



What's Happening

February 2026



Department Of Oregon American Legion Axillary HQ.

Americanism Month

History

Did you know that February is Americanism Month? This month try and present the flags and flag etiquette to all schools and youth near you. Educate respect for the flag and the importance of voting. Remember, honoring and saluting our flag we demonstrate affection for our nation, fellow citizens, and the proud future we share.

Another important thing to remember is "The Americanism Essay Contest" and the essays are due by 4/1/2026. Contact schools, girl scouts and boy scouts to promote awareness. Here is the link for all Americanism information on our national website: <https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/americanism>

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Lori Vallery: Vice President / Membership Department of Oregon 2025/2026

Our Membership in Auxiliary

Hello ALA members don't forget our next Goal date deadline for membership is March 16th, 2026. It's important to renew your membership for 2026. Those who haven't renewed since 2023 will become former members on January 31st, and those who haven't renewed since 2024 will become expired members. Your dues can be paid to your unit, by phone to National (317) 569-4570 or online at www.alaforveterans.org, then click the renew button.

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

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

VIRGINIA BIDDLE, PDP, LONGEST CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP

Awarded to the Unit with the best narrative report on one or more members, who have had continuous membership in the Auxiliary for the greatest length of time.

- Unit must submit a narrative report giving the background of their candidate(s).
- Report must include the Unit name, number, name of Unit President and name of Unit Chair.
- Not to exceed 500 words

The Membership Chairman and selected judges will determine the winner.

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Presidents Day

February 16, 2026

Washington's Birthday is a U.S. federal holiday celebrated on the third Monday of February in honor of George Washington, the first president of the United States. Increasingly, the holiday has become an occasion to celebrate the birthdays of both President George Washington and President Abraham Lincoln.



2024 Round – Up at District #5



March 20th & 21st, 2026

Where: District #5, Crook County Post #29

Address: 405 N. Main St. Prineville, OR 97754

Time: Saturdays Meeting starts @1:00P.M.

The Post would like everyone to order your meals in advance by March 5th, 2026.

Additional details to follow.

Thank you.

Department President Visits:



Scheduling a visit for this year is not too late. If you wish to schedule a

visit, you can either complete the form or contact the Department to reserve your preferred date. Here is the link for the form.

<https://alaoregon.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Dept-Pres-Visit-Request-Form.pdf>

Thank you.

Office hours: Monday - Friday 8am to 4:30pm

National President Visits:

July 16-19 our National President, Pam Ray, will make a visit. More details will come soon.





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Chaplin Day



On February 1st is the 83rd anniversary of the sinking of the United States Army Transport (USAT) Dorchester and the legendary acts of selflessness by four U.S. Army chaplains who were onboard. Four Chaplains Day was designated by Congress to honor these men for their devotion and sacrifice.

VA&R Donations

OVH - THE DALLES CHRISTMAS SHOP NEEDS: BLANKETS, QUILTS (NO KNITTED), STOCKINGS AND BOXES SUITABLE FOR MAILING

June is approaching fast so start thinking about the Portland Rose Festival Court by donating or volunteering time



A Note from your President

What's Happening everyone, We had District 1 Oratorical at our Post #2 Forest Grove Oregon. We had 2 girls and they both were very good. Lillian Harris from Post#2, 3rd one from the left, won for District 1 and her alternate is Malia Stewart. The Department will have the Oratorical on March 7th, 10am at Post #136 Salem.

I am planning on visiting some Districts in the next few months, I will be contacting the District Presidents to help me arrange some visits. I would love to come and see some of you. Please call me or email me when would be a good time to visit your post or attend an event.

I will be attending a breakfast at Post #21, February 14th and my Vice will be pulling the ticket for the gun raffle, if you still need a ticket contact the Department or my Vice President Lori Vallery.

I will be attending the Americanism Dinner in Tigard, February 17th at 6pm. I also will be attending a convention meeting in Tigard. I am visiting a Unit that has a member that got his service dog from Paws Assisting Veterans my Project, I am so excited about this, I plan on visiting the Service dog facility again this month in Damascus.

Believe in our mission and in yourselves, for you are stronger and more resilient than you know. Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed individuals can make a difference. Your efforts and dedication to our military community are making a profound difference.

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Hillsboro, OR 

ANNUAL CRAB FEED

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14th
2026**

Take out or Dine In

Tickets -

Whole Crab \$25

Half Crab \$15

Shrimp Louie \$15

All meals above include potato sala or
coleslaw and dinner roll.

Tickets on sale unit February 10th, 2026

Call 503-407-312 or 503-648-7191 to
order and send in money. Pick up Tickets
at the door.

Girls State

2025-2026



Applications are due May 15th.

Girls State will be June 20-27. More
information to come. If you have any
questions, please contact:

Karla Thaler

Girls State Director of Oregon

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Birthdays in February

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

Patsy Sakraida Unit #50

Tracy Peets Unit 6



Up Coming Dates 2026:

- Feb 1st - Chaplain Day
- Feb 2nd - Ground Hog Day
- Feb 8th - Super Bowl Sunday
- Feb 12th - Lincoln's B-day
- Feb 14th - Valentines Day
- Feb 16th - Presidents Day
- Feb 22nd - Washington's B-Day
- March 1st - Scholarship Deadline
- March 20th & 21st - District 5 Round Up
- April 1st - Americanism Essays are Due
- April 11-12 - **Spring DEC John Day, OR**
- May 15th-Girls State Apps Due
- June 20-27th - Girl's State
- June -24 -27 Department Convention
- August 28-September 3rd - National Convention (Louisville, KY)

2026 National Convention

Louisville, KY Home of the



Start saving the Date

Date: August 28th - Sept 3rd 2026

Location: Louisville, Kentucky

More details will come later!!

DISTRICT 1

District President Jody Marsh

District Mikkinsy Sailing

District Mtg

DISTRICT 2

District President Glenna Smith

District Vice - Gregoria Hernandez

District mtg - Feb 3rd @ Salem 136

DISTRICT 3

District President Roberta 'Bobbi' Peebler

District Vice Suzanne 'Sue' Driver

District mtg - March 9th @Eugene Post 3

DISTRICT 4

District President Bonnie Smith

District Vice **Vacant**

District Mtg - TBD

DISTRICT 5

District President Esther Reed

District Vice Karen Banks

District Mtg - Feb 3rd @ Prineville

DISTRICT 6

District President Mary Ward

District Vice Maggie LaMont

District Mtg - March 23rd

DISTRICT 7

Vacant

DISTRICT 8

District President Trudie McGriff

District Vice Carol Ward

District Mtg - January 16th @ Oregon Trail #150

DISTRICT 9

District President Cindy Soria

District Vice - **Vacant**

District Mtg - Jan 7th @ Fallin Post#123

DISTRICT 10

District **Vacant**

District **Vacant**

District Meeting -Feb 3rd @ John Day Elks Club