

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF OREGON

100TH CONVENTION

JUNE 23-26, 2021

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

1:30 PM PRECONVENTION MEETING, Budget discussion

6:00 PM JOINT OPENING OF THE 102ND AMERICAN LEGION AND THE 100TH AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

Thursday, June 24, 2021

8:00 AM JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY,
AND THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

9:15 AM OPENING SESSION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Call to Order

The 100th Annual Convention of the Department of Oregon will now come to order.

Department President Kathi Karnowski, colors being in place, hand salute to the Flag of our Country.
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 do Lord thank you for today. A new opportunity to live, give, and be all that you
want us to be. Amen

Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag led by Americanism Chairman, Donna Hartwell

The National Anthem was led by Cheryl Park, Western Division National Vice President.

Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary led by Department Vice President,
Debra Godwin

Department President, Kathi Karnowski

Welcome to the 100th Annual Department Convention.

How many are here for their first convention? I don't remember having this many members at their first
convention. Kathi gave them all a small gift.

Call to Convention

District 6 President, Maggie LaMont, moved that we dispense with the reading of the Call to Convention
as it was emailed out to everyone.

Motion seconded and passed.

Pending Approval

Reading of the Convention Rules, Department Vice President, Debra Godwin, moved that we dispense with reading all of the rules as they were in our convention packet and read only a few.

Motion seconded and passed.

Parliamentarian, Pam Seelye read only rules #4, #6, and #7 of the Convention Rules.

Announcements

Jody Marsh, PDP, Admin Chairman. Box lunches will be delivered to the back table at 11:30. The Americanism lunch will be in the Juniper Room. We will recess at 11:15 and the lunch is at 11:30. Reminder that Juniors or underage children are not allowed on the casino floor. They will need to go around by going outside and coming back in. There is also a casino shuttle that you can pick up on the hotel side and it will bring you around to the convention rooms.

First Reading of Resolutions. Dana Speer, Chairman and Mary Ward and Nicki Allen members.

All Resolutions are listed at the end of these minutes.

Report of Credentials, Chairman, Cyndi Dahl, PDP and Michael Speer, Unit 57 and Dana Speer, Unit 57.

We have 21 Units, with 31 delegates, 27 delegates-at-large, 1 alternate, 1 Junior and 1 guest.

Distinguished Guest Chairman, Ginny Williams, escorted Cheryl Park Western Division National Vice President to the microphone.

NEC, Pam Seelye read Cheryl's bio.

Western Division National Vice President, Cheryl Park

I have visited several Departments and it feels really strange when you are in your own Department. I am just a member like all of you. It is good to be back in my own Department, I have missed all of you. I bring greetings to you from our National President, Nicole Clapp. She wishes that she would have been able to make her visit but realized that it just wasn't able to happen because of all of the restrictions that were still in place. Nicole has worked hard this year with all of the new things that were put in place and still accomplish all that we needed to do. And now we are going to Celebrate those accomplishments and all of us here are going to have a good time.

Thank you for all of your efforts that all of you have made with our Veterans, our military, and their families. We are the ones that make a difference in their lives. It is important that we continue to do what we do. We have found out with all of the COVID restrictions that we can find new ways to serve our Veterans. Now we look for solutions instead of excuses. We have had new opportunities to grow new members and we have grown. How many have male members in your Auxiliary? (show of hands) We were the Largest Women's Patriotic Organization and now we are the Largest Patriotic Organization with the addition of male members. I know that we wanted all of our Units to be goal Units and that didn't happen, but we didn't fail because we are still growing members. When we bring those new members in, we need to find what they are passionate about and get them involved in that to keep them as members. Keep in touch with those new members with a phone call or just a note.

At the last report, Oregon was in 5th place in the Western Division. And we are still ahead of "Northern Oregon" otherwise known as Washington. We are less than a quarter of one percent behind Idaho and we are less than one half of one percent ahead of Nevada. So, every membership makes a real difference. Keep working on membership, anyone can work membership.

Pending Approval

We are excited about having National Convention this year. I hope that you learn a lot at this convention. Go back and share with your Unit members, what you learned, what you enjoyed and what you discovered. And make those members want to come next year.

We have learned new ways to accomplish the tasks that are before us. We have definitely moved into the electronic age. We have used electronics to keep in touch and have meetings. It's not as good as seeing people face to face but we are able to get the job done. Even our programs like Girls State can be online.

Make sure that you are branded when you are out in your community doing Auxiliary business. You never know when someone sees you when you are wearing your branded clothing that they will stop and ask you about the American Legion Auxiliary. And make sure that when we are branded that we are behaving ourselves.

I am so thankful for this organization and what we are doing. Let's never forget why we got involved and why we are still involved. Let's remember that we are honoring those that have served to be in this organization.

President Kathi, thank you, Cheryl on behalf of the Department of Oregon, I would like to present you with this red, white, and blue spray.

I had a handmade heart shaped basket filled with morrell mushrooms and some Auxiliary charms sent to National President Nicole Clapp on behalf of our Department.

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, Cheryl Park, Chairman and Western Division National Vice President

Cheryl's floor remarks have been added to the Book of Reports on the website.

AWARDS

Muriel E. Nothinger Memorial went to Oregon Trail Unit #150
Linda Liebenow, PDP went to North Eugene/Santa Clara Unit #83
Cheryl Wilson went to Milwaukie Unit #180
Clara Scott, no entry
Arlene Downing, PDP went to North Eugene/Santa Clara Unit #83
Marge Kenobbie Memorial went to North Eugene/Santa Clara Unit #83
Louise Carter, PDP Memorial, no entry
Trudie McGriff, PDP went to North Eugene/Santa Clara Unit #83
Angie McKinney, PDP, no entry
Service to Veterans Hospital Award went to LaGrande Unit #43

Past National Commander Charlie Schmidt presented our guest, Dean Kessel, the Director of Marketing and Communication from the National Headquarters. Dean is in charge of promoting membership, fundraising and media relations.

Americanism, Chairman Donna Hartwell

I had no entries for the District President's challenge to write an essay for the Americanism Essay Contest.

AWARDS

Krisann Owens PDP went to North Eugene/Santa Clara Unit #43

Pending Approval

Maxine Bigalow PNP went to Harney County Unit #63

Americanism Essay Contest

Class I went to Madison Prael, sent on to Western Division.

Class II went to Madalyn Coalman

Class III no entry

Class IV went to Miles Carter

Class V no entry

Class VI no entry

RECESS FOR AMERICANISM LUNCH

Poppy, Chairman Cindy Soria

AWARDS

Ellie Buell, PDP went to LaGrande Unit #43

Jewel Babb, PDP Memorial, no entry

Darlene McLaughlin, PDP, no entry

Florence Comber, PDP, no entry

Judy Lloyd, no entry

Nadine Menke Memorial, no entry

Poppy Award went to LaGrande Unit #43

Recognition went to Hillsboro Unit #6

Poppy Posters

Class I, Hailey Hepler, sent on to Western Division

Class II, Sami Stebbens, sent on to Western Division

Class III, no entry

Class IV, no entry

Class V, no entry

Class VI, no entry

President, Kathi told all of us about the poppy distribution opportunity that we had at the Lincoln City Outlet Mall over Memorial Day weekend. The mall set up the tables with poppy decorations, poppies, and posters throughout the mall. We were there Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. It was a great opportunity to get our name out in the community. We hope that this will be the start of a new tradition. We heard stories from people that were Poppy Girls, people that went to Girls State and people that wanted to talk about their family members that were in the military. It was a great opportunity to get our name out in that community.

Children and Youth, Chairman Pam Seelye

AWARDS

Pam Seelye, PDP, no entry

Cheryl Park, PDP went to North Eugene/Santa Clara Unit #83

Pending Approval

Edith E. Brown Memorial, no entry

Thank you to all that sent in their year-end reports. The Western Division had 100% reporting.

Community Service, the chairman was unable to attend convention. Her awards were presented by Pam Seelye, PDP

AWARDS

Best Community Service went to North Eugene/Santa Clara Unit #83

Mary Larsen, PDP, no entry

Lois Peterson, PDP, no entry

Education/Scholarship, the chairman was unable to attend convention. Her awards were presented by Helen Hisaw, PDP

AWARDS

Evelyn Ogilvie, PDP went to North Eugene/ Santa Clara Unit #83

Ellen Eivers, no entry

Department Scholarship was won by Rachel Lohberger of Hillsboro Unit #6

Junior Activities, the chairman was unable to attend the convention, but she sent activity bags for each of the District Pages.

AWARDS

Cyndi Dahl, PDP, not awarded.

Legislative chairman unable to attend convention.

AWARDS

Bernice Marcroft, not awarded.

Girls State, Chairman Krisann Owens

We have 8 girls that are currently attending Delaware virtual Girls State. At the Fall DEC we will have Girl State awards because Girls State is not over, yet. We have two Samsung scholarship applications, and we will have Auxiliary members look at them later on.

We will have an in-person program next year, no matter what. We hope to have information in the schools by September and get an early start.

Public Relations, the chairman was unable to attend convention. Her awards were presented by Department President, Kathi Karnowski

AWARDS

Lois West Memorial went to North Eugene/Santa Clara Unit #83

President Kathi asked each District to give their District cheer.

Membership, Chairman and Department Vice President, Debra Godwin
Currently we have 20 goal Units. 159 new members.

\$75 Cash Award for Units with the most new members

Units with membership 10-50, Hermiston #37 with 16 new

Pending Approval

Units with membership 51-100, Newport Unit #116 with 15 new members
Units with membership 101-150, North Eugene/ Santa Clara Unit #83 with 11 new members
Units with membership 151-200, La Pine Unit #45 with 36 new members
201 plus, Milwaukie Unit #180 with 11 new members

AWARDS

Estelle Kroeger Memorial was presented to Newport Unit #116 at the Spring DEC
Evelyn Ogilvie, PDP was presented to Crook County #29 at the Spring DEC
Bev Myers, PDP went to Warm Springs Unit #48
Jody Marsh, PDP went to Canby Unit #122
Maxine Bigalow, PNP went to Canby Unit #122
Marlene Wettstein, PDP went to District 9
Toni Epperson, PDP went to La Pine #45
Virginia Biddle, PDP went to Glenn Morrison Unit #70

Leadership, Chairman Cyndi Dahl

AWARDS

Patty Cooper, PDP went to North Eugene/Santa Clara Unit #83

Memorial Service

In memory of Louise Carter Department President 2004-2005 presented by Helen Hisaw
In memory of Evelyn Ogilvie Past Western Division National Vice President 1990-1991 and Past Department President 1987-1988 presented by Krisann Owens.

Announcements

President Kathi, Officers and chairman meet me in the Stix Sports Bar at 7pm for a little thank you from me.

Daily Attendance went to Milton-Freewater Unit #24

Recessed until 9 am Friday.

Friday, June 25, 2021

Department President, Kathi Karnowski called the session to order

Prayer by acting Chaplain, Denise Mitchell

God, please enlighten our minds with truth; In flame 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

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

Pending Approval

Parliamentarian, Pam Seelye

Our Department Secretary will be giving the Roll Call of the Units for voting strength. If you are a delegate at large, and you don't have anyone else in your Unit you can give up your delegate at large vote and vote your Unit strength. If you are a delegate at large, you have to be here to cast your vote.

Department Secretary, Linda Liebenow

If we have a voice vote, the only people that should be responding are the delegates and delegates at large, not the Alternates or guests.

Most times we line up in Unit order, but we are a small enough group that we can just respond from our seats.

Roll Call

Unit 1, 4&2	Unit 56, 2&1
Unit 2, 2&0	Unit 57, 2&0
Unit 4, 2&0	Unit 63, 2&1
Unit 5, 2&0	Unit 70, 2&0
Unit 6, 2 &1	Unit71, 2&0
Unit 10, 4&0	Unit 83, 3&2
Unit 15, 2&1	Unit 90, 2&0
Unit 21, 4&2	Unit 99, 5&1
Unit 24, 2&0	Unit 104, 4&1
Unit 29, 4&2	Unit 110, 2&0
Unit 34, 2&1	Unit 168, 4&0
Unit 43, 4&1	Unit 180, 4&0
Unit 45, 5&0	TOTAL 82&17
Unit 51, 9&1	

Department President, Kathi presented the District President's Award

Susie Dannen LaVoie Memorial went to District 1 President, Catherine Brockmann

National Security Chairman Trudie McGriff. Her report will be added to the Book of Reports on the website.

AWARD

Phyllis Parent, PDP went to North Eugene/Santa Clara Unit #83

Report from Credentials, Chairman Cyndi Dahl

- 43 Delegates
- 21 Delegates at Large
- 6 Alternates
- 2 Juniors
- 1 guest
- 16 Units
- 9 Districts

Second Reading of Resolutions

Resolution #1 Alternate National Executive Committee person voting privilege

President Kathi asked for discussion on Resolution #1

Jody Marsh, Seaside Unit #99 brought up the question of the Junior Past President given back a vote that was changed when we gave the Alternate NEC that vote.

Parliamentarian, Pam said that we would need to address that in the future but that it was not part of this resolution.

Trudie McGriff, Unit #1 stated that she did not feel that the Alternate NEC should have a vote because they were only taking the place of the NEC in her absence.

Pam Seelye, Unit #110, if you have the Alternate fill in for the NEC, then they have two votes, one for the NEC and one for the Alternate?

President, Kathi asked for any more discussion. Hearing none, all those in favor say "aye". Those opposed "nay". Hearing none, Resolution #1 passed.

Resolution #2 Combining the Units of District 7 and District 8

President Kathi asked for discussion on Resolution #2.

Debra Godwin, Vice President and Membership Chairman. When this was first discussed at the office, Linda and I made sure that each of the District Presidents were notified. If the Legion passes this, then both Districts will have leadership.

President Kathi asked if there was any more discussion or questions. Hearing none, all those in favor say "aye". Those opposed "nay". Hearing none, Resolution #2 passed.

Resolution #3 Department Delegate Fees Increase

President Kathi, asked for discussion on Resolution #3

Geanne Horne, Unit #71 asked that if this goes up to \$10 and the registration fee is \$15 then they would have to pay \$25 total?

Trudie McGriff, Portland #1. I understand that Department needs to raise money, but I feel, and my Units feels that this is a big jump. Some of the small Units can't afford to pay that much. I say that we should raise it but not by so much.

Cyndi Dahl, Unit #56 clarified that you pay the delegate fee for all delegates but registration for only those delegates attending the convention.

Michelle Wilkinson, Unit #10. It is a small amount of money to spend on this organization.

Suzanne Driver, Unit #10 if we want this organization to continue like it has, we have to have the financing.

Maggie LaMont, Unit #43, the \$15 registration fee is set by the Legion, so the only way that we can raise a little bit of money is with the delegate fee.

President Kathi asked if there was any more discussion. Hearing none, all in favor say "aye". Those opposed "nay". Hearing none, Resolution #3 passed

Resolution #4 Department Dues Increase

President Kathi asked for discussion on Resolution #4

Pending Approval

It was asked how long it has been since the Department had a dues increase. Helen Hisaw, Department Treasurer said more than 10 years. We are asking for the increase so that we can continue to give you the service that you get from Department Headquarters.

President Kathi asked if there was any more discussion. Hearing none, all in favor say "aye". Those opposed "nay". Hearing none, Resolution #4 passed.

Resolution #5 Eligibility for American Legion Auxiliary

President Kathi asked for discussion on Resolution #5

Maggie LaMont, Unit #43 District #6 wanted to make sure that we at least asked about this change in eligibility.

Jody Marsh, Unit #99 it is an IRS ruling that limits the two-generation limit. How does the daughters of the Revolution work?

Pam Seelye, Parliamentarian, the way I understand it is that it is the way that the American Legion was chartered and that flows down to how they formed us as an Auxiliary. So, it is twofold, one the IRS and two the American Legion charter.

President Kathi asked if there are any more questions. Hearing none, all in favor say "aye". Those opposed "nay". Hearing none, Resolution #5 passed.

Recess

Nomination of Officers

President Kathi opened the nominations for National Executive Committee Member.

Helen Hisaw, Unit #29 nominated Krisann Owens, Unit #34, for National Executive Committee Member.

President Kathi asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none the nominations were closed and Krisann Owens was elected by acclamation.

President Kathi opened the nominations for Alternate National Executive Committee Member.

Helen Hisaw, Unit #29 nominated Jody Marsh, Unit #99, for Alternate National Executive Committee Member.

President Kathi asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none the nominations were closed, and Jody Marsh was elected by acclamation.

President Kathi opened nominations for Department President. Tracy Wittrock, Unit #21 nominated Debra Godwin, Unit #21, for Department President.

President Kathi asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none the nominations were closed, and Debra Godwin was elected by acclamation.

President Kathi opened the nominations for Department Vice President. Linda Holloman Unit #70 nominated Cindy Soria, Unit #70, for Department Vice President.

Kathi asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none the nominations were closed, and Cindy Soria was elected by acclamation.

President Kathi, each District has nominated a District President and Vice President. As I announce the District nominees, please come forward and face the delegation.

Pending Approval

District 1 President, Catherine Brockmann, Vice President, Debra Ashe

District 2 President Gregoria Hernandez, Vice President Glenna Smith

District 3 President Roberta "Bobbie" Peebler, Vice President Suzanne Driver

District 4 President Donna Hartwell, Vice President Pamela Mize

District 5 President Ginny Williams, Vice President Denise Mitchell

District 6 President Maggie LaMont, Vice President Mary Ward

District 7 vacant

District 8 President Trudie McGriff, Vice President Barb Sumner

District 9 President Frankie Trask, Vice President Betty Adams

District 10 President Linda Schmidt, Vice President Shirley Torrey

Are there any further nominations for the Office of District President and District Vice President?

Hearing none, the chair declares the nominations closed and these members are elected District President and Vice President by acclamation.

History, Chairman Gea Clausier

AWARDS

Linda Boone, PNP went to North Eugene/Santa Clara Unit #83

Gen Horne, PDP Memory Book went to LaGrange Unit #43

Chaplain, Denise Mitchell filling in for Angie McKinney. Chaplain awards will be given out at Fall DEC

Visitor, American Legion Commander, Steve Adams. Said that the last two years working with the Auxiliary have been a lot of fun.

The reason that I came over today was because of a lady in the Department Auxiliary, Cindy Hillyard. I would like to present Cindy with a Certificate of Appreciation for coordinating the Blood Drives at the Department office.

President Kathi, at the Spring DEC in La Pine, Sid Carter presented the Auxiliary with a Dream Catcher from St. Joseph Indian School with two one-hundred-dollar bills included. The two hundred dollars will be added to the General Fund. I would like to raffle the Dream Catcher, is anyone interested in bidding on this? The high bid is Linda Hellickson \$100.

Recess for lunch

President Kathi, just an update on what they made last night at the Legion Mixer. They made \$360 on the cornhole contest and \$2060 on the silent auction items. Everyone had a lot of fun.

Credentials

43 delegates, 24 delegates-at-large

Parliamentarian, Pam Seelye read the rules of the Delegates to National Convention.

Pending Approval

The Chair declares nominations are now open for Delegates and Alternates to National Convention.

Jody Marsh, Unit #99 nominates Bev Neubecker, Unit #99
Stacey Gettmann, Unit #104 nominates Catherine Brockmann, Unit #104
Bev Neubecker, Unit #99 nominates Jody Marsh, Unit #99
Sierra Butler, Unit #6 nominates Linda Liebenow, Unit #6
Trudie McGriff, Unit #1 nominates Geanne Horne, Unit #71
Helen Hisaw, Unit #29 nominates Krisann Owens, Unit #34
Gregoria Hernandez, Unit #21 nominates Debra Godwin, Unit #21
Linda Hellickson, Unit #4 nominates Gea Clausier, Unit #5
Suzanne Driver, Unit #51 nominates Maggie LaMont, Unit #43
Shirley Torrey, Unit #63 nominates Linda Schmidt, Unit #63

President Kathi asked if there were any more nominations for National Convention. If someone would volunteer to be an alternate, then we wouldn't have to have a vote.

Maggie LaMont volunteered to be an alternate
Linda Schmidt volunteered to be an alternate
Geanne Horne volunteered to be an alternate
Bev Neubecker volunteered to be an alternate
Gea Clausier was volunteered to be an alternate

The Chair declares the Nominations closed

The Chair entertains a motion that the Delegation Chairman be empowered to appoint members in good standing attending the National Convention, as Delegates or Alternates to complete the delegation.

Delegates

Catherine Brockmann
Jody Marsh
Linda Liebenow
Krisann Owens
Debra Godwin
Linda Boone
Pam Seelye
Cheryl Park

Alternates

Bev Neubecker
Maggie LaMont
Linda Schmidt
Geanne Horne
Gea Clausier

Suzanne Driver, Unit #51 moves that we accept these nominations for delegates and alternates to National Convention and for the delegate chairman to complete the delegation. All in favor say "aye". Those opposed, "nay". Hearing none, the motion carried.

Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Chairman Margie DeMoss.

\$1300 was donated from the Units

AWARDS

Jaunetta Gunder no entry

Department Treasurer, Helen Hisaw

Throughout the year the Finance Committee has worked with our Administrative Assistant to have a consistent reporting system using our current software. Although we still have a few bullet points to work on we have made progress in aligning our system to provide clear and easy to read information to support the DEC in their decision making. Per policy there has been a monthly distribution of the current P&L, quarterly distribution of a YTD P&L with a quarterly Budget to Actual. The purpose is to provide the DEC with the information they need to manage the adopted budget.

The budget has been adjusted to show a clearer picture of the finances, separating the totals of pass thru accounts, Admin, VA&R and Girls State. The financial statements are being distributed to District Presidents & Vice Presidents who are sharing them with Units and members.

We have converted all CDs to the Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc. and continue to be updated on our investments. December 2020 investments were \$206,278.82. May 2021 statement is \$269,478.80.

Per policy there have been in office audits of general records, account payables, account receivables and employee files with the assistance of the Department Secretary.

A review audit was performed by an outside company and our 990 was filed per the extension. The audit review and 990 were accepted following the spring DEC in April by a zoom meeting allowing everyone time to look the documents over and request changes. The review was very successful. The company was very thorough and provided a lot of information for existing and future documentation.

The Finance Committee is recommending a dues increase for the 2023 year. I understand that no one wants an increase. With the continuing rising cost of everything, we believe it is only a portion of what is needed to help us move forward. There are many ways that units can help their members to achieve the increase without too much hardship. Fund raisers for membership-bake sales-raffles. If you put 25 cents in a jar once a month starting in September 2021 you will have the increase in time to pay your 2023 dues.

Thank you to everyone for passing the dues increase. I know that it is hard. We want to keep our great organization moving forward. We will work together and continue.

Admin, Chairman Jody Marsh

This has been a challenging year. We are still in a period of growth and modifications to some of our policies. At the mid-winter DEC via zoom meeting, we went through some housekeeping updates and changes to our policies. We have been reviewing our policies and making sure that the responsibilities haven't shifted since the policy was last looked at. We have brought the updates and changes to the DEC for approval. We, the Admin committee, which is me, Helen Hisaw and Linda Liebenow, are honored to work hand-in-hand with finance and Madame President and our staff. It has been a privilege to be support and a sounding board.

It is our goal to provide input and the three of us are often on different pages so are able to provide a variety of opinions. We are working on changing of rolls like with Cindy who was supporting the office

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staff and then she became the office staff. We have been working on addressing those responsibilities and refine them so that everyone is clear on their duties.

Any Questions?

National Executive Committee Person, Pam Seelye

I want to make you aware of three By-law amendments that will be voted on at National Convention in August.

The first one is to change the name of the NEC, National Executive Committee to Board of Directors. The reasoning is that in today's culture, board of directors is the most commonly understood name for a governing board. Most businesses do not understand the concept National Executive Committee. It also would align more with the Indiana corporation statutes. (This does not affect our Department DEC name.)

The second one is to add the position of Executive Director. It creates the position of Executive Director, its duties, authority and to whom this position is responsible to. National has an Executive Director but the above information had not been defined.

The third one will establish the Executive Committee to the National Executive Committee. This committee will review, research, and make recommendations to the NEC on matters requiring NEC action and address and act on time sensitive matters subject to ratification by the NEC.

I really want to thank the members of the Auxiliary for allowing me the honor of representing Oregon the last 5 years. It has been such an honor and privilege to serve in this position. If it was not for your faith in me, I would not have been able to do this. Thank you so much.

Department Secretary, Linda Liebenow

I just want to thank everyone for being here. Even though it is a small group, we have gotten the job done. If we all do our small part, then it makes it easier for the next person behind us to do their small part. And it all comes together, that is why we have deadlines. If I don't do my part, then the next person down the line can't do their part. So, deadlines are very, very important. So, please, try to stick to them as much as you can. Thank you for being here. It has been a great convention.

I have the title of Department Secretary, but Cindy is the one that does all the work. She is the one you talk to on the phone, she is the one that answers your questions.

Chaplain, Angie McKinney, Denise Mitchell sitting in for her. No report was given to Denise.

Introduction of Pages

Roman Trask for District 9

Hailey DeMoss, Unit #83 for District 3

Alaina Butler Unit #6 for District 1

Cindy Lee, Unit #29 for District 5

Presentation of Department Officers for 2021-2022

Department President, Debra Godwin, Unit #21

Department Vice President, Cindy Soria, Unit #70

NEC, Krisann Owens, Unit #34,

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Alternate NEC, Jody Marsh, Unit #99,
District 1 President, Catherine Brockmann, Unit #104
Vice President, Debra Ashe, Unit #6
District 2 President Gregoria Hernandez, Unit #21
Vice President, Glenna Smith, Unit #21
District 3 President, Bobbi Peebler, Unit #51
Vice President, Suzanne Driver, Unit #51
District 4 President, Donna Hartwell, Unit #15
Vice President, Pam Mize, Unit #15
District 5 President, Ginny Williams, Unit #29
Vice President, Denise Mitchell, Unit #45
District 6 President, Maggie LaMont, Unit #43
Vice President, Mary Ward, Unit #24
District 7 VACANT
District 8 President, Trudie McGriff, Unit #1
Vice President, Barb Sumner, Unit #1
District 9 President, Frankie Trask, Unit #34
Vice President, Betty Adams, Unit #152
District 10 President, Linda Schmidt, Unit #63
Vice President, Shirley Torrey, Unit #63

President Kathi turns the podium over to her Vice President, Debra Godwin. President Kathi is escorted out of the room to the tune of “The Old Gray Mare”.

Vice President, Debra passed around a “love bag” for donations for the Department President.

President Kathi returned to the convention floor to the tune of “This Little Light of Mine”

Recess, last chance to buy raffle tickets.

District Basket Raffle winners

District 1, Cindy Hillyard
District 2, Dan Evers
District 3, Kathi Karnowski
District 4, Ian Gerstel
District 5, Wendy Berger-Wood
District 6, Judy Johnston
District 8, Judy Johnston
District 9, David Bowman
District 10, Donna Hartwell
President’s Basket, Frankie Trask

Frankie Trask reported that we raised \$1481 from the baskets to go to the President’s Project, Divide Camp and Camp Alma.

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Vice President, Debra Godwin. Thank you for all that you have taught me. I have a little gift for you from all of us here at Convention, it's a love gift (bag of money).

President, Kathi. Thank you. I don't need this, but I know that it is tradition. Thank you so much. (tears in her voice)

Daily Drawing, won by LaGrande, Unit #43

President Kathi drew for the last spray, it went to Hillsboro Unit #6.

Announcements

The Banquet is tonight at 6pm. A few awards will be given.

Treasurer Helen Hisaw announced that the President's Project total was \$5,545 including the basket money. President would like to have members attend when that money is given to Camp Alma.

Recess until 8am Saturday morning.

Saturday, June 26, 2021

President Kathi opened the last day of convention.

Prayer, Denise Mitchell

Father, we praise You today for all that You have done in our lives. You are faithful even when we are faithless. Your love pursues us even when we are unlovable. Your forgiveness covers our sins and frees us from its penalty. We praise You for Your love and faithfulness to us. Your presence in our lives changes everything, empowering us to live each moment of everyday, content in knowing You are in control. As we face today, Lord, remind us that no matter what happens, we can praise You. Amen

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

Special Guest

Barb Sumner, Sgt-at-arms brought in our guest. The newly initiated member of the Past Department Presidents group, for the second time, Krisann Owens. Krisann is wearing a shirt with lips all over it. She is singing "Tip toe through the 2 lips" in a high squeaky voice, like Tiny Tim. She cannot talk without singing for the rest of the day first or face a fine.

Unit Activities presented by President Kathi

AWARDS

Alena Friesen, PDP, no entry

Virginia Biddle, PDP, no entry

Leila Crapper, PDP went to North Eugene/Santa Clara, Unit #83

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Nancy Kirkpatrick, PDP, no entry
Jan Hufford-Wilson, PDP, no entry
Mary Norby, PDP, no entry

President Kathi, at the banquet last night was hosted by Catherine and Cory Brockmann. They did a wonderful job and made everything run smoothly. Music played by Maggie LaMont's husband Terry.

AWARDS

Unity Award went to Harney County Unit and Post #63
Service Officer of the Year is Kyle Kalmbach
Adjutant of the Year is Steve Bergadine
Legionnaire of the Year is Mike Speers
Chaplain of the Year is Steve Shollenburg
Rider of the Year is Bob Lemke
Dual Member of the Year is Bob Lemke

President's Report, Kathi

During my year as Department President, I have felt my hands were tied and I could not help some members or Units. Department is here to lead, find answers and help Units keep moving forward. Department is not here to run anyone's Unit or tell them what they can or cannot do. That is what our Constitution & By-laws are for. Department needs members to ask for help before we can come into your house and try to help. No matter what the problem is, members and the Unit come first. If a person has an agenda, check it at the door. If a person wants to cause problems and tear a Unit down, maybe you should transfer to another Unit, or you might want to find another organization. We ask ourselves all the time, why don't people want to join, rejoin, or volunteer. Take a step back and look at how your Unit operates. Are you welcoming, do you treat members well, are you willing to try new ideas and involve others? Do you follow your Unit's Constitution & By-laws and interpret it the same way for every member? Each Unit that is having internal strife, needs to be open with each other and discuss what the issues are. Is it a personality issue? Is it distrust over how the money is being handled? Is the leader of the Unit not capable of leading? It is hard to confront another person but there comes a time when you must! All of us will only take so much before we make a stand. None of us like to feel like we are being singled out or bullied, so the next time you are going to speak or do something, think about it first. At times this past year I have wondered how some Units get anything done and how they will in the future. We are an organization, not a club. Please look at your Unit and figure it out now!

All year our concern has been on where and how we will get the income to cover our Department expenses each year. We have taken money from reserves the past few years and it must stop. We have the new budget pared back to about \$15,000 over our predicted membership income and that is not enough. Each Unit needs to make it clear to their District President as to how they wish for us to pay for things we must do, compared to what we would like to do. Each member of the voting DEC needs to think long and hard as to what is acceptable and what is not. Finance made a second recommendation for next year's budget and pared another \$15,00 for the first budget. Will you pass this budget for next year, or send it back to be pared some more? I challenge each member, to continue getting involved at your Unit, District, and Department level. Take a position and do it like you would a paid job. You are valuable and you are needed. Do not accept a job knowing you will not follow through or will not be reliable. As President this past year, I had officers and chairmen who I relied on to do their job, so I and

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others could concentrate on other matters. Active members who care, make for a healthy Unit. Active Units who care, make for a healthy Department. We can all find fault with one another, but we need to lift each other up and help other to do what our Units and Department need. All of us have a fiduciary and moral obligation and it needs to be taken seriously. If you think something is not right within your Unit or our Department, speak up and be prepared to work on the solution. We all try to do the right thing and just because you don't agree with how something is being done, doesn't mean it is being done incorrectly or with malice. To show that I care about the future of our Department, I have made a donation, in the name of all the past year's Department officers and chairmen. This is my gift to you as well as our organization and I feel every little bit helps. Maybe we can ask Units to do a fundraiser each year to help cover some of the costs to operate our Department, as membership dues are not covering our expenses. If you don't agree with expenditures, speak up and suggest another way. Do not just sit in the back seat and try to drive the car without knowing what is in the road ahead of you. Can we possibly start a fund for individuals or Units to donate for operations? I personally feel that the expenses officers and District Presidents receive is not enough and it has been on them for years. I realize it is a donation from them to the organization, but it has not been fair and what happens if a person cannot afford it? This stops them from volunteering because they know they do not have the money or will not get reimbursement. What is the answer to this? All positions are voluntary so what will the future hold? Every member helps and supports their individual Unit and that is their focus. Times have changed and we all need to focus on helping our Department as well. Our Mission is to assist Veterans, Military, and their families, but to do that, we must have a healthy organization. Some feel we do not need Department and all we need is our Unit and Post to work the mission. Yes and no. I don't have the answer, but I do think it is time ALL members step up to financially help our Department. The members willing to keep our Department running with their time and money are dwindling. They are dedicated members and all of us should be grateful. Expenses have gone up so much in the last couple of years and we do not have enough volunteers to go to a part time paid employee. Something must change, and it seems none of us have a solution. I see 40 to 50 people supporting our Department with their time, efforts, and money. All of us as members, need to start helping and even with an increase in dues, that is not enough.

Being a new member, to being District President, to Unit President, to Department Vice President, to now being the Department President, I have a whole new perspective on the operations of our Department. How many times have I heard that only 2 or 3 people run our Department? Our perspective of this is different for each person. I look at it this way: the 2 or 3 people I see, are the glue that holds our Department together. They do most of the work but have no vote, the DEC does. Our Finance committee makes recommendations but does not vote.

I ask all of you here and take it back to those that are not here, to commit to one fundraiser a year that is donated to our Department or if some can, just donate. All of us are part of The National American Legion Auxiliary and the Department of Oregon, whether we feel that way or not. I will be going to my home Unit and asking we budget for a donation to our Department in the future. I now have a clearer picture of what it will take to keep our Department moving into our next 100 years and that gives me a new goal.

This has been a year to remember because of members or friends, like you. To be able to visit Units and meet new members, meant so much to me and you all made me feel like a member of your Unit. I just want to thank all of you for my year and for the work you have and will do. Our Mission is to aid The

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American Legion, Veterans, Military and their families but we also must dedicate energy and funds for our department's future.

Unfinished Business

Gifts were presented to President Kathi.

New Business

None

President Kathi,

The Legion was not able to finish their elections yesterday so that is the first thing on their agenda this morning. The joint installation of officers is going to be, tentatively, at 10 am.

Krisann Owens, PDP, the Myrtle Wood coins that were given at the Banquet last night are available for \$5 with the money going to the General Fund.

Recess for Joint Installation

Reconvene

Department President's banner. Maggie LaMont District 6 President and Mary Ward District 6 Vice President presented it to Unit #21 Auxiliary members Becky Berweger and Darla Gregory.

President Kathi asked all of the current officers to clear the stage.

Acting Chaplain, Denise Mitchell offered a Benediction

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

President Kathi

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.

Krisann Owens as the senior member of the Past Presidents, I would like all the Past Department Presidents follow me up to the stage.

We would like to congratulate you on a fantastic year. I can't believe all the stuff that has happened to us, and you just rolled with everything. Your humor never left, and you took care of us, inspired us with your words and your actions. We want to congratulate you on a great convention. We didn't have as many folks as we usually have because I think some people are still nervous about being around other people. I don't know how we would have gotten through all of this without you.

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President Kathi.

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

I now declare this Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Oregon, Adjourned.

Sine Die.

Kathi is escorted off the stage by all the Past Department Presidents that were at Convention.

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Resolution No. 2021-01

SUBMITTED BY: Krisann Owens, PDP and Trudie McGriff, Alternate NEC, PDP

SUBJECT: Alternate National Executive Committee person voting privilege

DATE: May 2021

Whereas: Article V, Section 2 of the Department Constitution states “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, Alternate 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.”

Whereas: Article VI, Section 5 of the Department Constitution states “It shall be the duty of the Alternate National Executive Committee person to act in the capacity of the National Executive Committee person in their absence or inability to act.

Whereas: The Alternate National Executive Committee person acts in the absence or inability to act of the National Executive Committee person, only one vote is required there for,

Be it Resolved: That the Alternate National Executive Committee person does not get a vote of their own. The Alternate National Executive Committee person only votes when acting in place of the National Executive Committee person.

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Resolution No. 2021-02

SUBMITTED BY: Jody Marsh, PDP; Linda Liebenow, PDP

SUBJECT: Combining the Units of District 7 and District 8

DATE: April 2021

Whereas: District 7 has 3 units - Carl Douglas #74, F & J Ravin #134, and West Hills #66 and District 8 has 4 units - Milwaukie #180, Oregon Trail #150, Portland #1, and Willamette Falls #5.

Whereas: Both District 7 and District 8 have a small number of Units.

Whereas: District 7 has not had a District President or any District officers for several years which provides the District with no representation at the Department level.

Whereas: The American Legion Department of Oregon is presenting a Resolution to combine the American Legion Posts in District 7 and District 8 at the Department of Oregon Convention June 2021.

Whereas: Article I Organization Section 1 of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Oregon Bylaws state "The Department of Oregon shall be divided into the same Districts as the American Legion".

Be it Resolved: That with the approval of the American Legion Department of Oregon's resolution at the 2021 Department Convention that the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Oregon follow the American Legion Department of Oregon in combining District 7 and District 8 into one District effective upon the American Legion Department of Oregon's adoption.

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Resolution No. 2021-03

SUBMITTED BY: Department Finance Committee, Helen Hisaw, chair, Maggie Lamont, Gea Clausier
SUBJECT: Department Delegate Fee Increase
DATE: May 4, 2021

Whereas: The Department Finance Committee and officers met to prepare the annual budget for the FY2022 Auxiliary year, and

Whereas: The FY 2022 budget consideration of delegate fees to convention has not increased in many years and

Whereas: The expense of preparing for delegation voting has increased

Be it Resolved The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Oregon increase the delegate fees to convention to \$10.00

Be it further Resolved: That this increase become effective with the 2022 annual membership, upon adoption.

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Resolution No. 2021-04

SUBMITTED BY: Department Finance Committee, Helen Hisaw, chair, Maggie Lamont, Gea Clausier

RESOLUTION: Department Dues Increase

DATE: May 4, 2021

Whereas: The Department Finance Committee and officers met to prepare the annual budget for the FY2022 Auxiliary year, and

Whereas: The FY 2022 budget, and the FY 2023 budget, after considering all options, predicts a substantial deficit, that will require a withdrawal and usage of reserve monies.

Whereas: The current level of unrestricted reserve funds is approximately \$290,000.00, less than 2 ½ years of recommended reserve funds

Whereas: The department has seen a 15.5 % decrease in senior membership annually with results in approximately \$20,000 decrease in revenue and

Whereas: to continue to operate current headquarters and mission programs, therefor

Be it Resolved: The American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Oregon increase the senior dues by \$2.50.

Be it further Resolved: That this increase become effective with the 2023 annual membership, upon adoption.

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OREGON DEPARTMENT American Legion Auxiliary

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Resolution No. 2021-05

SUBMITTED BY: Maggie LaMont, District 6 President
SUBJECT: Eligibility for American Legion Auxiliary
DATE: May 21, 2021

Whereas District 6 is concerned about the IRS ruling that membership is restricted to 2 generations of the eligible Veteran.

Whereas District 6 would like The American Legion to extend the definition of eligible members to all descendants of eligible Veterans.

Whereas District 6 has concerns that the restriction will have a negative effect on the recruitment of new members as many Units have Great-Granddaughters as members.

Whereas District 6 believes we should honor all Veterans by continuing to allow membership of their descendants.

Be it resolved: that the members participating in the 2021 Department of Oregon Convention approve this resolution.

Be it further Resolved: that if approved the Resolution shall be presented to the National American Legion Auxiliary at their 2021 Convention for their consideration.

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