



# What's Happening

March 2026



Department Of Oregon American Legion Axillary HQ.

## Community Service Month

Did you know that March is Community Service Month. The purpose of the Community Service Committee is to promote the American Legion Auxiliary's commitment to making our communities better places to live by supporting local service projects.

### What you can do:

- Become visible within your community, Get involved in Community Service projects. Bringing awareness of our mission to support Veterans, Service Members, their families, and community.
- Get involved in your neighborhood by volunteering at the local Food Pantry, Library, Nursing Homes, Domestic Violence Shelter, Senior Citizen Centers, and Assisted Living Centers.
- Attend and represent the Auxiliary at special community celebrations and events.

If you have any questions, please contact: **Gene DeMoss** our Department Community Service chairman

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Dianne Standing: 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026. It's important to renew your membership for 2026. Those who haven't renewed since 2023 are now former members. Members not renewed since 2024 are now expired members.

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 is the last day for any changes to reflect on 2027 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.

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## Navy Reserve Birthday

March 3, 2026

Happy birthday to the Navy Reserve! Here's to many more years of being Ready Now, Anytime, anywhere! Created in response to the outbreak of World War I, legislation for the creation of the Naval Reserve Force was passed on March 3, 1915. Since then, Naval Reservists have served in every major war the United States has fought in. As of December 2014, 17,687 reservists were serving either Individual Ready Reserves or Selected Reserve Sailors.



### Reminder

## 2026 Round – Up at District #5



**March 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**See Flyer for information. Sent by Constant Contact).** Thank you!

## Department President Visits:



Wanna see Madam Dianne Standing Still?

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.

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

Thank you.

Office hours: Monday - Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm

## National President Visits:

July 16-19 our National President will make her visit to Oregon. More detailed dates and times are coming soon.







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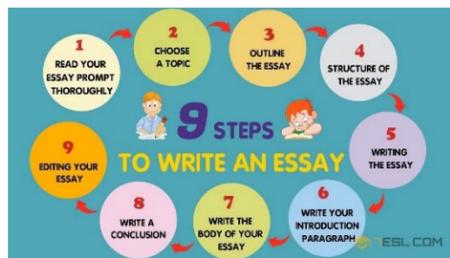


## Medal of Honor Day

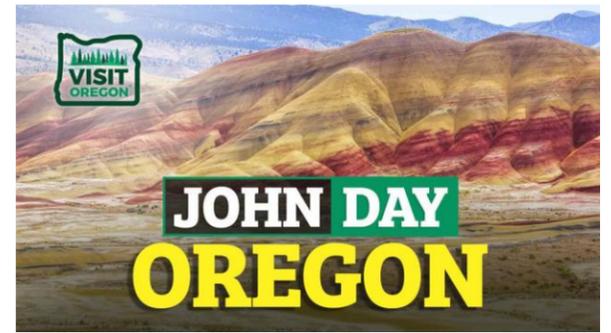


On March 25<sup>th</sup> National Medal of Honor Day is observed to foster public appreciation and recognition of Medal of Honor Recipients. The Medal of Honor is awarded only to US military personnel by the President of the United States in the name of Congress for personal acts of valor above and beyond the call of duty. There are three versions of the Medal of Honor; one for the Army, one for the Navy, and one for the Air Force; Personnel of the Marine Corps and the Coast Guard receive the Navy version.

All Americanism Essays are due March 30 to Our Department Chairman Stephanie Varela.  
Email: [stepaniev\\_ala@yahoo.com](mailto:stepaniev_ala@yahoo.com)



## 2026 Spring DEC



When: April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Where: Ellis Tracy / Unit 77, John Day Oregon

Time: 8:00 AM

*There will be updates on Girl State this Spring DEC.*

*Saturday, April 11, 2026, there will be training with Helen Hisaw.*

Thank you

*Book of Reports due no later than March 30<sup>th</sup> to Dept.*

[alamembership@alaoregon.org](mailto:alamembership@alaoregon.org)

## Children & Youth

Let's support Veterans and youth by

- Coordinate with Family Readiness Groups for button distribution during family days.
- Coordinate with Legion Family members on local community days/fairs etc.
- Have an activity day/dinner for military families at your post home.



If you have any questions, please contact:

Genene DeMoss our Department Children & Youth Chairman

PH : 541-337-8706 Email : [genendm@comcast.net](mailto:genendm@comcast.net)

CALLING ALL DISTRICT PRESIDENTS AND CHAIRMEN!

DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR BOOK OF REPORTS IN MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup> TO DEPT.

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## Girls State

2022 - 2026

Reminder Girls State is happening this year. All forms are posted on the ALA Department of Oregon website. <https://alaoregon.org/>



When: June 20 - June 27, 2026

Where: Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR

**Interest Staff forms & Citizens Application Deadline is May15, 2026 to apply.**

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## Birthdays in March

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



### Up Coming Dates 2025:

- March 3<sup>rd</sup> - Navy Reserve Birthday
- March 5<sup>th</sup> - Last day to RSVP Round up meals.
- March 15<sup>th</sup> - Membership goal by 85%
- March 17<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day
- March 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>
- - District 5 Round up.
- March 29<sup>th</sup> - Vietnam Veterans Day
- March 30<sup>th</sup> - Americanism Essays are due.
- April 11-12<sup>th</sup> - **Spring DEC** (John Day, OR)
- June 20<sup>th</sup>-June 27<sup>th</sup> - **Girls State**
- June 24 - 27<sup>th</sup> - **Department Convention**
- August 22-28<sup>th</sup> - **National Convention** (Tampa Bay, FL)

## National Convention 2026



The National Convention will be in Louisville, Kentucky this year. So, mark your Callender's for this event and start preparing. More details soon to come down the road.

**Dates: August 22<sup>nd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

*AT Louisville, KY*

#### DISTRICT 1

District President Jody Marsh

District Vice -Vacant

District Mtg - March 22<sup>nd</sup> @ Argonne Post #56 @1PM

#### DISTRICT 2

District President Glenna Smith

District Vice - **Vacant**

District mtg - May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ Newberg Post 57

#### DISTRICT 3

District President Roberta 'Bobbi' Peebler

District Vice Suzanne 'Sue' Driver

District mtg - March 8th @ Lebanon Post 51

#### DISTRICT 4

District President Bonnie Smith

District Vice **Vacant**

District Mtg -

#### DISTRICT 5

District President Esther Reed

District Vice Karen Banks

District Mtg - March 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> @ Post 29 Prineville / **ROUND UP!!!**

#### DISTRICT 6

District President Mary Ward

District Vice Maggie LaMont

District Mtg - March 15, 2025 @ 1 PM - **Location contact Mary Ward**

#### DISTRICT 7

**Vacant**

#### DISTRICT 8

District President Trudie McGruff

District Vice Carol Ward

District Mtg -March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30PM @ Portland #1

#### DISTRICT 9

District President Cyndi Soria

District Vice - **Vacant**

District Mtg - April 12<sup>th</sup> @ Bay Area Post #34 @ 1pm

#### DISTRICT 10

District **Vacant**

District Vice- **Vacant!**

District Mtg - April 5, 2025 @ The Veterans Hall in Ontario @ 10am