



What's Happening

December 2024



Department Of Oregon American Legion
Axillary HQ.

Pearl Harbor

History

Saturday Dec 7th marks National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day and is the 83rd 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.



December is all about Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Month

What can you do under the VA&R Program?

- Support rehabilitation and healing of veterans through arts, crafts, and hobbies.
- If there is no VA hospital close to your community, find opportunities for Auxiliary members to serve veterans in your area, such as serving the homeless.

Help spread the word to help serve our veterans. Don't forget to report the number of veterans you serve, your volunteer hours, mileage, monetary or in-kind donations, and your unit's events and activities. This year's report are due at are due by April 15, 2025.



If you have any questions, please reach out to our Department VA & R Chairman Linda Liebenow @ 503-826-5877. Thank you

Look at Our Dept. Chairman on the right with Sherri Russell at this year's Portland Gift shop doing volunteering for our Veterans and their families.

Thank you, Ladies!!!!



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2024 Department Christmas

McMinnville, OR Post 21.

Hosted by Our Department Secretary Debra Godwin & Post 21



To the Left Madam Vice President Dianne Standing presenting, to Madam President a gift of all the Christmas Cards she received from all the units within Oregon.



Madam President Cindy Soria would like to say thank you to all that attended the Christmas Party. It was a great time. She also wants to thank Debra Godwin and the Post 21 for hosting a wonderful Party.

Portland VA Gift Shop



To the left Our Dept. Detached Commander Rob Liebenow, Our Dept. President Cindy Soria, and Dept. Commander Flynn Phillips at the Portland Gift Shop.

Madam President Cindy Soria visiting Lebanon veterans' home & Portland Gift Shop.



At the top Madam president at the Lebanon Veterans home and at the bottom she is with our Dept. VA & R Chairman Linda Liebenow at the Portland Gift Shop. Madam President will be attending the Dalles Gift Shop this weekend.

Madam President with our District 8 President Barb Summer AKA Nightmare, and Dept VA & R Chairman Linda Liebenow and other members to help at the gift shop. Thank you all, especially Linda Liebenow for all the hard work she has done for our Veterans around the holidays.



The OVH, the Dallas Gift Shop

Opening December 7, 2024, at 10am, shopping that day until 3pm and then again on December 10th from 10am and until all is done. If you would like to help, contact Geanne Horne @ 503-849-8149.





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An Announcement from Our ALA Unit #4 Stevens-Chute



A Christmas party will be held for our Central Oregon Army National Guard personnel and families on December 21, 2024.

Unit 4 has volunteered to help provide a cookie decorating party for the kids, and we need your help.

We need to provide homemade or store-bought cookies ready for decorating, as well as frosting, sprinkles, and other decorator items. Homemade sugar cookies would be great made with cutout Christmas shapes to decorate.

Our December meeting is Wednesday the 18th, so please bring cookies and supplies that afternoon, and Katie will deliver them to the Armory in time for their party.

If you would rather provide cash, Unit 4 is also giving gift cards for the Guard families for Christmas and would appreciate your donation.

If you have any questions, contact Katie at 541-977-6307. Thanks for all you do for our veterans and military families!

Yvonne Drury
2024/2025
Department National Security

A Holiday Reminder!!



Office hours:

- December 24 & 25th closed
- December 31st & January 1st closed

**2025
Year is Coming
Fast!!**



Next DEC:
Mid-Winter Zoom Meeting.
January 18, 2025
At 10:00am.
All are welcome to join.



2024/ 2025 Girls States

Attention all Members our Girls State has been confirmed.

Applications and all forms will be updated by next week and we will mail out to the post that no longer have an Auxiliary Unit as well.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us!!!

Karla Thaler email: ogskarlat@gmail.com or alamembership@alaoregon.org



Dates: June 22nd - 28th
Location: Oregon State





Birthdays in December

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

- **Maggie LaMont**
- **Virginia Biddle - PDP**
- **Patty Cooper -PDP**
- **Angie McKinney - PDP**



Up Coming Dates 2024/ 2025:

- December 7th - Perl Harbor Day
- December 7th & 10th - OVH the Dallas Gift shop open @ 10am -3 pm
- December 18th , 30 Days till DEC
- December 24 &25 - Christmas Eve and Christmas Day!!
- December 31st - New Years Eve
- January 1st - New Years Day - Welcome New Year 2025!!!!
- January 18 - Mid-Winter DEC
- February 14th - Valentins Day



Items to Remember Unit Presidents:

- Bonding forms due to Department are due by the end of December of 2024.
- New Membership applications for 2025 can be processed now.
- Girls State Applications are on the way!!
- Mid-Winter DEC zoom Meeting - 1/18/2025 @10am.

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

Email : alamembership@alaoregon.org

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DISTRICT 1

District President Jody Marsh

District Vice - **Vacant**

District Mtg - December 14th @ Tigard Post #158

DISTRICT 2

District President Glena Smith

District Vice - **Vacant**

District mtg - February 1st @ Canby Post 122

DISTRICT 3

District President Roberta 'Bobbi' Peebler

District Vice Suzanne 'Sue' Driver

District mtg - December 14th @ Brownsville @ Post 184

DISTRICT 4

District President Patricia "Patsy" Sakraida

District Vice Bonnie Smith

District Mtg - January 14th @Grants Pass Post 28 @1pm

DISTRICT 5

District President Ginny Williams

District Vice Karen Banks

District Mtg - March 14th & 15th - Round up!

DISTRICT 6

District President Mary Ward

District Vice Maggie LaMont

District Mtg - **TBD**

DISTRICT 7

Vacant

DISTRICT 8

District President Barb Sumner

District Vice Tawnya Lege

District Mtg -December 17th @ Oregon Trail Post 150 @ 6:30pm

DISTRICT 9

District President Frankie Trask

District Vice - **Vacant**

District Mtg -January 11st @ Reedsport Post - 1PM, Lunch 12 Noon

DISTRICT 10

District President Linda Schmidt

District Vice- **Vacant**

District Meeting -**TBD**