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April 2026



Department Of Oregon American Legion Axillary HQ.

Membership in Auxiliary

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

Hello ALA members,

Now that spring is in full bloom and membership is starting to bloom too. We have 3 goal units and many more to come. DEC is right around the corner. Also, we have a little over 2 months until the convention. It's time to water our seeds and grow our membership. Remember this is everyone's organization and it is up to all of us to keep our organization thriving.

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April 1st, 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, then click the renew button.

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



Genene DeMoss: Children & Youth Chairman Department of Oregon 2025/2026

April is Children & Youth Month.

The month of April is children and youth month. During the month of April, you should wear purple to honor our military children, especially on April 15. There are T-shirts available on Amazon that are made specifically for military children to honor them, and they run between \$15 and \$20 each.

April is the month that we honor our military children and have special programs for them, some units honor the children for special things they've done by giving them gifts certificates or cash awards.

Don't forget that we can still give out the youth award for good deeds and youth hero awards. This would be a good time to do the military table to remember all the times the military child has a parent missing to celebrate important parts in their lives. If you need a copy of the military table program, contact me as I can get it for you. Please send me any pictures you take for any event that involves children and youth. I will report it and get it on the Facebook children and youth page.

The military children are referred to as the dandelion's children, because as a dandelion is picked up by the wind, and carried across the area, so are our military children. Every time their parents are stationed in another place, they have to pick them up and move and start over again. Let's remember these children and try and make their lives a little bit better by letting them know we care.

Don't forget we are fast approaching the year end reporting. When you go to do your reports, really stop, and think about all the little things that you do for the children in your area and report it. It doesn't have to be long but report on what you're doing so that we can pay tribute to your good efforts.

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National President Pam Ray

July 16th to 19th, 2026 Details coming soon! If you want to help in the planning please let us know at Department!!!



Who Running for 2026/2027

Dianne Standing

For 2026-2027 Department President.

She is our current Department President.

She currently belongs to unit 2 Forest Grove and so let's all give her our support and best of luck.

Go Dianne Go!!!

Message From Madame President

We are all in the busy season of DEC, Convention, Girls State and we are heading to the end of this year.

We had challenges on the way, which was a great opportunity to learn, and we had some success stories. My focus at the mid-winter zoom said it all, I had many challenges which turned out to be learning experiences. I started the New Year with a new me, I am positive and yes, we are going to learn to Communicate.

Thank you to everyone that came to DEC this past weekend. I think we had a productive meeting and an excellent training. Thank you Helen, Jody, Linda and Pam, you guys did a great job! I am very focused on men and woman in the Auxiliary to step up. This was part of our training this week, we have many woman that has served in the same capacity for a long time but are willing to stay on to train other men and woman in the Auxiliary. Please consider what you would like to achieve in the Auxiliary and do not be afraid to step up, there are so many ladies that are willing to help you. Whether it is a chairmanship position or an officer, please know that if it's your passion you can do it and you will get all kinds of help.

Round Up News

Round-Up was success again this year! Dianne Standing announced she would run again for Department President. There were no other announcements at Round-Up.

Pictures from Madame President



RoundUp2026



President's Project

I have visited my project Paws Assisting Veterans and will continue with it next year since I am officially running for Dept. President for my 2nd year. I would like to say (“Here we go again”) lol but my theme and goals are totally different than they are this year.

I went to the Americanism Dinner and met 2 ladies that attended Girls State this past year.

I presented Grants Pass with their Charter with a very nice ceremony. Thank you Linda, Pam, Bonnie, District #4 and Cindy for all your help. I went to #51 for a Prime Rib Dinner to celebrate the Post’s Birthday.

I attended Round Up and got my hat and won at Chicken Bingo. I announced that I was going to run again (why not one more year lol) I have had a lot of fun meeting members from different Units. If you would like me to come and visit an event or meeting, please just reach out and contact me and I will try to make it happen.

If you saw the National President Pam’s Facebook it shows her with a group of Vietnam Veteran Women for Honor Flight. Last night I was privileged to welcome home Irene Wilson she belongs to Post #2 and Unit #2, it was so much fun seeing her just beam with happiness she had a great time, so I have invited her to visit with our National President Pam while she is here in Oregon, July 16-19.



President’s Project Recipient



*Honor
Flight For
WOMEN
VETS*

*Irene
Wilson
returning
home from
her honor
flight.*

*Member of
POST #2
and UNIT
#2 in
Forest
Grove, OR*





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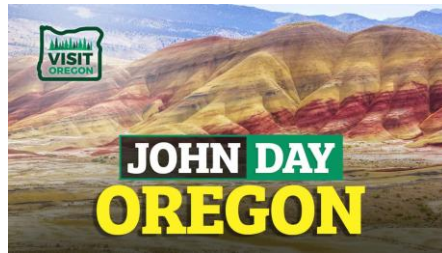
Air Force Reserve Birthday



History

On April 14th, 2026, the Veterans Land Board will celebrate the 80th birthday of the Air Force Reserve! The goal is to equip combat-ready forces with the ability to fly, fight, and win. Since 1948, when President Harry Truman established the AFR, it has been helping the Air Force accomplish its objectives. Initially, it was only a reserve force, but now it makes up 20% of the active-duty work of the United States Air Force.

2026 Spring DEC April



April 11th:

- 9:00 AM – Awareness Walk
- 2:00PM – 3PM - Membership training
- 3PM - 4PM – National Security information
- 5PM - Social Hour at Elks Lodge
- 6PM – Dinner at Elks Lodge

April 12th:

- 8:00AM DEC Meeting

Then depart to go home!!!
Drive safe everyone!

Army Reserve Birthday

On April 23, 1908, Congress organized a group of 160 doctors to form the Medical Reserve Corps. The aim was to provide the nation with a team of medical professionals who have been professionally trained to be used during national emergencies. The bill was signed by President Theodore Roosevelt, who was one of the greatest citizen-soldiers of the Army Reserve, a month later. In 1920, Congress established the Organized Reserves for Officers through the National Defense Act. That reserve force today is known as the U.S. Army Reserve.



Our VA & R Team



On March 27, 2024, our Vice President / Roseburg Rep. Cindy Soria and our VA and R Chairman attended the National Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans at the Douglas County Fair grounds to help volunteer for our veterans, nice work ladies.

Our Department Convention

Dates

June 24th - 27th

More Details coming soon!



Girls State

2025-2026

Reminder

Girls State is happening this year. All forms are posted on



the ALA Department of Oregon website.

<https://alaoregon.org/>

When: June 20th - June 27th, 2026

Where: Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR

Application Deadline is May15, 2026 to apply.

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Birthdays in April

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

- **Yvonne Drury**
- **Cyndi Dahl**
- **Karol Satterfield**



Up Coming Dates 2026:

- April 11th - 12th **Spring DEC** (John Day)
- April 14th - Air Force Reserves Birthday
- April 15th - Poppy Posters due to Chairman
- April 23rd - Army Reserve Birthday
- April 27th - Family Fun Day
- May 1st - End of Year report due
- May 15th - Girls State **Applications & Delegates due to department**
- June 1st - Poppy Payments to department due
- June 24-27 - **Department Convention**
- June 20-27th - Girl's State
- August 22-28th - **National Convention** (Louisville, KY)

National Convention 2026



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

Dates: August 22nd - 28th, 2026

AT Louisville, KY

DISTRICT 1

District President Dianne Standing

District Vice Sheri Russell

District Mtg - May 18th @ Aloha Post #104 - **Caucus**

DISTRICT 2

District President Gregoria Hernandez

District Vice - **Vacant**

District mtg - May 4th @ Lester C Rees Post 57 - **Caucus**

DISTRICT 3

District President Roberta 'Bobbi' Peebler

District Vice Suzanne 'Sue' Driver

District mtg - May 11th @ Timber City Post 133 @ 12 noon- **Caucus.**

DISTRICT 4

District President Bonnie Smith

District Vice

District Mtg - April 27th @ Grants Pass Post 28 @ 1PM

DISTRICT 5

District President Esther Reed

District Vice Karen Banks

District Mtg - May 11th @ Pineville Post 29 - **Caucus**

DISTRICT 6

District President Mary Ward

District Vice Maggie LaMont

District Mtg - April 13th @ La Grande Post 43 @ 2pm - **Caucus**

DISTRICT 7

Vacant

DISTRICT 8

District President Trudie McGriff

District Vice Carol Ward

District Mtg -May 21st @ Milwaukie Post 180 @ 6:30PM - **Caucus**

DISTRICT 9

District President Cindy Soria

District Vice - **Vacant**

District Mtg - **TBD**

DISTRICT 10

District **Vacant**

District Vice- **Vacant**

District Meeting -April 27th @ Ontario Veterans' Hall @ 10AM

