

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF OREGON**

**DEPARTMENT CONVENTION MEETINGS
JUNE 26TH-29TH, 2019
ASTORIA, OREGON**

June 27th, 2019

Convention Meeting Minutes

The Sgt.-at-Arms along with the Asst. Sgt.-at-Arms advanced the colors of the United States of America and the colors of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Oregon, followed by the Unit colors

Department President Krisann Owens calls Convention to order.

- **Offered Prayer-Lori Sherman**
- **Pledge of Allegiance-Trudi McGriff**
- **National Anthem-Cheryl Park**
- **Dept. ALA Preamble-Ardis Snyder**

Department President Krisann

Welcome to our 100th annual convention.

Linda Liebenow-Department Secretary: Moves that we dispense with the call to Convention because it was already emailed to you. Motion seconded.

Krisann; Any Discussion? Motion carried.

Parliamentarian Ardis Snyder; Rules of the Department Convention. Ardis read rules 7-11 as requested by the President. The convention rules were handed out. Ardis moved that we adopt the convention rules as read. Motion seconded.

Krisann; Any Discussion? Motion carried.

Krisann Owens: Resolutions

Helen Hisaw, Crook County Unit #29, Home of Chicken BINGO; Margie Tucker La Grande Unit #43 will be reading a resolution. Reads Courtesy Resolution Astoria Post/Unit #12.

Margie Tucker Unit #43 La Grande; Reads Courtesy Resolution Department President

Cyndi Dahl PDP, Credentials Chairman: We have a quorum of 96 voting strength.

Jody Marsh: Explains the pictures (two lips) behind the Officers.

Pending Approval

Chairman Reports

Leadership:

April Judy, La Pine #45 District #5, Leadership Chairman; I have 2 Appreciations to give out today. I only received 3 reports. Appreciation Award goes to Oregon Trail #150 and La Grande Unit #43. The Patty Cooper Unit Leadership Award goes to North Eugene/Santa Clara Unit #83.

Chairman Coordinator

Karol Satterfield, North Eugene/Santa Clara #83 District #3, Chairman Coordinator; Report is in the Book of reports. Thanked President for appointing her Chairman Coordinator this year. I have an appreciation to give to the Sergeant at Arms and Asst. Sergeant at Arms.

Past President Parley

Helen Hisaw, PDP, Crook County #29 District #5, Past President's Parley: The Gen Horne Past Presidents Parley award goes to North Eugene Santa Clara Unit #83 for the best Past Presidents Parley activities report.

Cheryl Park, Milwaukie #180 District #8: Presented to President, Krisann, on behalf of PDP Patty Cooper. It was a Norse Treasure Box with useful things for the Department President.

Children & Youth

Bobbi Peebler, District #3 Unit #51; Participation Certificates for everyone. 4 Supplemental received. Reports turned in for awards.

- Cheryl Park Children & Youth Award goes to North Eugene/ Santa Clara Unit #83
- Pam Seelye Children & Youth Award goes to Crook County Unit #29

Report is in the Book of Reports

Constitution & By Laws

Ardis Snyder, Argonne Unit #56, District #1, Constitution & By Laws Chairman; Out of 73 Units, only 14 Units sent in reviewed copies of their Constitution & By Laws and Standing Rules. 13 Units do not have a copy on file with this Chairman. 23 Units have a 2016 or newer copy on file meaning 50 Units have not updated since the Department of Oregon's Constitution & By Laws and Standing Rules were drastically changed. Please check your Units and send in renewed copies. If no changes, send in a letter stating that you have reviewed them, and no changes were made. Dues are part of that. Every Unit in District #10 sent in updated Constitution & Bylaws and Standing Rules.

National Security

Pam Seelye, Unit #110, District #2, National Security Chairmen; Report is in the Book of Reports. Read additional report (attached.) No Unit qualified for the Phyllis Parent National Security/Civil Preparedness Award.

Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF)

Cindy Lee, Unit #29, District #5, AEF Chairman; Report is in the Book of Reports.
The Jaunetta Gunder Auxiliary Emergency Award goes to Tigard, Unit #158.

Chaplain

Lori Sherman, Louis Larson #68, District #1, Department Chaplain;
Chaplain Award for the best Prayer Book goes to Crook County #29, District #5
Cherita Potter Chaplain Achievement Award goes to Linda Salisbury, Harney County #63,
District #10.

Poppy

Cindy Soria, Glenn Morrison Unit #70, District #4, Poppy Chairman: I am giving out certificates to all participants. I did not receive any supplemental reports.

10 posters received, all from Unit #68 Louis Larsen, District #1. 2 posters were sent to National; Abraham Gurt and Michael Hartley.

Certificate Appreciation goes to Unit #68 Louis Larson, District #1 for working hard at promoting the Poppy Program.

Presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Santiam Unit #51, District #3 for the Poppy Book that they sent in with pictures of them promoting the poppy.

NEC Rob Liebenow introduces Past Post Commander, Past District Commander, Past Department Commander, Past National Vice Commander, and after National Convention he will be the leading Candidate for National Commander, from the state of Texas, Paul Diller. Paul expresses his appreciation for the Auxiliary's hospitality.

Jody Marsh; Explains that Helen Hisaw has been inducted into PDP and reads her charges. Ginny Williams Distinguished Guest Chairman explains when PDP Helen Hisaw speaks, she has a phrase to say. "Call me Crash and I fall in a Flash. Tuck and roll, Tuck and roll. To the bottom of the stairs I go! MOOOOOOOO! The cow say moo. She makes milk for me and you. I like milk and cheese. Today I am fuzzy because I missed my milk and cheese. MOOOOOOOO!!!!

VA&R

Cheryl Park, Milwaukee #180, District #8, VA&R Chairman; Report is in the Book of Reports. One thing, at the bottom of the report, I want to call your attention to. Portland will be the Official Host City, in 2020, for the National Veterans Wheelchair Games, through the Portland Veterans Administrative Hospital. They will be looking for hundreds of volunteers. The games will be in July 2020. More information coming soon from VA Hospital.

AVARDS

- Angelina McKinney Award membership 10-99: Oregon Trail #150 District #8
- Linda Liebenow Award membership 100-160: North Eugene Santa Clara #83 District #3
- Cheryl Hufford Award membership 161-250: NO ENTRY
- Clara Scott Award membership 251 or more: La Grande #43 District #6

Pending Approval

- Dorothy Ginn Hospital Award; North Eugene Santa Clara #83 District #3
- Arlene Downing Veterans Affairs Award: North Eugene Santa Clara #83 District #3
- Tom & Mardell Hufford Award: North Eugene Santa Clara #83 District #3
- Trudie McGriff Service to Veterans Award: North Eugene Santa Clara #83 District #3

Cheryl also gave out participation certificates to each Unit that submitted a Year End Supplemental Report.

- La Grande #43, District# 6
- Harney County #63, District #10
- Louis Larson #68, District #1
- North Eugene/ Santa Clara #83, District #3
- Aloha #104, District #1
- Oregon Trail #150, District #8
- Milwaukie #180, District #8

Legislative

Erin Walters, Milwaukie #180, District #8, Legislative Chairman: Report is in the Book of Reports. NO Awards to present because of no entries. Look up US Supreme court case on American Legion. It tells you why we do what we do, why we're important, participating in Legislation and taking care of Veterans AND the second word in our preamble which is "God".

American Legion has put forth the following Legislation for Veterans:

- GI Bill
- Agent Orange passed as a disability
- Oregon Veterans Lottery Bill

Community Service

Margie DeMoss, North Eugene/Santa Clara Unit #83, District #3, Community Service Chairmen; Report is in the Book of Reports

AWARDS

Lois Peterson Community Service Award-Louis Larson #68, District #1

Mary Larsen Best Community Service Report- North Eugene /Santa Clara #83, District #3

Community Service Award for Units under 150: North Eugene/ Santa Clara #83, District #3

Certificates to all Units that participated.

Education & Scholarship

Carole Kauffman, Oregon Trail #150, District #8: Education & Scholarship Chairman; Report is in the Book of Reports. It is difficult to get materials in schools. Home schools and private schools are the major contributors to the reports. About half of returned programs reported that they have given scholarships of their own (\$500.00 or \$1k) to where they set up their own Committee to evaluate the students and chose. Schools are glad to receive the school supplies that we are collecting and donating.

Pending Approval

Evelyn Ogilvie Education Award- Margie DeMoss, North Eugene/ Santa Clara #83 District #3
Nurses Scholarship Award-NO ENTRY
Five scholarship applications were received for the Children of Warriors scholarship. Two were sent on for further judging.

Krisann introduces Tori Carroll- Girls State Governor

Tori talks about her experience at Girls State. Girls broke out into groups;

Mock Government

Journalism

Legislative

- House
- Senate
- Lobbyist
- Mock Trials

Learned how to write a Bill

Activities that helped Veterans:

Socks for Soldiers

Pocket Flags

Thank You Cards for Veterans in Veteran Homes

Candle Lighting Ceremony

Party

Follies

Girls Nation (test/interviews/questions/writing bill/speech/vote)

Amazing General Assemblies

Amazing Keynote Speakers

I go to school in Idaho, but my Unit is in Oregon (Ontario, Unit #67)

Shared all the games and activities.

Was in Hisaw County

Any Questions?

Debra Ash District 1 Unit 6: Tell us about the ALA Reception

Maggie LaMont La Grande Unit #43: Compliments Tori on her report. What was your Hisaw cheer? Tori: we struggled at cheers.

Helen Hisaw recites her ditty so that she can talk.

Tori introduced her Mother, Beulah Carroll.

Americanism

Trudi McGriff, Portland Unit #1, District #8, Americanism Chairman: Report is in the Book of Reports

Awards

- Essay Award Class I: Destiny Lynn McKay, Louis Larson #68, District #1

Pending Approval

- Essay Award Class II: Michael Hartley, Louis Larson #68, District #1
- Essay Award Class III: Ioaus Krutzer, Louis Larson #68, District #1
- Essay Award Class IV: Abraham Gurt, Louis Larson #68, District #1
- Essay Award Class V: David Reeves, Louis Larson #68, District #1
- Krisann Owens Americanism Award: #4 Stevens Chute, District #5

Meeting Adjourned

Friday, June 28th Session 9:30am

Department President Krisann Owens calls convention to order

- Opening Prayer: Lori Sherman Department Chaplain
- Pledge of Allegiance: Trudi McGriff Americanism Chairman

Department President Krisann Owens announced the Unity Award winner announced at last night's banquet: North Eugene/ Santa Clara #83, District #3
PDD Helen Hisaw Announced the Woman of the Year Award: Edna Redhead, Crook County Unit #29, District #5.

Credentials Report

Cyndi Dahl PDP Argonne Unit #56: We have 63 Delegates and 30 Delegates At Large for a total of 93. We have a Quorum

Chaplain Prayer Book presented to President, Krisann by Department Chaplain Lori Sherman

Jr Activities

Angie McKinney, Oregon Trail #150, District #8 PDP, Junior Activities Chairman; Announced Jr. (get READING) Member of the Haley DeMoss. Her application was forwarded to National as a Candidate for National Jr Member of the Year. Read the Jr. Activities Report (In the Book of Reports.) Angie called all Jr. members forward for recognition.

President Krisann asked for all members that started as Junior members to stand. There were six Senior members that started as Junior members.

Public Relations

Gene DeMoss, North Eugene/Santa Clara #83 District #3, Public Relations Chairman: Report in the Book of Reports. Gave certificate to all who sent a report.

Awards

Best Public Relations Report goes to: District #6 Le Grande Unit #43

Chairmanship Coordinator Karol Satterfield District #3 North Eugene Santa Clara Unit #83; Expressed her gratitude to Krisann Owens

Pending Approval

History

Phyllis McDaniel, Steven-Chute #4, District #5, Department Historian

Awards

Linda Boone Unit History: Hillsboro Unit #6 (Thank You Joann Ostlund)

Gen Horne Unit President Memory Book: NO ENTRY

Trudie McGriff Americanism Chairman

Awards

Maxine Bigalow Award given to: Crook County Unit #28, District #5

Membership

Gea Clausier, Willamette Falls Unit #5, District #8, Membership Chairman: Report is in the Book or Reports

Awards

Crook County Membership Award: One or more Members w/continuous Membership with ALA for longest period of time: Crook County Unit #29, District #5 (60 years or more) 2 Members;

Maxine Cole 65years, Mary Canon 63years (get READING)

Toni Epperson Membership Award: North Eugene/ Santa Clara Unit #83, District #3

Membership Award 10-75: Ray Johnson Unit #45, District #5

Jody Marsh Membership 76-150: Cannon Beach Unit #168, District #1

Membership Award 151-300: Canby Unit #122, District #2

Virginia Biddle Membership 301-450: No Units in this Category

Marlene Wettstein Membership Award 451 & Over: Santiam Unit #51, District #3

District President Membership Award: Linda Schmidt, District 10

Longest Continuous Award: Crook County Unit #29, District #5

Evelyn Ogilvie Membership Award: NO ENTRY

Estelle Kroeger Memorial Membership Award: NO ENTRY

Larry Wittmeyer District #8 Commander; In lieu of the Membership competition between the Legion and Auxiliary, Larry presented Krisann with some pickled herring

Vice President, Gea Clausier assumed the chair

Unit Activities

Department President Krisann Owens

Award

American Legion Auxiliary Unit Activities Award goes to: North Eugene/ Santa Clara Unit #83, District #3

Information was not available to award the other Unit Activities Awards

President, Krisann, resumed the chair.

Pending Approval

Krisann Called for a 15 Minute Recess.

Department President Krisann Owens instructs Sergeant at Arms Barbara Sumner to secure the doors.

Credentials

Cyndi Dahl PDD: All present and accounted for. We have a Quorum.

Nominations for Department President are open.

Tawnya Lege, Willamette Falls Unit #5, District #8 nominates Gea Clausier.

Dept. President Krisann ask if there are any other nominations for Department President.

Hearing none, the Chair declares the nominations closed and Gea Clausier elected Department President.

New Department President-elect Gea Clausier takes podium, thanks everyone and gives podium back to Krisann

Krisann: Nominations for Department Vice President are now open.

Roll Call of Units for Delegate Strength

Linda Liebenow instructs Delegates to line up in numeric order according to Unit number. 1

Delegate from each Unit. (see roll sheet)

Unit/Representative/Delegate-Delegate at Large

1 Trudi McGriff 4-3

4 Yvonne Drury 2-3

5 Tawyna Lege 2-1

6 Debra Ashe 2-1

10 Penny McCarthy 7-0

15 Donna Hartwell 3-0

21 Debra Godwin 3-1

24 Lynda Dryden 2-0

29 Cindy Lee 4-4

34 Lois McPherson 3-1

43 Maggie La Mont 4-1

45 April Judy 5-1

51 Doris Fuller 10-2

56 Georgia Delozier 3-2

59 Marilyn Garner 2-0

63 Shirley Torrey 2-1

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68 Susan Smith 2-1
70 Cindy Soria 3-1
83 Margie DeMoss 3-3
99 Bev Neubecker 4-1
104 Catharine Brockmann 5-0
110 Pam Seelye 2-1
135 Geanne Horne 2-0
150 Sandy Garten 3-2
158 Nancy Scott 6-2
168 Carolyn Anderson 4-0
173 Valerie Fulcher 2-0
180 Erin Walters 9-2

President, Krisann, stated that the first vote for Department President stands because there was only one candidate.

Krisann: Nominations are now open for Department Vice President

Jody Marsh nominates Kathi Karnowski
Kathi Karnowski gives brief speech

Cheryl Park nominates Geanne Horne
Geanne Horne gives a brief speech

Are there any further nominations for Vice President? Hearing none the ballots are passed out and votes will be cast.

District Vice Presidents will count votes. They were taken to a private room to count votes (for Dept. VP) during recess (lunch).

ALA is in recess until 1:30pm

ALA Reconvened

Department President Krisann Owens was given a report by Election Committee. The Department Vice President is Kathi Karnowski.

Kathi Karnowski gave small acceptance speech.

Sergeant at Arms, Barbara Sumner was given permission to destroy the ballots.

PDP Argonne Unit #56 Cyndi Dahl Credentials Chairman: We have a Quorum

Pending Approval

District President's Vice President's Elections
Vice President Gea Clausier takes Chair

All nominees are instructed to line up.

District 1

- President Catherine Brockmann-VP Jody Marsh

District 2

- President Debra Godwin-VP Gregoria Hernandez

District 3

- President Suzanne Driver-VP Bobbi Peebler

District 4

- President Cindy Soria-VP Donna Hartwell

District 5

- President Yvonne Drury-VP Louise Carter

District 6

- President Maggie LaMont-VP

District 7

- Vacant

District 8

- President Angela McKinney-VP Karol Kauffman

District 9

- President Krisann Owens-VP Betty Adams

District 10

- President Linda Schmidt-VP Shirley Torrey

Department Secretary Linda Liebenow moves that we elect all the District Presidents and Vice Presidents that were nominated by their Districts. Motioned seconded. Motion carried.

Delegates and Alternates to National Convention

VOTING on 6 Delegates & 8 Alternates

Linda Boone-PNP-AT LARGE

Pam Seelye-NEC-AT LARGE

Krisann Owens-Outgoing President -AUTOMATIC Delegate Per Bylaws

Gea Clausier-Incoming President-AUTOMATIC Delegate Per Bylaws

Delegates: (nominated by)

- Bev Neubecker (Jody Marsh)
- Cheryl Park (Erin Walters)
- Linda Hellickson (Yvonne Drury)
- Kathi Karnowski (Maggie LaMont)
- Lori Sherman (Susan Smith)

Pending Approval

- Catherine Brockmann (Suzanne Hurd)

Alternates:

- Maggie LaMont (Margie Tucker) nominated as Delegate, volunteered as an Alternate
- Linda Liebenow (Debra Ash) nominated as Delegate, volunteered as an Alternate
- Linda Schmidt (Shirley Torrey) nominated as Delegate, volunteered as an Alternate
- Judy Harris (Cyndi Dhal) nominated as Delegate, volunteered as an Alternate
- Geanne Horne (Angie McKinney) nominated as Delegate, volunteered as an Alternate
- Lynda Dryden (Maggie LaMont) nominated as Delegate, volunteered as an Alternate

Department President Krisann Owens: Explains what is required as a Delegate

The nominations are closed.

Pam Seelye moved to accept the nominations and give Krisann authority to appoint the remaining 2 Alternates. Seconded. Motion carried.

VP Gea Clausier assumed the chair.

President Krisann presented the District President Award based on the District with the highest membership to Linda Schmidt, Harney County #63, District #10 President.

President Krisann shared Girls State experience as Director of Girls State. The Girls State Staff met at Department twice a month leading up to Girls State. Training (Safety/Stranger danger/fire safety) took place the first Saturday of Girls state.

There was an early “pronoun” issue that took place. One Counselor put too much emphasis on communicating the proper usage of “pronoun” concerning Citizens. Krisann asked the conversation/teaching to be scaled back. This offended 2 counselors who ended up leaving Girls State early.

Awards

Girls State Governors Award goes to Ontario #67, District #10 for sponsoring Tori Carroll, Girls State Governor

Ardis Snyder Girls Nation Award goes to Dana Smily sponsored by Tigard #158, District #1 and Lani Waggoner sponsored by Aloha #104, District #1

Virginia Williams Girls State Award for best supplemental report, No entry

Grace Walker Memorial Award, Chief Justice, Bella Collmann sponsored by Crook County #29, District #5

Karol Satterfield Samsung Scholarship Award, Courtney Jeffs, sponsored by Bay Area #34, District #9

Sondra Lino Memorial First Citizen Award, Jay Standiford, sponsored by Reedsport Post #62, District #9

Darlene McLaughlin Memorial Secretary of State Award, McKenna Haines, sponsored by Aurora #110, District #2

Pending Approval

New award for this year is the Golden Man Award given to the County with the best spirit and the best outcome of the “games”. The winner for this year goes to Williams County. The award is kept at Clair Palmiter’s house (Girls State staff).

Unit #21 presented Krisann with Poppy picture made by Jeanie Clayton, McMinnville, Unit #21.

President’s Report (see attached)

June 29th, 2019

Saturday Morning Session

Prayer Department Chaplain Lori Sherman
Pledge of Allegiance-Trudi McGriff

Yvonne Drury: Encourages all to get involved as a volunteer at Girls State, perhaps as a County Mom.

Courtesy Resolutions read again

- PDP Helen Hisaw
- Margie Tucker

Commander’s Projected raised over \$4k! Being split evenly between Legion/Auxiliary/SAL/Riders

VP Gea takes the floor

President, Krisann presented the Susie Dannen LaVoie Memorial Award for the District President who submitted the best annual report. It went to Suzanne Driver, District #3.

We made \$1961 from the sales of raffle tickets to go to the President’s Project.

Raffle Baskets Winners -Narrated by Karen Banks

- District 1-Penny McCarthy
- District 2-Juan Palacios
- District 3-Sandy Pero
- District 4-Karol Kauffman
- District 5-Valerie Fulcher
- District 6-Sue Smith
- District 8-Valerie Fulcher
- District 10-Jeanne Clayton

Rodeo \$275 at convention and \$35 from Spring DEC to go to Auxiliary programs, Raffle Winner Maggie LaMont

Veterans Gift Fund (dollar amount not given, funds did not go through Department)

Pending Approval

- Spa Basket-Susan Guerin
- Easter Spring Basket-Marc Chaney

Junior Raffle-\$192.00 to Girls State

- Tyler Nichol- Van Gough Picture
- Jane Erickson- Peace Poppy Plaque
- Bonny Ahart- Hope Poppy Plaque
- Tracy Peets-Poppy Lithograph
- David Sornson-Cherish
- Kathy Cleveland- Eagle
- Krisann- Big Poppy Picture

Lena McKinney Presented Poppy painting to Krisann

Installation @ 11:30 in Auditorium

Return from Installation.

Krisann wishes Unit #5 a first year Happy Birthday! Everyone sings.

Presentation of GIFTS

Exchange of Department Banner

Closing Prayer-Chaplain Lori Sherman

office

NATIONAL SECURITY FLOOR REMARKS

Pam Seelye, Department Chairman

The information I received from the units showed that our members are working this program which was very uplifting to me.

Members are remembering our military during the holidays with cards and gifts. The families at home are not being forgotten either. Families have received food baskets, gifts, dinners and other needed items.

Units have purchased and distributed Blue Star Banners to families who have members in the military.

Many hours were spent clipping and mailing coupons to countries to help the military with their shopping.

Thank you everyone for your continued support of this program.

Unfortunately, of the units I heard from no one met the qualifications for the Phyllis Parent Trophy for National Security/Civil Preparedness.

Madame President Krisann, I wish to thank you for this appointment. It was an eye opener for me. I was amazed with the amount of commitment that the units are giving to this program.