

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
DEPARTMENT OF OREGON  
POST CONVENTION DEC  
JUNE 26, 2021  
CANYONVILLE, OREGON

The meeting was called to order by the newly elected Department President, Debra Godwin.

**Acting Chaplain**, Denise Mitchell, offered prayer

Good morning, Lord! Today's a new day, a chance for a new start. Yesterday is gone and with it any regrets, mistakes, or failures we may have experienced. It's a good day to be glad and give thanks, and we so Lord Thank you for today, a new opportunity to live, give, and be all that you want us to be. Amen

**Americanism Chairman**, Donna Hartwell, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

**Parliamentarian**, Pam Seelye, led us in repeating the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary.

**Department President, Debra**

My motto for the year is "A Year of Learning with Positive Communication". And by positive communication I mean speaking to each other and about each other in a positive way. Our goal this year is to have a lot of learning and communication. Once a month we would like to have a zoom meeting with the District Presidents and Vice Presidents and would also like to do one for the chairmen. I have already started with a visit to Bend to tour the Veteran's Village with the National Commander, which will be part of my President's Project. The General Fund will be the other part of my Project. I will have more at the Fall DEC about the Veteran's Village. The homeless Veterans are very dear to my heart.

**Introduction of Department Officers**

Department President, Debra Godwin  
Department Vice President, Cindy Soria  
Department Secretary, Linda Liebenow  
Department Treasurer, Helen Hisaw  
Department Chaplain, Phyllis McDaniel  
Department Historian, Geanne Horne  
Department Parliamentarian, Pam Seelye  
National Executive Committee Person, Krisann Owens  
Alternate National Executive Committee Person, Jody Marsh  
Department Sgt-at-Arms, Suzanne Driver  
Department Assistant Sgt-at-Arms, Linda Bullock

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**District Presidents**

District #1 President, Catherine Brockmann  
District #2 President, Gregoria Hernandez  
District #3 President, Roberta Peebler  
District #4 President, Donna Hartwell  
District #5 President, Ginny Williams  
District #6 President, Maggie LaMont  
District #7 VACANT  
District #8 President, Trudie McGriff  
District #9 President, Frankie Trask  
District #10 President, Linda Schmidt

Vice President, Debra Ashe  
Vice President, Glenna Smith  
Vice President, Suzanne Driver  
Vice President, Pam Mize  
Vice President, Denise Mitchell  
Vice President, Mary Ward  
  
Vice President, Barb Sumner  
Vice President, Betty Adams  
Vice President, Shirley Torrey

**Rules of the DEC**

Article V  
Section 2

The Department Executive Committee shall be comprised of the Department President, Department Vice President, Department Secretary, Department Treasurer, the District Presidents, National Executive Committee Person, Department Parliamentarian, Department Chaplain, Department Historian, Department Sgt-At-Arms, and Department Assistant Sgt-At-Arms.

The Department Secretary, Department Treasurer, Department Parliamentarian, Department Chaplain, Department Historian, Department Sgt-At-Arms and Department Assistant Sgt-At-Arms shall be members of the Department Executive Committee with all rights except the right to vote.

All Past Department Presidents in good standing in their Units shall be members for life of the Department Executive Committee, with all rights except the right to vote.

Department President, Debra, you have received the minutes of the Spring DEC. Are there any additions or corrections? Hearing none, the minutes stand approved as distributed.

**Introduction of Department Chairman and Committee Members for the purpose of ratification**

Admin Committee

Jody Marsh, Chair  
Helen Hisaw, member  
Linda Liebenow, member

Americanism

Donna Hartwell

Aux. Emergency Fund

Margie DeMoss

Chairman Coordinator

Karol Satterfield

Children & Youth

Angie McKinney

Community Service

Denise Mitchell

Constitution & Bylaws, Policy

Pam Seelye

Distinguished Guest Chairman

Ginny Williams

Education & Scholarship

Edna Redhead

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Finance	Helen Hisaw, Chair Maggie LaMont, member Gea Clausier, member Suzanne Driver, member
Girls State	Krisann Owens, Director Gea Clausier, member Cindy Hillyard, member
Junior Activities	Tawnya Lege
Leadership	Cyndi Dahl
Legislative	Vacant
Membership	Cindy Soria
National Security	Trudie McGriff
Past Presidents Parley	Kathi Karnowski
Poppy & Poppy Poster	Pamela Mize
Public Relations	Yvonne Drury
VA&R	Marie Larson, Chair Linda Liebenow, member
Portland VA Representative	Vacant
Rose Court	Vacant
Gift Shop (Portland)	Linda Liebenow
(OVH)	Geanne Horne
(Lebanon VH)	Gwynne Parks-Waltenburg
(Roseburg)	Carol Hunt
Transplant Unit	Becky Crosby

President, Debra asked for consent to ratify these Department Chairmen and Committee Members.

Department Vice President, Cindy Soria moved to accept the selected Department Chairman and Committee members for ratification.

Second

It has been moved and seconded to ratify the selected Department Chairman. Discussion? All those in favor say "aye", those opposed "no".

Motion Carried.

Department President, Debra. Normally we have had three members on the Finance committee but after reading the Constitution and Bylaws we could have a Chair, which would be Helen Hisaw, and then we could have three additional members on the committee.

**Department Vice President and Membership Chair, Cindy Soria.**

Thank you to each and every one of you for giving me this opportunity to serve you as your Department Vice President and Membership Chairman.

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### Member Incentives for 2021-2022

Any Unit reaching 75% membership by December 31, 2021, will be entered into a drawing for \$50.

Any Unit reaching 100% membership by December 31, 2021, will be entered into a drawing for \$100.

Any Unit reaching 100% membership by Convention 2022, will be entered into a drawing for \$100.

Any Unit signing up five new members by December 31, 2021, will be entered into a drawing for \$25.

Any Unit signing up 10 new members by May 31, 2022, will be entered into a drawing for \$75.

Now, if you haven't guessed by now, our theme for this membership year is "Race to 100%".

We have the best drivers in the United States so let's show them what Oregon can do.

Welcome drivers to the first ALA 100 Race!

You have your cars; you have your helmets. Now we can start our engines. We need to paint our cars. Each driver needs to decorate their car, bring it to our Fall DEC and our crew chief will check out each car and pick out the best. You will win \$25 for putting the most creativity into your car. Be sure to include your car number. If you forget to bring your car and helmet to a meeting you will be fined \$5, that will go to our Department General Fund. There will be surprises along the way and incentives. Remember to keep your crew (Units) informed of your place in the race. If you fall back in position, contact your crew, and see what they can do to help you get up in the race standing.

So, let's get this race started and have fun at the ALA 100.

My hat says, Flag Man and Madame President is our Crew Chief.

### **Budget**

Chairman Helen Hisaw

Members Maggie LaMont, Gea Clausier, and Suzanne Driver

The Budget was in the convention packet. There are extras if you need one.

You have the 1<sup>st</sup> proposed and then we went back and made some pretty extensive changes and came up with the 2<sup>nd</sup> proposal. The highlighted green is where we made big changes. At convention we voted to increase the delegate fees to \$10 which will help with the convention expenses. This budget is based on 3900 members, and we are at 3984. We cut things out that we would like to bring back when the funds are there.

Helen explained some of the changes that were made.

We cut back on the Department Presidents travel but that doesn't mean that we want the Units to feel left out. We need the Units to step up and help if they can, comp a room when she visits and help in any way that you can.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> proposal is for the Finance committee to complete an audit instead of sending it to an outside company. We would still have a CPA file our 990 tax returns.

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Questions?

Jody Marsh, Unit #99 if we fill out our expense report and contribute it to a program, how will that show? Will it show as an income to the program and an expense to the District President?  
Helen, yes, we will expense the chairman or the District President and then we will see an income as it goes in the program that you donated to.

Geanne Horne, Unit #71, if we donate our expenses then are we getting a donation form from Department that we could use for our taxes?

Helen, yes.

Is there any more discussion or questions?

The Finance Committee would recommend the adoption of proposal number 2 for the 2022 year.

Department President Debra

Is there any more discussion? Hearing none. All in favor, say "yea", those opposed "no".

The budget passed.

### **President's Report**

Department President, Debra

I just want to let you know that I am listening to you, I hear the things that you miss and the things that you want, and I will be working on some things for you. This is a year of "Learning with Positive Communication".

### **Department Secretary, Linda Liebenow**

District Presidents, Vice Presidents and Chairman, you have three papers to sign, Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest (2). You have to sign new ones every year.

### **Upcoming Events**

Victory Party today at 3:00pm, everyone is invited

Training for District Presidents, but no date has been set

Fall DEC is September 25-26, 2021, McMinnville

Department President, Debra

I what to thank all of you. Unit 21 for all of the support that they have given me the last several years. Thank you to all the membership chairmen, you have worked hard through the COVID. Helen for all of your work on the budget and all you have taught me. Cindy for all of your hard work. And of course, Linda. And to my Advisors, Krisann Owens, Gea Clausier, Kathi Karnowski, Ginny Williams, Cyndi Dahl and Angie McKinney.

Is there any further business to come before this meeting?

Prayer by acting Chaplain, Denise Mitchell

God, please enlighten our minds with truth; inflame our hearts with love; inspire our will with courage; enrich our lives with service to our Veterans. Pardon what we have been, sanctify what we are; and order what we shall be. Amen

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Till we meet again, let us remember that our obligation to our Country can be fulfilled only by the faithful performance of all duties of citizenship. Let service to the Community, State and Nation be ever a main objective of the American Legion Auxiliary and its members. Let us ever be watchful of our organization and ourselves, that nothing shall swerve us from the path of Justice, Freedom, Loyalty and Democracy.

Please render a hand Salute to the Flag of our Country.

I now declare this meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Executive Board, Department of Oregon, adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 1pm.