



# What's Happening

January 2026



Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Day in 2026 falls on Monday, January 19, 2026, as it's observed annually on the third Monday of January to honor his birth on January 15, 1929, with many federal offices, schools, and businesses closed for the holiday and service opportunities.

### Key Details

Date: Monday, January 19, 2026.

Significance: A U.S. federal holiday celebrating Dr. King's contributions to civil rights, equality, and peaceful change.

Observance: Often called a "National Day of Service," encouraging volunteering and community service.



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**UNIT INPUT AND INFORMATION**  
Remember that this newsletter is for all of us. If your unit has an upcoming event or has done something spectacular, please let me know via email [alamembership@ala.org](mailto:alamembership@ala.org) and it can be included in the next month's issue.

I will try to get this newsletter out every month as close as possible to the first of the month and no later the 15<sup>th</sup>.

## January is all about Legislative Month

What can you do under the Legislative Program?

- Utilized The American Legion's Legislative Center, [www.legion.org/legislative](http://www.legion.org/legislative), to obtain information on legislative priorities, calls for immediate action, and connect with representatives.
- Call, email, send letters, visit your elected representatives at the local, state, and national levels to advocate for or against legislations based on The American Legion's legislative priorities.

Host a meet the candidate night

- Invite all candidates involved in a specific election for a question-and-answer session, not a debate.
- <https://member.legion-aux.org/member/committees/legislative/How-to-Host-a-Meet-the-Candidate-Night>, The American legion Auxiliary is a 501(c)(19) nonprofit organization.
- All legislative events must be non-partisan to abide by IRS regulations.

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## WEBSITE UPDATES

The website for Department of Oregon is slowly being updated. Please bear with me as I figure it out. I uploaded the 2026 Girls State Application, General Info and school letters for 2026. The application for Scholarships has also been updated to the 2026 form.

You can still use the other forms on the website please just mark it for the 2025-2026 year or 2026 in case of Alamis if they are not current.

Thank you for your patience,

Cheryl Hartley

Administrative Assistant - Department of OR

**Next DEC:**  
Mid-Winter Zoom Meeting.  
January 17, 2026  
At 10:00am.  
All are welcome to join.



## 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!!

Cindy Soria, our Past President, would like to thank everyone for their support and prayers during her recovery.





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## Birthdays in January



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

- **Mary Ward**
- **Dianne Standing – Madame President**
- **Barb Sumner**
- **Bonnie Smith**
- **Jan Hufford - PDP**
- **Gea Clausier –PDP**
- **Deby Levy - PDP**

## Up Coming Dates 2026:

- January 17 - Mid-Winter DEC
- January 19<sup>th</sup> - Martin Luther King Jr.
- February 14<sup>th</sup> - Valentines Day
- March 15 & 16 - Round up
- April 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> SPRING DEC
- June 18 - 21<sup>st</sup> - Dept. Convention
- June 20 - 27<sup>th</sup> - Girls State 2026
- August 22- 28<sup>th</sup> -Natl. Convention



## Items to Remember Unit Presidents:

- Bonding forms are due ASAP. If you have not sent in a payment to department, please send one and notify us.
- *ALAMIS Access Payments are due ASAP to avoid Cancelation by January 4<sup>th</sup>.*
- Girls State Applications have been updated on the website!!
- Mid-Winter DEC zoom Meeting - 1/17/2026 @10am.

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

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**DISTRICT 1**

District President Jody Marsh  
District Vice - Mikkinsy Sailing  
District Mtg - **TBD**

**DISTRICT 2**

District President Glena Smith  
District Vice - Gregoria Hernandez  
District mtg - February 1<sup>st</sup> @ Canby Post 122

**DISTRICT 3**

District President Roberta 'Bobbi' Peebler  
District Vice Suzanne 'Sue' Driver  
District mtg - March 8<sup>th</sup> @ Lebanon@ Post 51

**DISTRICT 4**

District President Bonnie Smith  
District Vice **Vacant**  
District Mtg - January 18<sup>th</sup> @Grants Pass Post 28 @1pm

**DISTRICT 5**

District President Esther Reed  
District Vice Karen Banks  
District Mtg - March 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> - Round up!

**DISTRICT 6**

District President Mary Ward  
District Vice Maggie LaMont  
District Mtg - **TBD**

**DISTRICT 7**

**Vacant**

**DISTRICT 8**

District President Trudie McGruff  
District Vice Carol Ward  
District Mtg -January 18<sup>th</sup> @ Oregon Trail Post 150 @ 6:30pm

**DISTRICT 9**

District President Cindy Soria  
District Vice - **Vacant**  
District Mtg -January 11<sup>st</sup> @ Bay Area Post 34 - 1PM, Lunch 12 Noon

**DISTRICT 10**

District President **Vacant**  
District Vice- **Vacant**  
District Meeting -**TBD**

