

93rd Annual Convention
American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Washington
Vancouver, Washington • July 17th – 19th, 2014

Thursday, July 17th, 2014

Presiding Convention Chairman Sandy Yakkel called the processional of the 93rd Annual Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Washington to begin. The District and Department colors were advance and posted.

The processional included Past Department Presidents, Department Officers, National Executive Committeewoman, and the Department President. Following the processional Sandy handed the gavel over to President Terri Angell to begin her Convention.

The opening ceremony included the Invocation by Department Chaplain Melodie Foster, Pledge of Allegiance lead by Americanism Chairman Terry Fischer, National Anthem lead by Musician Lucille Harwood, POW/MIA Ceremony, and the Preamble to the American Legion Auxiliary.

President Terri declared the 93rd Annual Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Washington regular convened.

President Terri appointed Laura Bondurant, Rita Mayrant, and Marie Thorp to approve the minutes of the convention session.

District 5 President Sandy Yakkel welcomed everyone to Vancouver for the 93rd Annual Convention. Lorna Deckert 1st Vice President thanked 5th District and the Convention Committee for all their hard work.

Introductions were made as follows: Past Department Presidents, Past Western Division Vice President Janet Easley and Barbara Rutherford, Past National Chaplain Emma Peoples, Departmental Chapeau of the 8/40 Rose Ring, Department President of Oregon Virginia Williams and Secretary Virginia Biddle.

Greetings were brought from the Legion Commander Jim Davidson and Alternate National Executive Committeeman Roy Layton.

Department Secretary Nicole Ross did roll call. All Executive Committee Members were present with the exception of 4th District President Debbie Capps-Bucy and 11th District President Donna Blaurock.

President Terri requested Karen Grimes the Sgt At Arms bring forward the Credentials Committee for their report. Chairman Eva Wallace reported:

Total Registered Delegates:	44	Total Registered Delegates At Large:	22
Total Registered Alternates:	5	Total Units Represented:	24
Total Voting Strength:	66		

Eva Wallace moved to accept the Credentials report. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

[Attachment A]

President Terri requested the Sgt At Arms bring forward the Rules and Order Committee for their report. Chairmen Shorty Hjort introduced her Committee member Joy Miller. The rules of the Convention were then read. Shorty Hjort moved to accept the Rules of Convention. Motion seconded. Discussion was had. Eva Wallace moved to amend the Rules to remove item number three. Amendment seconded. Amendment carried. Motion carried as amended.

[Attachment B]

Hanny Elston moved to suspend the reading and accept the minutes of the 2013 Department Convention, Post Convention, and 2014 Pre Convention meetings as they have been read and approved by the Committee. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

Greetings were brought from Cathy Hennie from the 20/4.

Mary Davis honored us with a special presentation about membership retention.

Department Officers gave their reports. Bomb Diggity Awards were presented:

Lorna Deckert VA&R Chairman – Unit #36, #94, #64, Frankie Dube and Peggy McHugo.

Barb Cramer Children and Youth Chairman – Unit #181, #53, #28.

Melodie Foster Chaplain – Unit #53, Unit #1.

Marie Thorp presented President Terri with her History Book.

Hanny Elston National Executive Committeewoman – Additions (see attachment).

[Attachment C]

Resolution Committee Chairman Janet Easley for the first reading of the Resolutions #1, #2, #3, #4.

Resolution #4 – Chairman Janet Easley reported this Resolution to the Convention body for discussion and adoption. Motion seconded. Discussion was had. Mary Davis called for the question. Call for the question seconded; 42 opposed. With lack of 2/3 votes call for the question did not pass. Discussion continued. Resolution #4 passed with a majority vote; 37 in favor.

[Attachment D]

President Terri called for recess for the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation luncheon at 11:00am.

President Terri reconvened the session at 2:05pm.

President Terri requested the Sgt At Arms bring forward the Chairman of Pages and the Pages of the Day to the front for introduction.

Resolutions Chairman Janet Easley continued with the first reading of the Resolutions #5, #6, #7, and #8. Chairman noted that Resolution #8 will not be voted on until after a vote is completed on Resolution #7.

Resolution #9 – Chairman Janet reported this Resolution for the Convention body for discussion and adoption. Barbara Cramer moved to accept Resolution #9. Motion seconded. Discussion was had. Resolution #9 failed; 6 in favor/56 opposed.

[Attachment D]

President Terri requested Chairman Report additions: Eva Wallace ABC's/Leadership Chairman did a skit of accepting the differences our members bring to each Unit. She also presented Logan Wheeler Unit #36 with the Outstanding Leadership award.

[Attachment C]

Finance Committee added the following recommendations;

1. Poppy Equity Fund monies be moved to a non restricted account.
2. Seattle Gift Shop allotment be removed as they are no longer have a program.

Finance Chairman Phyllis Christofferson moved to accept the recommendations of the Committee.

President Terri noted that we will vote on each recommendation separately;

Recommendation #1 seconded. Discussion was had. Shorty Hjort moved to amend the recommendation to be only for veterans programs only. Amendment seconded. With lack of majority vote the amendment failed; 11 in favor and 45 opposed. Recommendation carried with majority vote; 46 in favor and 11 opposed.

Recommendation #2 seconded. Discussion was had. Marie Thorp called for the question. Call for question was seconded; 63 in favor. Call for the question carried. Recommendation carried with majority vote.

President Terri noted that the Juniors were not able to have their meeting this year.

Education Chairman Laura Bondurant gave awards of excellence to Art Semro Unit #28 and Lake Stevens Unit #181.

Nomination of Department Officers: Emma Peoples from 12th District nominated Lorna Deckert for Department President. Laura Bondurant from Unit #009 nominated Barbara Cramer for 1st Vice President. Barbara Cramer from Unit #009 nominated Laura Bondurant for 2nd Vice President. Karen Grimes nominated Lora Shanahan for Department Chaplain. Laura Bondurant from 8th District nominated Elaine Roach for Department Historian. President Terri declared all unopposed candidates elected as Officers for the year 2014/2015. Newly elected Department Officers were introduced to the body.

[Attachment E]

District President's were asked to announce where their caucuses would be held.

President Terri called for a recess at 4:30pm until Friday morning at Legion Joint Session.

Thursday Evening, July 17th, 2014

The Auxiliary States Dinner started with a social hour held from 6:00 to 7:00pm and the Grand March of Past Department President's began at 7:00pm. Nicole Ross was the Mistress of Ceremonies. Dinner was themed with our Department Jewels. All had a fantastic time.

Friday, July 18th, 2014

Members of the Auxiliary were invited to attend a Joint Meeting for the opening of the American Legion Convention. All attended the Children and Youth Luncheon. President Terri called the meeting to reconvene at 2:00pm.

Mary Davis presented 2014 Girls State Governor Molina Harvey who thanked the Auxiliary for providing her with the opportunity to attend the Girls State program.

President Terri noted that during the Pre Convention meeting it was recommended by the Constitution and Bylaws Revision Committee and voted for approval to postpone the Constitution and Bylaws revision until next Convention.

President Terri requested Karen Grimes the Sgt At Arms bring forward the Credentials Committee for their report. Chairman Eva Wallace reported:

Total Registered Delegates:	60	Total Registered Delegates At Large:	24
Total Registered Alternates:	8	Total Units Represented:	30
Total Voting Strength:	84		

Eva Wallace moved to accept the Credentials report. Motion seconded. Motion carried.

[Attachment A]

Resolution Chairman Janet Easley read the second reading of the Resolutions.

[Attachment D]

Resolutions #1 – Karen Grimes moved for the adoption of Resolution #1. Jane Montaney seconded. Discussion was had.

Sue Patterson moved to amend the Resolution to remove the last sentence “If there is no District President or Vice President then such vacancy shall be filled by a successor from the District appointed by the executive Committee”. Amendment seconded. Discussion was had on amendment. Sue Patterson withdrew her amendment.

Sue Patterson moved to amend the last sentence to read “If there is no District President or Vice President then such vacancy shall be filled by a successor from the District appointed by the Department President”. Lorna Deckert seconded the amendment. Discussion was had on the amendment. Sharon Stewart moved for the previous question. Joy Miller seconded. Previous question carried.

Amendment was carried with majority vote; 61 in favor and 7 opposed. Discussion on the Resolution as amended continued.

Lorna Deckert moved to amend the first sentence of the amended Resolution to read “The District Presidents and District Vice Presidents are to be elected for one year with the option of serving multiple times”. Amendment seconded. Discussion was had on amendment. Amendment was carried with a majority vote; 71 in favor and 1 opposed. Discussion on the Resolution as amended continued.

Resolution #1 was carried as amended; 71 in favor and 3 opposed.

President Terri called for the ratification of District Officers. Secretary Nicole read the elections. Hanny Elston moved for the ratification. Marie Thorp seconded. Motion carried.

1st District President Alice Richard and Vice Carolyn Wiley – Frasier

- 2nd District President Janet Sperry and Vice Kathy Naff
- 3rd District President Dorinda Caryle and Vice Janet Emery
- 4th District President Pam Halsan and Vice Catherine Olson
- 5th District President Sandy Yakkel and Vice Jill Graves
- 6th District President Terry Fisher and Vice Winnie Miles
- 7th District President and Vice are vacant
- 8th District President and Vice are vacant
- 9th District President Rita Mayrant and Vice Annie Rapp
- 10th District President Susan Patterson and Vice Joy Miller
- 11th District President Janet Gunter and Vice Midge Tallman
- 12th District President Sharon Stewart and Vice Joanne Glasgow

Resolution Chairman Janet Easley continued with the second reading.

[Attachment D]

Resolution #2 – Janet Easley moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion and action of the Convention body. Motion seconded. Discussion was had.

Lorna Ledoschuk moved to amend the last resolve to read “That this change be implemented at the 2014 Department of Washington Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, with nomination and election being held at the same time as all other officers at the 2015 Convention and with the first official duties beginning at the Post Convention Department Executive Committee meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary”. Amendment seconded. Discussion was had on amendment. Lorna Ledoschuk withdrew her amendment.

Lorna Ledoschuk moved to amend the last resolve to read “That this change be implemented at the 2015 Department of Washington Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, with nomination and election being held at the same time as all other officers at the 2016 Convention and with the first official duties beginning at the Post Convention Department Executive Committee meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary in 2016”. Karen Grimes seconded the amendment. Discussion was had on the amendment. Amendment carried; 68 in favor and 1 opposed.

Eva Wallace moved to amend the first resolve clause to read “The Department of Convention shall annually elect the following officers, Department President, Department First Vice President, Department Second Vice President, Department Historian, Department Chaplain, and elect bi-annually the National Executive Committeewoman”. Amendment seconded. Phyllis Christofferson moved for the previous question. Motion seconded. Previous question carried.

Resolution #2 was carried as amended; 65 in favor and 2 opposed.

Resolution #3 - Janet Easley moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion and action of the Convention body. Motion seconded. Discussion was had.
Lorna Ledoschuk moved to amend the last resolve to read “That this change be implemented at the 2015 Department of Washington Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary and be effective in 2016”. Amendment seconded. Discussion was had on the amendment. Amendment carried.

Lorna Ledoschuk moved to amend the first resolve to read "At the second regular meeting of the Department Convention nomination shall be made from the floor for the office of: Department President, Department First Vice President, Department Second Vice President, Department Historian, Department Chaplain, and elected bi-annually National Executive Committeewoman". Amendment seconded. Discussion was had on the amendment. Amendment carried. Discussion continued on Resolution as amended.

JoAnne Comins-Rick moved to amend the second resolve to change the word "may" to "shall". Amendment seconded. Amendment carried.

Karen Grimes moved for the previous question. Seconded, previous question carried.

Resolution #3 was carried as amended.

Department Chaplain Melodie Foster presented President Terri with her prayer book.

Department Historian Marie Thorp awarded 11th District with best scrapbook, Unit #141 with best History Book, and Unit #227 with best Poppy display.

President Terri asked for announcements from Secretary Nicole. The meeting was called for a recess at 4:37pm until Saturday Morning at 10:00am.

Saturday, July 19th, 2014

President Terri called for the Auxiliary Business Meeting to reconvene at 10:05am.

President Terri requested Karen Grimes the Sgt At Arms bring forward the Credentials Committee for their report. Chairman Eva Wallace reported that there was no change from yesterday:

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Resolution Chairman Janet Easley continued with the second reading.

[Attachment D]

Resolution #5 – Janet Easley moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion and action of the Convention body. Motion seconded. Discussion was had.

Phyllis Christofferson moved to amend the last resolve the title "6) ABC's" to "6) Leadership". Amendment seconded. Amendment carried. Discussion continued on Resolution #3 as amended.

Resolution #5 carried as amended; 54 in favor and 13 opposed.

Resolution #6 – Janet Easley moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion and action of the Convention body. Joy Miller seconded. Discussion was had.

Lorna Deckert moved to amend to add the Sgt At Arms after Parliamentarian. Amendment seconded. Discussion was had. Marie Thorp called for the previous question. Previous seconded and carried. Amendment carried; 65 in favor and 0 opposed.

Discussion continued on amended resolution. JoAnne Comins-Rick moved to amend “(\$50,00)” to (\$50.00). Amendment seconded. Amendment carried.

Resolution #6 carried as amended; 66 in favor and 0 opposed.

Resolution #7 – Janet Easley moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion and action of the Convention body. Motion seconded. Lorna Ledoschuk withdrew this Resolution.

Resolution #8 – Janet Easley moved for the adoption of this resolution for the purpose of discussion and action of the Convention body. Motion seconded. Lorna Ledoschuk withdrew this Resolution.

Secretary Nicole read the National Call to Convention and Department Bylaws outlining the process of selection. The election of Delegates and Alternates was held.

Hanny Elston, National Executive Committeewoman – Delegate At Large
Terri Angell – Delegation Chairman
Lorna Deckert – Delegation Secretary
Jane Montaney – Delegate
Eva Wallace – Delegate
Mary Davis – Delegate
Emma Peoples – Delegate
Lorna Ledoschuk – Delegate
Barbara Rutherford – Delegate
Janet Sperry – Delegate
Karen Grimes – Delegate

Midge Tallman moved to elect these Delegates and Alternates to attend the National Convention. Motion seconded and carried.

Membership Chairman Lora Shanahan presented the Anne Rottle Bell Trophy. This is awarded to the Units with the highest percentage of membership quota at Convention, started in 1936 and the last time it was presented in 1968. This year it was awarded to the Bremerton Unit #149. Chairman Lora Shanahan also awarded Unit #43 with \$200.00 for the Highest Renewals, Senior Recruiter of the Year \$100.00 to Betty Carlson from Unit #96, Junior Recruiter of the Year \$100.00 to Caty Crosby from Unit #43, and to the Highest Percentage \$200.00 to Bremerton Unit #149.

Children and Youth Chairman Barbara Cramer reported that at the Luncheon we collected \$173.51 for Operation Stork.

Lorna Deckert, Midge Tallman, and Marie Thorp from the Courtesy Resolutions Committee read their report. Lorna moved to accept the Courtesy Resolution for this Convention. Motion seconded and carried.

[Attachment F]

The business session was recessed at 11:55am to prepare for the Installation of the 2014/2015 Officers.

Saturday Afternoon, July 19th, 2014

Eva Wallace was in charge of the installation of new officers. The following officers were installed for the year 2014/2015. Lorna Deckert President; Barbara Cramer 1st Vice President; Laura Bondurant 2nd Vice President; Elaine Roach Historian; and Lora Shanahan Chaplain. Incoming President Lorna Deckert gave her acceptance speech and the gavel was handed back to President Terri to close her convention. Department Chaplain Melodie Foster led us in a prayer for peace. President Terri declared the 93rd Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Washington adjourned.

Attachments:

- A – Credentials Reports
- B – Convention Rules
- C – Annual Reports
- D – Resolutions
- E – Endorsements of Department Officers
- F – Courtesy Resolution

All attachments are available upon request from Department Headquarters.