



What's Happening



May 2026

Department Of Oregon American Legion Axillary HQ.

Membership

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

Well, the end of year is almost here, and we still have a few things to do this year.

All units should provide their 2026 Unit dues form information to the Department. **The deadline is May 1stth. If you have not sent them in, please do ASAP before it is too late. IF the information is not received Units will be charged by National to change their rates.**

Lori Vallery

Vice President/Membership Chairman

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Membership Packets for 2026-2027 will be ready to pick up at the convention. They will not be ready before the Convention.

Dues can be paid to your unit, by phone to National (317) 569-4570, or online at www.alaforveterans.org, click **RENEW**.

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



Margie DeMoss: Poppy Chairman Department of Oregon 2025/2026

May is Poppy Month

Do you remember the saying April showers bring May flowers? Well, the month of May brings the Poppies, that little red flower that we all pass out to our communities for them to remember why we do this and some of us do it year-round, which we all should do! We want to remember our fallen soldiers that gave their life for us, not only in May.

May 1st the Poppy report is due to me and on June 1st your report is due to the Dept. giving your totals and 40% of the amount your Unit received in donations. May 24th is National Poppy Day, what are your plans for that day?

- Make it fun (a cookie drive with a Poppy, lollipops with stickers on them)
- Have a proclamation signed by your mayor to make it a National Poppy Day in your town.
- Coloring books for the children and having a Legion member with you is especially important.
- Smile and listen to our communities and the Veterans, they can tell you some amazing stories.

I have received many Poppy Posters, and they are all beautiful, the judging of these posters will finalize this weekend.

Are you making a Poppy Display for convention, which will be judged there...

I wish everyone a successful Poppy month and remember to send me pictures.

Hope to hear from you soon!

Thank you for all you do!

Margie DeMoss Poppy Chairman

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104th Annual Department Convention

June 24th - 27th, 2026

Hello members, our Department Convention is next month. Please see below to find more information. It will be held in Lincoln City, OR at the Chinook Winds Casino.

Lodging, Meal Order forms, Schedule of Events and Delegate Strength are on the website under News then Convention.

Convention Registration and Delegate Fees is on the website under Forms.

<https://alaoregon.org/> Thank you and we look forward to seeing you all at the convention this year!!!



National President Pam Ray



Our National President will be visiting.
July 16-19, 2026

The itinerary for National President Pam's visit is in the works!

Pam Ray is a 69-year PUFL member of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Illinois, through her late father, Clay Lofton, who served during the Korean War and WWII. She and her family have been very active participants in The American Legion Family.

She has served in numerous unit-, district-, and department-level offices and chairmanships. National: chair of Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, ALA Girls Nation, Junior Activities, National Security, Membership, Constitution & Bylaws, and Children & Youth committees. Served on the National Executive Committee and ALA Strategic Planning Committee; also served as vice chair of Americanism, Public Relations, and Junior Activities committees, as well as American Legion Auxiliary national vice president.

Pam wanted to be a nurse from the young age of 3. She achieved that dream in 1977 and had a wonderful 47-year career. She loves caring for people who need her help. She has worked in the Burn Center, Pediatrics, Neurosurgery, and spent much of her career caring for head and neck cancer patients and their families. She has had family members suffer from this terrible illness and is able to assist families in understanding what is happening to their loved ones.

Pam's passion has always been helping people. She has found that the ALA's mission is a way to continue doing that. Her family is her other passion. What better way to bring the two together than with a theme of Mission Driven, Family Focused.

Please save these dates so that you can meet her and show her our Oregon hospitality!

CANDIDATES FOR 2026-2027

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT



Dianne Standing

Dianne is currently our Department President, and she belongs to Washington-Forest Grove Unit #2. She has been Department VP and Dept. membership chair as well as Dept Poppy Chair and District President.

Best of Luck Dianne and let us all support her!

DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT

Tawnya Lege

Tawnya is currently our Department Historian and belongs to Milwaukie Unit #180. She has been District 8 Vice President and treasurer for the district and her unit.

Best of luck to her and let all support her as well!!



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Memorial Day May 25th, 2026



History

Memorial Day honors America's military men and women who lost their lives in service to their country. Memorial Day this year will occur on Monday, May 25, 2026. Memorial Day is not a celebration but a solemn day to reflect on veterans and military personnel who are deceased.

God Bless America!!



Please say a prayer for all our current veterans & Military service members in addition to remembering all the fallen military members as well!!!!

Let us have a great rest of our year. Thank you all for all you do, Madam President Dianne Standing. It was an honor working with you this year.



- May 15th all Girls State fully paid applications and staff interest forms are due to department.
- ALL Convention forms must be turned in by May 30th.
- July 1st All Unit Installations forms are due to department.

Girls State 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 May 15, 2026.

Karla Thaler



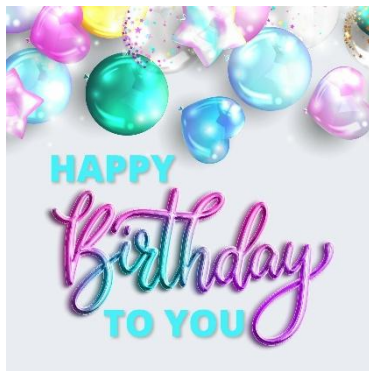
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Birthdays in May

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

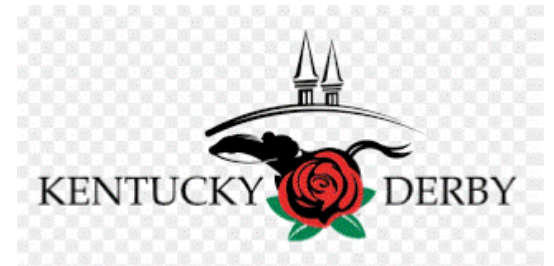
- **Lori Vallery**
- **Tawnya Lege**
- **Linda Liebenow**



Up Coming Dates 2026:

- May 15th - Girls State
Applications & Delegates due to department
- May 15th - All district reports due to Department.
- May 30th - All Delegates and meal forms are due for convention.
- June 1st - Poppy Proceeds (40%) due to department.
- June 24th - 27th - **Department Convention**
- June 20-27th - Girl's State
- August 28-Sept 3rd - **National Convention (Louisville, KY)**

National Convention 2026



The National Convention will be in Louisville, KY. So, mark your Calendar for this event and start preparing. More details soon to come down the road.

August 28th - September 3rd

DISTRICT 1

District President Jody Marsh

District Vice Mikkinsy Saling

District Mtg - May 9th @ Seaside Post #99 @ 1PM - **Caucus**

DISTRICT 2

District President Gregoria Hernandez

District Vice - **Vacant**

District Mtg - May 2nd @ Salem Post 17 1PM - **Caucus**

DISTRICT 3

District President Roberta 'Bobbi' Peebler

District Vice Suzanne 'Sue' Driver

District Mtg - May 9th @ Albany Post 10 @ 12 NOON- **Caucus.**

DISTRICT 4

District President Bonnie Smith

District Vice **Vacant**

District Mtg - **April 18th - Grants Pass Post 28**

DISTRICT 5

District President Esther Reed

District Vice Karen Banks

District Mtg - May 2nd @ Pineville Post 29 @ 1PM- **Caucus**

DISTRICT 6

District President Mary Ward

District Vice Maggie LaMont

District Mtg - April 24th LaGrande Post Noon Lunch Mtg 1PM - **Caucus**

DISTRICT 7

Vacant

DISTRICT 8

District President Trudie McGriff

District Vice Carol Ward

District Mtg - May 19th @ Oregon Trail Post 150 @ 6:30PM - **Caucus**

DISTRICT 9

District President Cindy Soria

District Vice - **Vacant**

District Mtg - May 2nd at Reedsport Senior Center (sponsored Bay Area Post 34 @ 1PM - **Caucus**

DISTRICT 10

District President **Vacant**

District Vice- **Vacant**

District Mtg - May 2nd Ontario Post 67 Mtg 10 AM Noon Lunch - **Caucus**