** If you need additional details, please go to our department website: [www.alaoregon.org](http://www.alaoregon.org) go to the News tab then scroll down and select Convention Info. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you all at the convention this year!!!



## Spring Dec: John Day 2024/2025



**Catherine Brockmann**  
2023-2024 Department President.  
Our department president getting business done at the Spring DEC.

## Spring DEC News

Well, it looks like Department President Catherine is getting closer to reaching her goal for the President's Project this year. All thanks to our Past Department President Debra Godwin and Unit 21 McMinnville. They provided a check with money they raised!!! Well done McMinnville...



**Jody Marsh**  
2023-2024 Department Secretary  
Our Department Secretary, taking roll call and providing information to our other Department Officers.



Our Lovely Department President Catherine Brockmann getting her smile on!!! Receiving her project check



**Yvonne Drury**  
2023/2024 Department National Security Chairman  
Yvonne talks about the difference between VA & R and National Security. Great Training that day...

**Our Amazing Department Chaplin Gregoria!!!**  
Saying the Closing Prayer at our Spring DEC dinner on Saturday.





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## Memorial Day May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024



### History

Memorial Day honors America's military men and women who lost their lives in service to their country. Memorial Day this year is, Monday, May 27, 2024. Memorial Day is not a celebration, but a solemn day to reflect on lives given while defending our nation.

*God Bless America!!!*

## 2024 National Convention



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

The National Convention will be in New Orleans this year. So, mark your calendars for the event and start preparing.

*More details to come down the road.*



## Girls State 2024

Get excited members! Girls State is around the corner and so far, we have 29 young ladies attending.

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

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

**We are still accepting applications until June 12, 2024.**

Please make sure that all applications have the student's shirt size marked at the bottom of the front page of the application.

**Connie Smith**  
**Girls State Director of Oregon**

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All forms are posted on the ALA Department of Oregon website. <https://alaoregon.org/>



## The Rose Court VA & R

### Important update

It is with a heavy heart that the Rose Court will not be able to visit the Portland VA Hospital this year.

The governor's office just called in to take our spot. It was the only opening for us.

They are booking us first next year then we won't get the rug pulled out from under us at the last minute.

We wish the Rose Court a very enlightening time throughout their term.

Geanne Horne  
Rose Court Chair  
503-849-8149 /

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### Friendly reminder

### Memorial Day Office Closure

**When:** Monday, May 27, 2024 - Wednesday, May 29, 2024

**Time:** 8:00am to 4:30pm

**Will reopen on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

**Please leave a voice message, or send an email, if you need any assistance. Provide: Name, phone number, or email address, and the reason for calling/emailing. We will respond in a timely manner.**

**Our Department Administrative Assistant will be out of the office Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup>.**

We do apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Thank you and have a great day!!!



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## Birthdays in May

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

- **Linda Liebenow**
- **Tawnya Lege**



## Up Coming Dates 2024:

- May 27<sup>th</sup>: Memorial Day
- June 1<sup>st</sup>: Poppy Payments due to department
- June 5: Convention meal Forms due.
- June 12<sup>th</sup>: Girls State applications Extended due date.
- June 12-15 - **Department Convention**
- June 23-29<sup>th</sup> - Girl's State
- July 1st: **2024/2025 Installation Reports are Due**
- August 23-29<sup>th</sup> - **National Convention (New Orleans)**



## Items to Remember:

- Poppy reports to Department
- End of the year book of reports
  - All Department Officers
  - All District Presidents
  - All Department Chairmen
- All Convention meal forms
- 24/25 Installation Reports
- All District Caucus reports to department.
- Girl State Applications
- Start getting ready for membership year 2025 - **More details coming soon!**

If you have any questions, please contact the department office for information.

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### 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> @ Santiam Post 51 @ 12 noon- **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> @ Primeville 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 - May 18<sup>th</sup> @ Bay Area Post 34 - **Caucus**

### DISTRICT 10

District President Linda Schmidt

District Vice- **Vacant**

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