

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF OREGON**

FALL DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 4, 2020

Lebanon, Oregon

Department President, Kathi Karnowski, called the DEC to order.

Chaplain, Angie McKinney, gave the prayer.

Department Americanism Chairman, Donna Hartwell, led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

We all sang The National Anthem, led by Cheryl Park.

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

WELCOME, Department President, Kathi

It seems like an eternity since we have been able to meet in person, but we hope this is the start of getting on with our lives. We know it has been rough on some this past month and we pray for all those affected by the wildfires or anything else. Thank you all for coming today to conduct ALA business so let us get on with it.

ROLL CALL

Department Officers

Department President, Kathi Karnowski

Department Vice President, Debra Godwin

Department Secretary, Linda Liebenow

Department Treasurer, Helen Hisaw

Department Chaplain, Angie McKinney

Department Historian, Gea Clausier

Department Parliamentarian, Pam Seelye

National Executive Committee Person, Pam Seelye

Alternate NEC, Trudie McGriff

Department Sgt-at-Arms, Barbara Sumner

Department Assistant Sgt-at-Arms, Linda Bullock

Staff

Department Administrative Assistant, Cindy Hillyard

PENDING APPROVAL

District Presidents

District #1	Catherine Brockmann,	(Jody Marsh, VP)
District #2	Gregoria Hernandez,	(Glena Smith, VP)
District #3	Suzanne Driver,	(Roberta Peebler, VP)
District #4	Cindy Soria,	(Donna Hartwell, VP)
District #5	Louise Carter,	(Ginny Williams, VP)
District #6	Maggie LaMont,	
District #7	Vacant	
District #8	Angie McKinney,	(Carole Kauffman, VP)
District # 9	Krisann Owens,	(Betty Adams, VP)
District #10	Linda Schmidt	(Shirley Torrey, VP)

Past Department Presidents

Cheryl Park, PDP (2009-2010) Western Division National Vice President (2019-2021)
Krisann Owens, PDP (2018-2019) (2003-2004), District 9 President, Girls State Commission Director
Louise Carter, PDP (2004-2005), District 5 President
Cyndi Dahl, PDP (2008-2009), Past Presidents Parley
Trudie McGriff, PDP (2010-2011), Alternate NEC (2018-2021), Natural Security
Jody Marsh, PDP (2011-2012), Admin Committee Chairman, Convention Chairman
Pam Seelye, PDP (2012-2013), National Executive Committee Person (2016-2021), Children & Youth
Virginia "Ginny" Williams, PDP (2013-2014), Distinguished Guest Chairman, District 5 VP
Linda Liebenow, PDP (2014-2015), Department Secretary, Admin Committee member, VA&R committee
Angelina McKinney, PDP (2015-2016), District 8 President, Department Chaplain
Helen Hisaw, PDP (2017-2018), Department Treasurer, Member of Admin, Finance Committee Chair
Gea Clausier, PDP (2019-2020), Historian, Member of Finance Committee and Girls State

Department Chairman and Commission Members

Administrative Committee	Jody Marsh, Chairman Helen Hisaw, Linda Liebenow, members
Americanism	Donna Hartwell
Aux. Emergency Fund	Margie DeMoss
Centennial Celebration	Krisann Owens
Chairman Coordinator	Karol Satterfield
Children & Youth	Pam Seelye
Constitution & Bylaws	Erin Walters
Convention Chairman	Jody Marsh
Distinguished Guest Chairman	Ginny Williams
Finance	Helen Hisaw, chair Maggie LaMont, Gea Clausier, members

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Girls State Commission	Krisann Owens, Director
	Cindy Hillyard, Gea Clausier, member
Leadership	Louise Carter
Membership	Debra Godwin
National Security	Trudie McGriff
Past Presidents Parley	Cyndi Dahl
Poppy and Poppy Poster	Cindy Soria
Strategic Planning Committee	Jody Marsh, Chair
	Linda Schmidt, member
VA&R	Cheryl Park, Chair
	Linda Liebenow, member
Portland Gift Shop Coordinator	Linda Liebenow
Roseburg Gift Shop	Carol Hunt
Oregon Veterans Home Gift Shop	Geanne Horne

Guest

Willy Williams, SAL, NEC was introduced. He presented a ribbon to Linda Schmidt and Shirley Torrey for donating money for the Child Welfare Foundation

Minutes

You have received minutes of the DEC Conference Calls, June 27, 2020 and August 8, 2020. If there are no corrections and no objections the minutes of the previous meetings will stand approved as printed. Minutes approved as printed.

Rules of the DEC

Articles V

Department Executive Committee

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, 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 for 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.

Ratification of appointments:

Parliamentarian, Pam Seelye

District 5 President, Louise Carter

District 5 Vice President, Ginny Williams

Girls State Commission, Gea Clausier

Finance Committee, Gea Clausier

PENDING APPROVAL

Portland VA Gift Shop, Linda Liebenow
Roseburg VA Gift Shop, Carol Hunt

President, Kathi, may I have consent to ratify these appointments?
Consent given.

Reports from Department Officers

Department Secretary, Linda Liebenow, take anything out of your binder, but please, leave the dividers and the binder.

Department Treasurer, Helen Hisaw. We will be receiving a P&L monthly and the budget to actual quarterly.

From the Finance meeting that was held Saturday morning, we recommended a \$1 raise for Cindy Hillyard.

Recommendation was passed.

To make Cindy's job easier, the Finance committee recommended purchasing a personal scanner for no more than \$500. If Cindy had a scanner on her desk, it would save her many trips to the back room to scan items. The recommendation was passed.

Department Historian, Gea Clausier, nothing to report

Department Chaplain, Angie McKinney, please send in prayers for the Department prayer book and, also, for the National prayer book. The National Chaplain's website has a lot of good information.

Jody Marsh, PDP, asked what kinds of things does Angie want for the prayer book?

Angie, prayers, or inspirational thoughts with the author listed if it is not original to you.

Ameriprise presentation

Helen Hisaw, Department Treasurer, introduced our guest Scott Anderson.

Scott Anderson from Ameriprise gave us a presentation of his company and what he could do for us. He explained that he combines all of the Oregon American Legion family accounts, for rate purposes only, so that he can give us a better rate, which is 0.75%. We decide the risk that we want to have on our money. The account is reviewed quarterly to see if adjustments need to be made. The account would be a fiduciary account which means that all they would charge is the 0.75%, there is no upfront charge or back load charge, or charge for pulling the money out.

Helen Hisaw, Department Treasurer, back in March there was a CD that was cashed out for \$153,865 and it was put in the checking account. No matter what the market has done, that money has done nothing. On the long-term CD that will come due in February, it is \$103,939 and it made \$1000 in the last 17 months. So, the money that we have is not going anywhere, it is not growing for us. These monies are not insured, they are doing nothing for us. If we need money out of the investment account, it will take approximately three to four days to get the money.

Cyndi Dahl, PDP. How much have we needed to take out to run the Department in the last year or two?
Helen Hisaw, Department Treasurer, I believe that it was around \$38,000.

PENDING APPROVAL

Helen Hisaw, Department Treasurer, it is the recommendation of the Finance committee that we invest \$100,000 now and \$100,000 again in February when the other CD matures.

Louise Carter, District 5 President, what are the fees for early withdrawal and how long would it need to stay in the account before it can be withdrawn?

Scott Anderson, Ameriprise, there are no fees for withdrawal at any time. My recommendation is to not cash CD's out early to reinvest.

Catherine Brockmann, District 1 President, what is the fee for investing \$100,000?

Scott Anderson, there are no upfront fees, the management cost is 0.75% and that is amortized over 12 months. The account will be reviewed quarterly.

Helen Hisaw, Department Treasure, again, it is the recommendation of the Finance Committee to invest \$100,000 now and \$100,000 again when our CD matures in February.

Kathi, Department President, called for the vote.

Motion carried.

Helen Hisaw, Department Treasurer, thanked everyone and introduced her Finance Committee, Maggie LaMont and Gea Clausier.

Reports from Department Officers (cont.)

NEC, Pam Seelye. Two weeks ago, we had another webinar to approve the National budget, which we did. National ended the year in the black and they predicted that next year will also end in the black. National President, Nicole, is hoping that we will be able to meet face-to-face sometime in 2021. They are planning National Convention and continuing our Centennial Celebration.

If you have any questions, please ask. If I don't know the answer, I will ask someone and get the information back to you.

Reports from District Presidents,

Department President, Kathi, the District Presidents have their reports in the book of reports but are there any District Presidents that have something to add.

Louise Carter, District 5 President. Wamic, Unit 135 has closed their bank account and sent Department \$151.51 along with their Charter. Nine members have transferred to Unit 55 and one member transferred to Unit 19.

I move to accept the Charter of Wamic, Unit 135.

Motion was seconded.

Motion passed.

Linda Liebenow, Department Secretary, do we know if they closed their 990?

Louise Carter, I don't know if they have done that. Some of their records were taken with Gen Horne when she moved to Arizona and some have been given to the museum.

Department President, Kathi, we are running into trouble when Units close and don't turn in the final report on their 990 saying that the Unit has terminated. We will check it out at Department.

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Suzanne Driver, District 3 President. I wish to request that Eugene; Unit 3 be closed. They have submitted all information by December 31, 2019. All members requesting transfers have been completed, the bank account was closed, all the money was distributed. I could not get any information if they had closed their 990 account.

Motion seconded.

Motion passed.

Suzanne is not sure if Unit 11 and Unit 64 in District 3 have closed their 990 accounts. She will follow up and see what she can find out.

Department President, Kathi. Linda Liebenow will work with you and see what we can find out. Let's work on keeping Units open if we can. Help find new members that want to be active. There are so many people that are eligible to join our organization and I think if they found out what we do, they may want to join us. It is hard to get the information to the people that are eligible. We are going to try to have an Open House at Department or come to the Units and do a membership drive. If any of the Units want to have a membership drive and have Department come and help you, please contact Linda, myself, or Cindy. And of course, Debra Godwin, Membership Chairman.

Suzanne Driver, District 3 President has a presentation for President Kathi.

At the end of the year, District 3 had their funds for the District President's Project, but we couldn't get them delivered. So, at this time I would like to present this to our Department President, Kathi, a check, for \$250, to add to her President's Project for Camp Alma and Divide Camp.

President Kathi thanked Suzanne and her District 3.

President's Report

I have my travel/work report in The Book of Reports.

Communication between Department and Units is something I hear about a lot. It's not fun to hear. I hear it from Units and Department. I understand that it is frustrating, and I constantly try to balance both sides of a situation.

What I do know is the only way it will get better is if ALL of us work together to make it better. We do not want any Unit or Member to feel they are not being helped or recognized in what they do. One Unit said that everything they mailed into Department the last couple of years has not gotten to them. When these members showed up at Convention, there was no record of registering or of delegate fees being paid, and they felt unwelcome.

If any mail, email, or fax is not getting through to Department, WE have a Huge problem! Department does not mind if Units follow up to be certain their information has been received.

We don't know which Units are having trouble unless no membership is coming in or we hear from a member that is not happy with their Unit. Please work together and speak up if your checks don't clear or if you expect a response and don't get one. One alert membership chairman wondered why her Units check for a transmittal hadn't been cashed yet. Simple reason, that a new member was on it and if Cindy had processed it, that member would have turned right around and had to pay for 2021 as well. (member did not want to pay both). By you coming for the training Saturday and the DEC today, you are showing you care and want to keep helping our Veterans. For that, I thank you.

PENDING APPROVAL

For my Presidents Project I have chosen to support two worthy causes that assist and help Veterans heal in two different ways, Divide Camp in Joseph, and Veterans Legacy Camp Alma in Eugene. Divide Camp is a week-long program for Veterans to bond with 5 or 6 other Veterans in an outdoor setting. Veterans Legacy has the vision to break the cycle of veteran suicide and help them with life skills, employment, and certain therapies. One fundraiser I have is wood tile bracelets. There are five choices: First Responders, Veteran, American Pride, Poppy and Cancer Awareness. They are \$5 each and all proceeds go to my project. Please support these two Mission Driven Programs.

Madame Treasurer, here is the first installment to my project from the bracelets, \$275.

Drawing. Everyone was given a ticket when they entered the meeting. President Kathi drew tickets for prizes.

Reports from Chairman

Admin Committee Chairman, Jody Marsh

The Admin committee has met and had multiple conversations over the past few months. All of us were in attendance at Department in July when Scott was there. We also went over expectations for the officers with President Kathi and Vice President Debra and what the Admin committee is there to do, to help them understand what their job is, help them prepare for meetings, ask them questions because sometimes you are too new and you don't know what to ask. The Sgt-at-Arms and the Chairman Coordinator also joined us. It was a very helpful planning meeting.

We have been reviewing forms and documents and we will be doing more of that. All of the policies that we implemented a couple years ago need to be reviewed. The organization made a lot of changes three or four years back. You have to change to grow. Not all the changes were embraced, some of them turned out to not be the right decision. So, we will be reviewing all of those and asking for input. If we make changes, there needs to be a valid reason for it. We are not going to be doing the emotional tweeting thing.

Convention Chairman, Jody Marsh

The convention will be at 7 Feathers should we be allowed to have it because of the world being off its axis and refusing to right itself. More information to come later. More fun and less listening at the banquet.

Membership Chairman, Debra Godwin

Membership report was handed out.

Membership is the key to our organization. "Celebrating the New with Change". And the "New", I mean new members, make them feel special and welcome. And "Change", we have to change with the time. And there is change (chocolate, gold covered coins) on your table to eat, girls.

Washington has been ahead of us for the last couple of years, but this year we are going to beat Washington. We have had to pay Washington \$25 the last few years and this year we want them to pay us. Oregon is at 18.61% and Washington is at 13.26%. Way to go Oregon! Oregon has 822 paid members.

We have two Units that are at or above 80% in membership, Lester C. Rees Unit 57 is at 80% and Glenn Morrison Unit 70 is at 81.81%.

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We still have a few Units that have not turned in any membership and I have reached out to those District Presidents and they will be working with them.

I have been looking for an incentive for membership this year. I wanted to make it as equal to each Unit as possible because we have some very tiny Units and some huge Units. So, I came up with this membership breakdown. They will each receive \$75 for the most recruited NEW members, 30 days prior to convention.

Units 10-50

Units 51-100

Units 101-150

Units 151-200

Units 201 and above

11-10-2020 Unit Award, Units that reach goal by the deadline will be put in a random drawing, 100 Units will receive \$100 used to advance the ALA Mission. (National Award)

10X10 Award due to Department before 11-10-2020

R/R5 Recruit & Rejoin 5, due 12-14-2020 or 6-14-2021

12-15-2020 Mid-year reports are due to Department

I'm finding that some new members do not have information about their new Units. They don't know meeting dates or times. Please reach out to your Unit's membership chair and make sure they are getting information to the new members. We must make them feel welcome and included.

I am also finding that phone numbers are not correct. Communicate with your membership chairs to make sure all applications are legible and filled out correctly. Cindy processed 210 membership renewals and applications in the last week. So please let's work to help Cindy and make it easier for her to complete membership. By the time we came to DEC, we had processed 1,045 members for 2021. Cindy was handed over 100 more renewals here at DEC. I would love to have 100% goal for this year.

How many of us know that Junior renewals do not come out in the mail? You need to personally contact the parent or grandparent connected to that Junior.

Cheryl Park, PDP is having a problem with the Post getting applications signed and that is slowing down the process of getting membership cards to new members. Is there any way where we could issue the new members a temporary card so that they have access to the Post? What can we do to fix this?

Linda Liebenow, Department Secretary, this sounds like an internal problem to me. When we get the application in the office and it is all complete, that card goes out that day or the next day.

Cheryl Park, PDP, no it is not the slow down at Department. Maybe we are the only Unit that has issues with their Post, but I would find that hard to believe.

Cyndi Dahl, PDP. A partial solution to that problem would be to give them a receipt when they pay their dues.

Cheryl Park, PDP. Our biggest issue is that we have bartenders taking the money and so they don't issue a receipt for that payment. They are simply taking the money.

PENDING APPROVAL

Linda Liebenow, Department Secretary, that is why we changed this. We have members out there with a card saying that they are a paid member but their membership application has not been processed and so they are not a member, but they have a card. Sometimes we find out that they are trying to join under a SAL member or someone that is not a Legionnaire. So that is why we are trying to get away from having people out there with membership cards that aren't a member.

Jody Marsh, PDP, it is our responsibility to make sure our members are valid. There is a price that all of us have paid for membership in this organization. I understand that we need the numbers, but it is not a matter of any body but the right body. Put new members on a separate transmittal so that if there is a problem with a new member it is not holding up the whole transmittal.

Krisann Owens, District 9 President. There is a stub on some of the membership applications that could be given to the member. The bartenders should be accountable for cash or checks that they accept. Everybody should be writing receipts.

Cindy Soria, District 4 President. On the PUFL cards, will National be the one sending their card to them? Don't you get a hard membership card?

Debra Godwin, Department Vice President. You have to purchase those.

Cindy Soria, District 4 President, how long does it take to get your card when you pay your dues online?

Debra Godwin, regular membership cards take 2 to 3 weeks.

Krisann Owens, District 9 President. The card that you are talking about, the metal PUFL cards. You can have them made but it is not an official card. Your paper membership card is your official membership card.

Suzanne Driver, District 3 President. When you pay your dues online, you can print out a card and you can use that until you get the card from National.

Membership was interrupted because the Unit President, Carol Hunt, of our new Unit, Roseburg, needed to leave.

Charter Presentation

President Kathi, Earle B. Stewart Unit 16 (Roseburg) closed about 6 years ago. They have revitalized the Unit with the help of Carol Hunt. Because the Charter was signed by Past Department, Gea Clausier, she presented the Charter to Carol Hunt. We also presented Carol with some of their property that was stored at Department until the Unit reopened. Also, their membership packet and bulletins were presented.

Membership (cont.)

Membership Chairman, Debra Godwin went over the standings with District 7 in first place and District 1 being in last place.

VA&R Chairman, Cheryl Park

My report is in the Book of Reports. I forgot to include that I was able to attend the National VA&R meeting online, led by Vickie Koutz. There will soon be a new VA&R handbook coming out. COVID has wreaked havoc on our Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services (VAVS) program this year. If we are allowed back in the facilities, check the age limits of your local facility, and involve your Juniors when you can.

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Volunteers have the opportunity for one on one, face to face interaction with our Veterans. Members volunteer for a variety of reasons; some are to serve others, to give something back, or for social interaction. Branding is very important when serving at a VA facility. We must always remember that we are guests in all VA facilities. Without a good working relationship, we can be denied access to serve. We must always be respectful when representing our organization.

I want to emphasize the changes we are implementing in place of the Gift Shops for this year, due to the COVID virus restrictions. We have had to learn how to improvise, adjust and adapt due to the virus, in order to effectively serve our Veterans.

As most of you know, the VA facilities in Oregon are closed to visitors, so this prevents us from holding our Annual Gift Shops (with the exception of Roseburg). We met with the Roseburg representatives earlier this year and have a plan in place to make it possible to provide gifts for our Veterans in the infectious disease area located there.

We are planning to provide gift cards for 100-125 Veterans connected with the Portland VA Hospital. Our team, headed by Linda Liebenow, is working with the VA Voluntary Services to work out all the details.

The Veteran's Home in The Dalles has cancelled their Gift Shop, but Chairman Geanne Horne has talked with the facility and they are asking for donations of soda pop, Little Debbie snacks, snack size potato chips and candy bars. Geanne is planning to purchase these items and deliver them for us, with the Gift Shop funds for this year.

The Veteran's Home in Lebanon has also cancelled their Gift Shop for this year. We are working with them to see if we can create an alternative plan. And I understand that they will be doing a gift bag and the facility will distribute them.

The Roseburg gift shop opening is planned for Sunday November 29, 2020 and it will be either at 10 or 11am. Watch for the exact time. They will be serving patients from November 29 thru December 1 and finishing up on December 2.

Because of these changes, we are asking for monetary donations, instead of in-kind gifts this year. Units or individuals can send their donations marked for a specific facility in their area, or to Gift Shops in general, to the Auxiliary office in Wilsonville. We are so thankful for the opportunity to serve our Veterans in a new way and I want to thank all of you who will send in these donations to make it possible. I am hoping that by this time next year, we will be able to hold our Gift Shops once again. I would like to give my chairmen an opportunity to add anything to this report.

I am seeing no hands.

Are there any questions?

No questions.

Thank you, Madam President for the opportunity to share my report.

Americanism Chairman, Donna Hartwell

We will have the same theme for the essay contest in 2021 as they had for 2020. I didn't receive many essays. There is a new challenge this year, I want Senior Auxiliary members to participate in the essay contest. The essay theme is "How can we address the health and wellbeing of our Veterans, Military and their families". The Senior Auxiliary members will be judged in the Class V, 11-12 grade.

My focus this year for Americanism is flag etiquette and the Americanism essay contest. Try to contact your school and try to pass on the importance of Americanism.

PENDING APPROVAL

Department of Oregon Americanism Essay winner is Kylie Jewel, sent in by Crook County #29. This essay was sent on to Western Division. Other winners were, Class I, Hailey Carter, Louis Larsen, Unit #68; Class II, Maleah Archibald, Ellis Tracy, Unit #77; Class III, no entries; Class V, David Reeves, Louis Larsen, Unit #68.

Communications

None

Old Business

A list of the awards that were won for 2020 and normally given out at convention were read. The awards are on the table at the left side of the room. When we break, you can go to your District President and she will give you the awards that were won by your Unit. If the Unit is not here, then the District President will get them to the Unit.

A list of all of the awards will be at the end of the minutes.

We have noticed that there some membership categories that need to be tweaked a little. Our membership is going down and we don't have any Units that are 451 and over.

President Kathi will announce the membership awards. She also gave a personal \$50 cash award to all of the goal Units and one goal District gets \$100.

The goal Units are Unit #96, Vale; Unit #20, Carl B. Fenton; Unit #89, Mt. Angel; Unit #24, Milton-Freewater; Unit #184, Travis Moothart; Unit #59, Francis M. Yost; Unit #84, Malin; Unit #133, Timber City; Unit #1, Portland; Unit #83, N Eugene/Santa Clara; Unit #180, Milwaukie; Unit #5, Willamette Falls; Unit #150, Oregon Trail. The goal District is District 8.

Past Presidents Parley, Chairman, Cyndi Dahl.

Cyndi read the report that was sent in for the 2019-2020 Member of the Year. It is Barbara Pawlick from N. Eugene/Santa Clara, Unit #83. Barbara was not able to be with us today, so Karol Satterfield accepted the plaque and ribbon.

There was only one report submitted that followed the directions.

Poppy Chairman, Cindy Soria

My report is in the Book of Reports but since I sent that information in, I heard from the Western Division Poppy Chairman. Our poppy poster that was sent to Western Division was submitted by David Reeves, Louis Larsen Unit #68. The poster will be part of the note cards that are sold through Emblem Sales.

National wants a poppy from each state to be presented to National President Nicole, so I am challenging each District President to make a poppy and bring to our January DEC and I will ask Madame President to pick one to send on to National.

Installation

Installing Officer, National Western Division Vice President, Cheryl Park

The Department Officers and District Presidents and Vice Presidents were installed in a brief ceremony.

PENDING APPROVAL

We also transferred the "Home of the Department President" banner to President Kathi to hang in her Unit.

Upcoming Events

There will be no Department Christmas party this year. We talked about an Open House at the Department Headquarters before the Mid-winter DEC here in Wilsonville. More to come.

Mid-winter DEC will be January 16, 2021, location is set for Wilsonville and we will be sending more information soon. This event is being hosted by Department. There will be no banquet.

We thank you all for coming and showing you care by representing your Unit and you as a member. We especially want to thank Santiam Post and Unit 51 for hosting another great DEC, I know I love coming here and always feel welcome.

Krisann Owens PDP (2003-2004) led all of the PDP's in congratulating Kathi on this very unusual DEC. You did a good job.

Is there any further business to come before this meeting? If not, we will have the Closing Prayer.

Department Chaplain, Angie McKinney gave the closing prayer.

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.

1:30 p.m.