



BOOK OF REPORTS

SPRING DEC

2025-2026

*Department President*

## Book of Reports from your Department President



Happy Spring to everyone, we have had some nice weather the last few days. It has been a busy couple of months. Convention meetings, and it is not far away I think we have some fun things planned for this year. I know change can be hard, but these new ideas will be exciting and fun! I visited Post 90, and we made Valentine bags for the Legion members. I also met Lewis, a black lab that was given to a Vietnam veteran, from Paws Assisting Veterans. The dog and the Veteran were so made for one another. I went to McMinnville and had breakfast where I chose the winner for the raffle (gun). I attended the Americanism Dinner in Tigard, which was very nice, I meant a couple of girls from Girls State that attended this past year. I visited my District 1 meeting in Hillsboro and attended the Oratorical in Salem. I went to Grants Pass and presented them with their Charter; we prepared a small ceremony in front of the Legion and District leaders. They were all excited! Thank you Pam Seely, Linda Liebenow, Bonnie Smith, Cindy Soria and District #4 for all your help and support. Congratulations to Grants Pass. I attended a District #3 meeting, in Brownsville it was great meeting some of the ladies that I have heard Bobbi Peebler talk about (all good) I visited with Lebanon and had a delicious Prime Rib dinner, it was so good and then attended the Unit meeting. Great group of ladies! Round up was so much fun, I got my cowgirl hat and loved it. This is the time when we throw our hats in on who is going to run for Department Vice and Department President. I love my Vice President Lori Vallery and as you read a couple of weeks ago, I sent out a Blast to keep her in your prayers. It has been a difficult time for her and her family, so I read what she wrote to me at Round Up and she will not be running for Department President. Family first and I know how much she loves the Auxiliary! I wish her the very best, and she will still be around so we can see her do what she might be called to do next. With that said, I am running for President for another year. It was so much fun I must do it again. (lol) My learning year, and I will have to share my new goals for the upcoming year. I hope to see some of you at John Day for our Spring DEC.

Blessings,

Dianne Standing

Department of Oregon President

Department Vice President

Department Secretary

Department Treasurer

Department Chaplain

Department Historian

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After a very full schedule in December, things slowed down for our president (for a blink and a half), in January. She made up for it though, in February and March with the following events:

 February:

- 2/10 – Madam President attended the meeting at Unit 90 in Banks,
- 2/14 – McMinnville hosted a breakfast, and they concluded the raffle that was held at Christmas. President Dianne pulled the lucky ticket!
- 2/16 – Our president attended a pancake breakfast at her home post/unit in Forest Grove,
- 2/17 – I joined our president, and others, for the Americanism Dinner at Tigard Post 158. There was a short presentation and dinner was delicious!
- 2/21 – February concluded with the district 1 meeting at the Hillsboro Post 6. The district also provided lunch before the meeting.

 March:

- 3/7 – The Department Oratorical was held at Salem Post 136,
- 3/10 – Madam President drove to Grants Pass to present the charter for Unit 28 and install their officers!
- 3/14 – It was a busy day! Madam President attended the district 3 meeting at Travis Moothart Post 184 in Brownsville, then went to dinner at Santiam Post 51 in Lebanon,

- o 3/20-21 – Her final stop (before DEC) was at District 5 Round-Up at Post 29 in Prineville, where she was presented with her American Legion Auxiliary Cowgirl hat!

Stay tuned for the final chapter!

This concludes my report.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tawnya Lege  
Department Historian

## District 1

### **AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY | DEPARTMENT OF OREGON DISTRICT 1 SPRING REPORT APRIL 2026**

***District Report*** | Jody Marsh, President

Units have spent the past months shining their lights in their local schools and communities preparing for Oregon Girls State, Poppy distribution, honoring local first responders, and supporting aging veterans in independent and assisted living facilities. Included in the following pages are details of the activities of the Units in District 1. I encourage you to read all about their creative efforts to raise funds, support Legion Family programs, engage their members and challenge other Units.

Thank you to Hillsboro Unit 6 for hosting our last meeting, February 21<sup>st</sup>. I was quite happy with the turnout as it was an awful windy, rainy day! Eight Units were represented, with nearly 20 members present. We covered a lot of information and had some good discussion on Post/Auxiliary relationships; some are very good, others need work/better communication, and sadly a few are struggling to remember our common goals...

We were honored to have President Dianne present and she provided information on her project

and shared about her most recent visit to the facility. Vice President Lori Vallery and Historian Tawnya Legge also came and spoke about the importance of membership and recording your Unit

History. Of course, the OR Girls State Chair, Karla Thayler, is a member of D1, so she gave us the

latest news! It is always good to have Department Officers attend District Meetings to visit with more members!

A few topics covered: what Poppy funds can and cannot be used for; Unit challenges and news; shared an article from The American Legion Department Washington on useful information if you

want to hold a District or Department office; and DD-214 retention guidance from the National Judge Advocate.

Our National organization sends informational emails on training opportunities, webinars, and other

various ways that you can learn more about our organization and programs. I think that many of

our members do not see this information. To get on this list, email [Meetings@ALAforVeterans.org](mailto:Meetings@ALAforVeterans.org).

It is a perfect way to learn about a new program, refresh your memory, and get good ideas.

### **DISTRICT 1 UNIT ACTIVITIES ~ JANUARY - MARCH 2026**

#### • **ALOHA #104** | Hilary Holmgren, President

Aloha, Unit #104, has had a challenging year. The Post Commander made decisions in the fall that divided our community. This caused members to pull away, have hurt feelings, and find community elsewhere. As the Unit President I wanted my members to feel seen and heard through

these challenging times. I asked them to stay connected to the American Legion Family, even if they didn't come into our post by volunteering and staying in the loop regarding events. The Post

Commander recently apologized for the mishandling of the situation to the people directly involved.

We are now in a spot where the Auxiliary is slowly returning and rebuilding.

January and February were slow months for us. These were pre-apology months when the community was finding comradery elsewhere.

March has been a successful month. Our Auxiliary Unit hosted our annual big fund raiser, the Corned Beef Dinner, which is St. Patrick's Day themed. Not only did we sell out of tickets, with 100 tickets sold, we had some extra food and were able to sell extra meals too. The overall feel of the evening was exciting. I could tell our members felt glad to see our Post filled again.

I am looking forward to the next three months and setting up our Unit for success.

#### • **ARGONNE #56** | Mikkinsy Saling, President

During these months we hosted our monthly Taco Tuesday which all proceeds go towards girls' state. We have 39 hours for ALA Girls State. We also hosted our annual Crab Feed and St. Paddy's Dinner.

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Members volunteered 160 hours for service to Veterans/ Military. We have \$350.00 spent on veterans. We have helped 100 veterans.

#### • **BANKS #90** | Susan Warrens, President

The big news is that our meetings are now in the afternoon instead of in the evening. The Post and Auxiliary both moved to 3pm to avoid night driving and make it easier to attend. The Unit continues to support our community Bingo night for the Post once or twice a month. We finalized

our activity dates for 2026 – dinners, classes, awards, etc.

In December and January, we provided a timer, judge and monitor for our Oratorical candidate at

two competitions and presented a flower arrangement to Malia at school after the event as a thank

you. We supported the Post by purchasing a large 250-year celebration banner that hangs outside the Post and also purchased a first aid kit for the Post. We purchased two used cabinets for the Post's office to help with storage.

In February we hosted the Department President and utilized her help as we assembled 22 Valentine cookie/candy bags and distributed them to the members of the Post at their meeting and also to 3 members who were homebound.

Our first Facebook page has been developed, and it will be reviewed in April for publication. We re-initiated our efforts for a Girls State candidate at the Banks High School. A Flag Etiquette and Flag Folding class was developed and will be given to all Banks 4<sup>th</sup> graders in May. This joins our 5<sup>th</sup> grade Poppy History class with the Banks school which is scheduled for April. The materials

and presenters (joint partnership with the Legion members) are in place and ready to go! Final planning for our Legion/Auxiliary April Pancake breakfast (including Bingo and door prizes!) was completed and signage posted in the community. We appreciate the great partnership between the Auxiliary and Post members – which makes it much more fun! April is a very busy month for all of us, but we are prepared!

• **CANNON BEACH #168** | Carolyn Anderson, President

Our Sunday Breakfasts are continuing to be popular. About 40 hours of volunteer time is involved each month.

This year we are continuing our 'Bake-less Bake Sale' fundraiser. It has proven to be more successful than the regular bake sale we had in conjunction with our Craft Faire in the past. The Craft Faire will be in August.

Attendance at the monthly meetings has continued to be 12 -15 members. We have some new members helping out at our events.

We continue to handle the door 4 times a year for the Monday Night 'Burgers n Jam'. This provides 16 – 20 hours of volunteer time to help the Post and the SALs.

In February we assisted with the Crab Feed and provided about 40 hours of volunteer time.

In March we supported the Oyster and Fish Dinner. This is not a monthly event yet but will occur several times a year. Volunteer time for the Auxiliary is around 30 hours with additional volunteers

from the Post and SALs.

Watch our website - [www.cannonbeachpost168.org](http://www.cannonbeachpost168.org) – for more information and activities at the Post.

• **CLATSOP #12** | Leanne Dague, President

• **HILLSBORO** Rotating Presidents, Linda Liebenow

With only 4 members attending our meetings, we are not doing much

January: The Post honors the Police officer of the Year with a dinner; the Auxiliary supplies the dessert including enough for the officers to take back to the precincts with them. We also collect stuffed animals to give to the officers to carry in their cars when they come across someone that needs something to hug.

February: The Post honors a Firefighter of the Year. Unusually we have a dinner at the Post but this year the firefighter invited us to present the award at a ceremony that they were having

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honoring their new recruits, firefighters that went above and beyond and also the American Legion

Firefighter of the Year. The Auxiliary presented stuffed animals to them like we do the police officers.

March: The Auxiliary presented the Legionnaires with a Honey Glazed Chicken Birthday dinner at

our regular monthly meeting. We sang Happy Birthday and had Birthday cake.

In March, our SAL had a fund raiser Bingo where the Auxiliary had a soup and french bread dinner

before the Bingo. We don't make much money at this, but it is an event where the SAL makes money on Bingo, the Post makes money off the bar, and the Auxiliary makes money off the dinner. A family event.

The Auxiliary was also able to help one of our Post members getting his car out of impound after

a medical emergency.

• **LOUIS LARSEN #68** | Lori Sherman, President

Our unit has been very active in supporting our veterans and community. We recently hosted a birthday dinner with 68 veterans in attendance, creating a warm and welcoming environment for fellowship and appreciation.

Our Chaplain, Alice Redding, has coordinated monthly visits to a local nursing home where members bring cookies, sing songs, and lead simple crafts. These visits have become something many of the residents truly look forward to, and they continue to be a meaningful way for us to give back too.

Our poppy chairman, Eileen McConnell, has organized several workdays. During these, members created poppy corsages that will be shared and sold at local events, including the 4th of July, helping honor veterans while supporting our programs.

Our unit has one dedicated member, Sue Smith, who is busy sewing lap robes for Christmas time and it's good to be able to know she is an asset to us and our veterans as she can work from home and do something she enjoys. Thank you, Sue!

Membership continues to be a focus. We are proud to welcome 2 new members. Chelsea and Cheryl Mitchell. Cheryl has already stepped into the role of Unit Secretary and is doing an excellent job.

Like many organizations, our members are often pulled in different directions with their time. Even so, we continue to work together towards our shared goal of serving our veterans with dedication and care.

Impact Summary: Veterans Served: 649 | Money Spent \$1,480 | Volunteer Hours 890

In closing, though our schedules may be full and our lives sometimes busy, our commitment to our veterans never wavers. Every visit, every meal, and every small act of kindness reflects the deep respect we carry in our hearts for our veterans we serve. My goal is that our unit will stand united in purpose, be grateful for the opportunity to serve those who have given so much, and proud to continue making a difference together.

• **SEASIDE #99** | Sandra Williams, President

Our January meeting was cancelled, and we had no activity either, quiet month.

In February, the post hosted a Valentines Dinner which was well received by all. No special requests from any of our veterans this month. Our monthly meeting was held as scheduled.

We have no activity in March other than we have been participating in assisting with the taco Tuesday event and weekly preparation of fresh sandwiches for our Bar patrons. Our scheduled meeting was held, and our meeting time has changed to 1:00 pm until further notice.

• **TIGARD #158** | Nancy Scott, President

Tigard Auxiliary Unit 158 members are essential members of the Tigard American Legion family,

helping to keep the Post open and operating. Our members volunteer at the Post shopping for, preparing and serving meals: Dinner on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month, Brunch every Sunday, breakfast, or lunch to the Tigard Rotary on Tuesdays, lunch on Wednesdays, feeding Bingo players

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on Sunday and Tuesday evenings, Tacos on Wednesday evenings, Legion dinners on the first and

third Saturdays and Legion Rider dinners. Our members are also behind the bar Tuesdays through Saturdays, serving beverages with a smile. Our members pick up and sort surplus food from area grocery stores, bring it to the Post to sort it for donation to area food banks, pantries and veterans that live in the area. In addition to handling our Unit membership duties, one member organizes the bi-monthly Post newsletter, sends it to the printer, picks it up from the printer and organizes a crew of volunteers to help prepare approximately 700 newsletters for mailing. Other members spend the last Sunday of each month working outside at the Post: raking leaves, planting flowers, trimming shrubs, cleaning up any other yard debris and/or refuse left by the occasional individual(s) living outside. One member assists the Legion Finance officer with accounting and banking duties once or twice each week. Our Chaplin keeps

track of and sends condolences, "Get-Well" or other sentiments to members as the need arises. For the January through March period, Auxiliary members spent approximately 1900 hours on these Unit/Post related activities and drove an estimated 1300 miles on Unit/Post errands (not including getting to and from the Post). Donations by members to Auxiliary efforts: \$330 In February, we held our annual Americanism Dinner to honor the young women and men that the Tigard Auxiliary and Tigard Legion sponsored at Girls State and Boys State along with the American Legion Baseball coaches. It was great hearing about their experiences, especially since one of the young women we sponsored was selected to attend Girls Nation and one of the baseball teams sponsored by the Tigard Legion went all the way to the American Legion World Series in 2025.

In the first quarter, we raffled another beautiful quilt that was sewn by one of our members. Our earnings from our meals and the raffle in this quarter were approximately \$1,200. Outside of those Auxiliary and Legion activities, our members volunteer in the community. One member volunteered 50 hours this quarter with the Quilts of Valor program: Sewing quilts, contacting veterans, and organizing events to give those quilts to veterans. One member volunteered 189 hours and drove 140 miles: Knitting hats & scarves for children in need, helping at her church, doing gardening and as a Family Community Educator. Another member volunteers with the Elks Club. Four other members donated their efforts to other community programs, volunteering 364 hours, 248 miles and \$82.

**Washington #2** | Juanita Lint, President

Our tired hands took a short break from all the stocking making. This year our goal is 100 and we're hoping other units in district will participate to complete the required 250. We already have a good start on our 100.

We kicked off our \$250 challenge with our Unit's contribution to the Department's website redo and maintenance. We are hoping the other units pledge the same.

We held our 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 Blueberry pancake breakfast in February, in honor of President's Day. This has been a huge success. Our next breakfast will feature French Toast.

We have gained two new members who are very enthusiastic about participating in our activities.

One of the new members volunteered serve in the vacant vice president position. We will make that official at our April meeting.

We continue painting rocks as part of our plan to reduce suicide among veterans.' Some of our Members made patriotic centerpieces for the legion meeting tables. Tablecloths will be available in the near future.

Sheri Russell had long-awaited surgery on her ankle. She is doing well but has an infection. We're looking forward to planning our summer Family Fun Day starting with our meeting in April. Speaking of ALA meeting, we are considering alternating our monthly meeting between the Legion building and a Veteran supporting winery in downtown Forest Grove, I'll let you know how that goes.

District 2

District 3

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The district meeting took place at Travis Moothart Post 184 in Brownsville, Oregon, on March 14, 2026.

Thank you, Unit #184, for hosting. We had a wonderful lunch.

Madam President, Dianne Standing of the Department of Oregon joined our meeting, thank you for everything you do.

It was a small group, and we enjoyed getting together,

I have not received any reports, but the Units have been very busy getting Poppies ready to distribute. Planning parties for the community children for Easter,

Preparing for Memorial Day services.

Many of our Units have assisted with the memorials in our communities.

Updating the Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules.

Units are working very hard on providing for the Veterans, families, and communities.

They have been actively working on membership.

Newport Unit #116 is one member away from 100% as of this report.

A bazaar was held at Albany Unit #10 the end of March, proceeds go to Veterans, families and Children and Youth.

Lebanon Unit #51 aided in making the 107<sup>th</sup> American Legion Birthday party a success. Madam President. Dianne Standing attended. The dinner was incredibly good, and the cake was beautiful.

Eugene Santa Clara has been having Poppy parties on 3 Sundays and the mission of 1000 poppies was completed. Unit members and Veterans made them.

A community Egg Hunt is planned for April 4<sup>th</sup>. On March 31<sup>st</sup> they will be stuffing 2500 eggs and sorting prizes for all ages Flyers were distributed in the community.

The year-end report will have more of all projects that Unit 83 has completed

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Service not Self

Bobbi Peebler District 3

District 4

## District 5

### District #5 President Book of Reports 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter.

#### District 5 President's Report

Our Winter District 5 Meeting (Round-Up) was held on March 21<sup>st</sup>. in Prineville. The hosting unit provided a delicious lunch.

Honored guests at the meeting were Department President, Dianne Standing, PDP's Ginny Williams and Helen Hisaw.

The only person attending who is running for a department position was Dianne Standing. She read a letter From Lori Vallery who shared that she would not be running for department president this year. Dianne let the membership know that she would be running for a second term as Department President. Dianne was honored for her past years' service and was presented with a monetary gift and the past president's white hat.

Our next District meeting will be held in Prineville, it will be our Caucus meeting, to be held on May 2nd, at 1pm. I shared that we should be thinking of who we would like to nominate for the positions of President and Vice President for District 5.

I shared with the members highlights of several trainings that I attended on the American Legion Auxiliary Learning Website. After most of the trainings a power point of the training will be available on the Learning Center. One of the trainings that I attended was on using social media to get information about the Auxiliary units out to the public, we need to be more visible in our communities. The public needs to be informed of all the wonderful things that each of our units are doing to support our veterans, their families, and the community. I shared that I will be working with a couple of the members in Unit 45 to build a District 5 Facebook page where we will be able to share information and updates about each of the unit's activities as well as other functions that are happening statewide. After we get the site on Facebook each unit will be able to send their information to one of the administrators and it will be posted promptly.

Helen read the letter that instructs each of the units to send back to the veteran or destroy the DD214's in the membership files. They are not to be held in the files.

This last weekend Past Unit 45 President Tam Martin, member Julie Woods and I visited Central Oregon's Veteran's Ranch between Redmond and Bend. What an experience to see the ranch where veterans can come and volunteer to work in the nursery, work with farm animals, help build things, buildings or participate and even teach what they have knowledge or skills in. We were shown one area where a veteran had built several fly-tying stations then invited veterans in to learn the art of tying flies. One veteran asked about the opportunity, one veteran delivered the solution. There were so many examples shared with us by two of the board members who were our guides. We hope to partner together soon and host a "Stand-Down" at the ranch, I am so excited at the idea. I will bring some copies of their flyers to the DEC meeting in John Day.

An additional report was presented by Tam Martin, Co-Chair of the Wreaths Across America committee for unit 45. Tam shared that there is a great site on the Auxiliary website that talks about all the wonderful things happening with the program this year, so many innovative ideas.

Department President Dianne Standing presented a slide show on her project Paws Assisting Veterans. This is Dianne's President's Project. PAVE provides highly trained service dogs at no cost to veterans experiencing PTSD, MST, or TBI to enhance their quality of life. Tam Martin shared that they recently had a raffle at one of the last dog agility meets to benefit this organization.

#### **Quarterly reports were given by Unit's 4 and 29**

- Crook County Unit #29, Helen Hisaw
- Bend Unit #4, Karen Banks

#### **Crook County Unit #29**

##### **Unit Report - 2nd. Quarter**

Crook County continues to assist National Guard members with gas cards and groceries. We hold a Grab N Go dinner on the first Friday of every month to raise money for different programs.

An auxiliary member also hosts bingo once a month to support different programs. The last 3 months we have been helping to sponsor our local NJROTC so they can attend an event in Washington DC.

In March, the entire American Legion Post family worked hard to host our District #5 Round Up. There were meals, meetings, chicken bingo, and lots of fun!!

We will start our nominations for officers at our next meeting in April.

#29 is also busy moving into our new meeting room. It's extremely exciting and all hands are on deck. We are waiting now for our new carpet and new preamble.

The accommodation is provided to us by our post.

Total Hours = 48 / Total Money = \$2,400.00 / People served = 50

Helen Hisaw

Unit President

American Legion Auxiliary

Crook County Unit #2

### **Stevens-Chutes ALA Unit 4,**

#### **Unit Report 3<sup>rd</sup>. Quarter**

While Unit 4 has been quiet this winter with several members away in Arizona, we have remained active in our community.

President Karen attended Steven-Chutes American Legion Auxiliary.

monthly breakfasts in February and March at the local memory care facility. It was a privilege to

Submitted by President Karen Banks visit with veteran residents and share a moment with each of them.

Additionally, our treasure Yvonne has introduced a new initiative inspired by another unit. We will be collecting stuffed teddy bears for first responders to distribute to children in traumatic situations.

Looking ahead we are gearing up for Poppy month in May. We will be setting up several locations to distribute poppies and will share those details soon.

Finally, we continue to meet and work closely with our local, American Legion members on shared initiatives.

Best Regards

For God and Country

Karen Banks, Unit 4 President

American Legion Auxiliary

Department of Oregon

**No report was provided by Unit 45, LaPine**

I want to thank each of these unit presidents for their informational reports on unit activities. I am so excited to see both the commitment and energy displayed by the members of our auxiliaries.

This report respectfully submitted,

Esther Reed

District 5 President

Department of Oregon

## District 6

DEC District 6 Report January 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026

UNIT 24 Milton-Freewater, is currently engaged in cleaning the headstones of veterans at the local cemetery, the goal is 250 by Memorial Day. The unit is recruiting new members and hope to have a couple by April. State Representative Greg Smith has committed to attending the post April 15<sup>th</sup> Potluck dinner for a Q&A the Mayer of Milton-Freewater and the Umatilla County Commissioner have also committed to attend. Unit 24 expects some good publicity from this event. One member continues to do all the laundry generated by the post and administrates the post rental of the lodge and the cleaning. Members donate hours at the Clothes Closet, which is a free distribution of clothes for the homeless.

Total Hours 74

Total Cost \$110.00

Total Miles 48

Veterans served 240

UNIT 130 Athena, No meetings in January or February. In March they helped one veteran, new to the area, find housing and donated household goods and food. Total cost \$150.00

UNIT 43 La Grande, No meetings January or February. First meeting for 2026 was March 11. The current president and chaplain have resigned their positions and Vice president Maggie Lamont has stepped into the presidency. The unit celebrated the legion 107<sup>th</sup> birthday having a Burger night at the post with the Auxiliary supplying the Cake. They have started the process of selecting officers for the upcoming year and have all, but Vice president accounted for. Unit 43 plans to continue with the yearly Golf Tournament, as this is their major money maker. They also are planning to have an Easter Dinner on April 4<sup>th</sup>. They voted on NOT increasing the dues amount for the upcoming year. They will continue the

activities of Burger Night on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 50/50 raffle at each activity and participate in Legion sponsored dinners. The Auxiliary cleans the Post every week.

Service to Veterans: 225

Community Service- Veterans: 312

ALA Volunteers. 55.25

Total Cost: \$347.00

# Volunteers. 125

Miles Driven. 596

#Served. 204

Total Hours. 592.25

Earnings. \$13, 922.41

UNIT 37 Hermiston, Unit 37 is proud to announce that they are, once again, listed as a non-profit with the IRS and this has been a great struggle for them for the past eight years. JR. members of unit 37 have decided to hold monthly meetings separate from the post/unit meetings, they are enthusiastic about doing this. The JR. members have attended post/unit meetings and presented the colors for the past several months. Unit 37 handed out Essay-contest forms to three Jr. members. Fifty-Seven vets attended the annual Hearts for Veterans Dinner on 2/14. Unit 37 has been asked by Lynx Hall, in Mc Nary, for help with paying for homeless veterans' meals, the unit is considering honoring this request. Currently three vets have been found in need of help. Some unit members attended Jr. ROTC Competition at a local middle school and look forward to Unit/Post 37's Jr. members competing next year and have offered their support to the organizers of this event. Unit 37 had a membership drive, and it yielded three new members, 4-5 possibles. Three members attended the district 6 meeting held at Post 43 in LaGrande.

UNIT 95 lone/Heppner, The unit sent Birthday flowers to members living in Assisted living homes. In March members drove to Hermiston to hold a meeting at Sun Terrace where two members are currently living. The legion hall has been sold to the city of lone with provisions that the Legion/ Auxiliary will continue to have access to the building. Unit 95 is planning for the Legion birthday dinner and for the annual BINGO fund raiser.

UNIT 140 NO COMMUNICATIONS

District 7

## PRESIDENT VACANT

District 8

District 8

President Trudie Mcgriff

Our Units have been busy doing all kinds of fund raisers. They've had bingo, bunco, luncheon for Amy and all veterans. Breakfast have been served by all. Some have had dinners, potato bars with all kinds of toppings donated and St. Patrick day dinners some had help from Post, Unit, SAL, and ALR. That's teamwork. Love when everyone gets involved together like a family should.

Membership wow I have to commend the Unit that is so close to goal. She worked from her hospital and rehab bed to make goal. She did have help from one unit member who went up to her room and helped her. So proud of her devotion to her office. From that same room she organized with the help of a few auxiliary members the Legions Birthday and it was a great turnout. Thank you all for helping her pull it off.

Easter is being planned and we did spend a night stuffing eggs with the help after their meeting SAL members and the post commander. There will be so many hundreds to put out so pray for no rain.

Members helping clean members' home. Visiting friends in the hospital. Members who are sick. Donations to the liver transplant unit and fisher house. We may be small and they work hard for our veterans. Proud of them.

District 9

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DEC John Day

April 10-12

Hello Department Officers, and Members,

District 9 held their winter district meeting at Roseburg Unit 16 on February 14, 2026. There were 2 members from Fallon 123 and 2 members from Roseburg 16. There were not enough members to hold an official meeting.

President Frankie of Bay Area #34 advised that they have a few members under the weather but getting better. She advised them to be working on membership and striving to make goals. They are actively working Girls State and have 6 girls interested and possibly a few more. She is aware of the deadlines. They held their Annual Birthday Dinner and everyone who attended had a great time...

Fallon Unit 123 is still working in membership and is hoping to reach goal by convention. One member volunteers at the Roseburg VA once a week for 4 hours. There was a Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans celebration on March 25, 2026 at the fairgrounds in Roseburg. Members help serve food to the veterans and guests. There were about 200 Veterans in attendance. The unit is planning a dinner on May 21, 2026. The unit is planning on getting out in the community to sell poppies on poppy week. Also 2 members attended the Valentines Bingo at Roseburg VA. We helped the inpatient veterans with their Bingo cards and served them food and refreshments. When the evening was done, we helped to take them back to their rooms. It is such a awesome feeling to help these veterans.

I am looking forward to our caucus on May 2, 2026, in Reedsport...

For God and Country,  
Cindy Soria  
District 9 President

*District 10*

**PRESIDENT VACANT**

*Administrative*

*Americanism*

*Auxiliary Emergency Fund*  
*Community Service*

Karol Satterfield Community Service Chair I have no report at this time have received nothing from units

*Constitution & By-Laws*

*Distinguished Guest*

*Education & Scholarship*

*Finance*

*Girls State*

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As the end of March approaches, we have had a handful of applications arrive and I am still both shocked and inspired by the impressive resumes these young women have already created. We expect many more in the next few months. The schedule is coming together with several returning guest lecturers. By the time you read this, we will have met with Boys State leadership to coordinate common events and held our early April Commission meeting. I do want to reiterate that this is a mock government program, an exercise in good effective government. If these young women realize their full potential, improve their self-worth, and are better able to speak their minds at the end of the week, so much the better.

Again, with the Blount Family Grant rejection, we are searching for other funding sources and are certainly open to suggestions. If we indeed double our citizen participation, it also doubles the number of polo shirts, increases food and housing expenses while increasing the number of junior counselors we will need. These are good problems to have. Successful creation of those problems depends on all of you reading this report.

I sent an email to all Department Officers and Chairmen along with all District and Post Presidents. As I have said, our job is organizing and conducting a successful Oregon Girls State week. **Your job is getting qualified young 11th-grade women to find out**

**about and attend that week.** Along with the Department website containing information, we have developed a fillable online application that can be sent to [alamembership@alaoregon.org](mailto:alamembership@alaoregon.org) where a sponsoring unit, post or other organization can be connected to the applicant.

We are still in need of volunteers to both join the Oregon Girls State team as well as volunteers to assist during the actual week in June. I guarantee you it will be a fun and rewarding experience.  
Respectfully Submitted,

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*Children & youth*

Children and Youth Book of Reports March 24, 2026

Hello,

I am looking forward to receiving Unit Reports and hearing about all the good work our Units do for our children.

April is the month of the Military Child. If your Unit has Juniors and or Youth and are interested in holding a Military Childs Table Setting Ceremony the full Ceremony is available on [ALAforveterans.org](http://ALAforveterans.org) and looks easy to follow.

Purple up on April 15<sup>th</sup>, Day Of The Military Child

And always remember Kids of deployed are Heros 2.

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Membership  
National Security

**NATIONAL SECURITY ACTIVITIES - DEPARTMENT OF OREGON UNITS**

Reported as of March 26, 2026

*STEVENS-CHUTE UNIT 4, BEND*

The Unit and Post donated \$500 for the local Christmas toy drive, and members brought toys and canned goods for the Central Oregon Veterans Outreach Christmas giving, which goes to veterans and active-duty families in need.

Ongoing, the Unit maintains funds for emergencies that can be requested as needed by the Oregon National Guard Family Readiness Specialist, and works closely on an as-needed basis, with Central Oregon Veterans Outreach to support veterans and active-duty servicemembers and families in need with food, clothing, and gift cards.

Reductions in staff and vast changes in the structure of the Oregon National Guard have changed our ability to help our Family Readiness Specialist whose duties now include several Oregon communities. We have met with her and offered our assistance anywhere there are needs that she cannot meet to serve the families.

The monthly Post/Unit newsletter supports the POW/MIA mission to search for missing personnel with articles of success stories and encouragement to donate to Project Recover that works with DPAA.

The Unit is looking forward to our annual Memorial weekend poppy drive and a yard sale this summer to raise funds for our mission.

The reporting Units in Oregon continue to work for their active duty servicemembers and their families, knowing that their incomes may be inadequate for today's rising economic outlook. Small Units are doing their best to support and care for them.

After sending out a request to Units via our Department email blast, I have received no reports.

Thank you for the appointment as Chair to this worthy and invaluable program.

For God and Country,

**Yvonne Drury**

Yvonne Drury, Chairman  
Department of Oregon National Security

NEC

Spring DEC 2026

NEC Report

Since our last DEC we have held 4 Executive Session Zoom meetings of the NEC which are confidential and cannot be reported on and our regular Mid-Winter Zoom meeting on February 28th. During our Mid-Winter Zoom meeting the NEC voted on several housekeeping changes to the National Standing Rules. We heard a review from the outside independent audit company with no recommendations or corrections. 32-unit charters were accepted for cancellation. This included our charter for Francis M. Yost # 59. This leaves National with a total of 7254 active units. We ratified the changes to two National appointments.

March 1-4, I traveled to Washington DC for the Washington DC conference. I attended the Legislative meeting on Monday and the National Commanders call. During the Legislative meeting we heard from the different divisions of the Washington DC office Legislative committee. At the Commander's call we were given the Commanders priorities for our veterans that he wanted us to bring to our Representatives and Senators when we visited them on Capitol Hill. Tuesday the Oregon Delegation went to Capitol Hill to talk with the elected officials from Oregon.

Pam Seelye  
NEC

Poppie & Posters

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Poppy Days are coming up already next month! Remember to wear a Poppy and celebrate National Poppy Day 5/22/26. Units will be out distributing Poppies Nationwide, setting up Poppy Displays, and handing out Poppy Color Books to the children, educating communities the importance of the Poppy.

Every Poppy. Every dollar. Every act of kindness makes a difference.

Everyone attending convention please don't forget your Poppy Hats and Poppy Displays. There will be prizes for the winners again this year.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

Poppy Posters due to Department Chairman by 4/15/26

Year end reports due to Department Chairman by 5/1/26

National Poppy Day 5/22/25

#### The Poppy

I am not a badge of honor, I am not a racial smear, I am not a fashion statement. To be worn but once a year,

I am not glorification of conflict of war. I am not a paper ornament, or a token, I am more.

I am a loving memory of a Father, Mother Daughter or a Son. A permanent reminder of each and every one.

I'm paper or enamel, I'm old or shining new, I'm a way of saying thank you to every one of you.

I am a simple Poppy, a reminder to you all, that courage, faith and honor will stand where heroes fall.

Respectfully Submitted

Poppy Chairman, Margie Demoss

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# VA & R

## SPRING DEC BOOK OF REPORTS 2026

### VA&R

It has been quiet since the beginning of the year. I have not heard about a whole lot happening.

But we still have our on-going projects year-round. We are still providing food for the patients in the Liver/Kidney Transplant Unit every two weeks. Units are still providing meals for our Veterans.

I want to thank our NEC, Pam Seelye, for going to The Legion Washington Conference in Washington D.C. in my place. During the conference, they learned about the current Legislative program that the Legion is highlighting and visited our Oregon Congress people on the hill.

We bought items for the Diaper Bag Program at Portland VA. People like to buy the cute clothing items, but they needed the “baby utensils”. The things out there now are sure different than when I was a new mother.

We received \$325 from Wreaths Across America for the \$5 buyback program. That money went to the President’s Project, P.A.W.S. Thank you to everyone who ordered wreaths and used the code for the Auxiliary.

Roseburg VA had a Valentine Bingo for Veterans and family members. Our Hospital Rep, Cindy Soria, was there to help.

I hope that everyone is working hard to record all the things that you are doing for our Veterans so that you will be ready for the year-end reports coming up soon. I am looking forward to seeing what you have done and reading your reports. I hope that there will be many entries for the VA&R awards, check the 2026 VA&R bulletin for them. Make sure that you have current information.

Thanks for all you do for our Veterans.

Linda Liebenow  
VA&R Chairman