

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Washington
95th Department Convention

Candidates for 2016/2017 Department Officers

Department President – Laura Bondurant

Department 1st Vice President – Sharon Stewart

Department 2nd Vice President – Sandy Yakkell – Lora Shanahan

Chaplain – None

Historian – None

National Executive Committeewoman – Eva Wallace



At the regular meeting held on February 22, 2016 the members of Spokane Unit #9 discussed the endorsement of Laura Bondurant for the position of Department President.

Laura has been a member since 2008. She is eligible for the American Legion Auxiliary through her husband, Michael Bondurant. He served during Vietnam, Grenada and Dessert Storm while in the Air Force for 20 years (1977-1992).

Since joining she has been Unit President 2 terms, 2nd Vice 1 years, and Poppy Chairman 3 years. Laura held a mock baby shower for her unit and since the unit does one every year. She has helped with gift shops at both VA Medical Center and Spokane Veterans Home. She served as District #8 Presidents for two years. She has visited every Unit each year at least once and many several times. She visited other District to gain knowledge. She has attended ABC Leadership classes. She is the secretary of the 8th District Convention Committee and worked on the last 3 Conventions in Spokane. She is the 8th District Fund Raising Chair for the Mary Davis Campaign for National President Campaign Committee.

While District #8 President she has arranged the restoration of the charter for the Units at North Port and Davenport while continuing to work with Errol L English Unit at Medical Lake to save the Unit. At the same time she has been serving the Department as Transitional Housing Chairman for Spokane for the past four years and is Department Chairman of Education Committee for one year in conjunction with being District #8 President.

Laura is also a member of the American Legion Riders. She has helped with BBQ's for the veterans at the VA Home and Hospital. She has helped with stand downs. She has stood in flag lines and helped with Tom's Turkey Drive. Laura has been a part of Chaperoning for the Komen for the Cure bike rides.

Laura has been a volunteer of the school system as well as a Camp Fire Leader. Laura has fostered a teen family member for two years to help her get back on track. She has worked at the Spokesman Review for the past 29 years.

Laura was Second Vice President two years ago for the Department of Washington. She served as Children and Youth Chairman. Laura attended Fall Conferences sharing the different programs the Auxiliary offers. Laura had a mock baby shower at her Convention luncheon and raised 5600.00 in baby needs for Fairchild Operation Stock. Laura had a BBQ for a Symposium at Fairchild for 35 children.


Last year Laura was First Vice President and Chairman of VA&R. Laura visited all Area Workshops talking about ways to volunteer for our Veterans. Laura has toured some of the facilities and will make it to all of them by the end of her term. The 2nd of March Laura will be attending the Creative Arts Festival as a judge. She attended some of the gift shops and helped set up gift shops.

The members of Spokane Unit #9 feel Laura will serve our Department well and with dignity. We unanimously endorse Laura Bondurant for the position of Department President, Department of Washington.

Spokane Unit #9

February 22, 2016

President:  _____ Date: Feb 22, 2016

Secretary:  _____ Date: 2/22/2016

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Sharon joined the American Legion Auxiliary under her deceased brother in 2006 and has been an active member ever since.

In the 10 years of being a member she has held the positions of unit President 2 times, 1st Vice 2 times, 2nd Vice, 2 times and Chaplin. She has chaired many events that has made money for our Veterans and Children and Youth.

On the District level she has been District President 2 times and District Vice 2 times.

On the Department level she is the Walla Walla VA & R representative .

She now holds the position of Department 2nd Vice President and is Children and Youth Chairman

We the ladies of Captain Green, Unit # 20 of Prosser proudly endorse Sharon Stewart for the position of Department 1st Vice President for the year 2016 - 2017

Dated this day 4-14-16

Unit President Bev Hood Bev Hood

Unit Secretary Helen P. Carrell Helen Carrell

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LONGVIEW UNIT #155

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At the regular business meeting held on March 14, 2016, the members of Longview Unit #155 discussed the endorsement of Sandy Yakkel for the position of Department of Washington Second Vice President.

Sandy has been a member of Longview Unit #155 for 21 yrs and is eligible for membership through her husband Jim who served in the parachute infantry during Vietnam 1962-1966. Sandy served as Unit Treasurer for 9 yrs, and is currently serving her 2nd term as Unit President. She has held several Unit chairmanships including VA&R, Education, and co-chairs Girls State. She volunteers at the Vancouver VAMC.

On the District level, Sandy has served as Sergeant-at-Arms for 1 yr, Vice President for 1 yr, President for 3 yrs, and is currently serving as Chaplain.

Sandy has embraced her dedication to our veterans and families highlighted by her participation in and support of several state-wide programs including a nationally recognized organization "Warm Coats, Warm Hearts" which promotes that no one should be cold; and has been at the ground level for the new Vancouver VAMC Fisher House, collecting over \$630. She has served as a Veterans Service Officer for 7 yrs, advocating for veterans throughout the state. She led a 24/7 mobile program to reach those veterans and families who were unable to get to her; she served families from Puyallup to Forest Grove, Oregon. She also led a new program titled "League of Women Service Officers" promoting the participation of women service officers in dealing with women vets and women's issues. Sandy has been recognized by Department for her dedication to all veterans and their families, and she was also presented with a National certificate for her work on the Poppy program.

Sandy is currently serving as Department Chaplain, and Unit Constitution/Bylaws Chairman. She has served as Education Chair promoting two National Scholarship winners. Sandy served on the Department Constitution/Bylaws Revision Committee which gained National recognition for the committee's accomplishments.

The members of Longview Unit #155 vote unanimously to endorse Sandy Yakkel for the office of Second Vice President, Department of Washington.

Anna Neer, Jr Vice President

Anna Neer

Date

3-14-16

Arlene Neely, Secretary/Treasurer

Arlene Neely

Date

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Lora Shanahan
Endorsement for 2nd Vice President

April 10, 2016

I am submitting my endorsement for 2nd Vice President, for the Department of Washington.

I have been an officer in many positions beginning the third year of membership to the American Legion Auxiliary. I was the President in the Sumas Unit #212 for three years, the Vice President of Blaine #86 for the past three years. I was the District President for five consecutive years. On the Department level have worked a couple chairmanships, and served as Department Chaplain for the year 2015, and currently the Department Historian for 2016.

I am eligible for membership for the American Legion Auxiliary through my Husband, and my Father. My father, who recently passed away, served his country, family and community honorably. It was his vision that I continue the journey I began, and to continue my work with the Veterans and the Communities they reside.

I continue to work closely with my unit and community to provide our local homeless veterans resources they need throughout the year when requested by our local Opportunity Council.

My Vision is to continue to work with the Veterans and the Younger Veterans to make our organization accommodating to their needs, and the needs of their families.

Submitted by:


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Endorsed by:

Lisa Carr-VanDuisen (President)

Karen Grimes (Secretary)

 Unit President
 Dept. Education
Chairman

EVA WALLACE
Jack Grennan Unit 62, Sequim

Endorsement for Department of Washington National Executive Committeewoman

Eva Wallace has been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary since 1981, through the service of her husband, William R. (Bob) Wallace, retired Sr. Chief, U.S. Coast Guard. Eva has served in many positions with the Auxiliary; she served as a committee chairman for the USO Committee and convention committees in various positions. She was the Second District Secretary for 2 years, Second District Girls State Chairman for 4 years, and Second District Chaplain for 5 years. She served as the Third District Vice President and served as Third District President in 2009-2011.

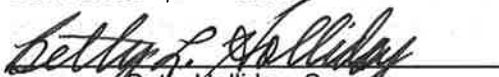
At the Department level, Eva has served as Department Presidents Page, Chairman of the Insurance Committee-4 years, Special Flag Committee Chairman-2 years, Chairman of Pages-2 years, and Sergeant at Arms-1 year. She was a member of the Finance Committee-4 years, serving as Chairman of that committee-2 years. Eva served as a member of the Girls State Committee and worked 12 years at Girls State. She has served as the Department Children & Youth Chairman, the Department VA&R Chairman, the Department Legislative Chairman, and the Department National Security Chairman. She was appointed as Legislative Representative for Senator Murray and works closely with the Legion Legislative team; she served as Department Legislative Chairman for several years. She has also served 2 years as Leadership Chairman for the Department providing training to Units and at Mid-winters and Department Conventions. She was elected and served a year as the Department Chaplain, Department Second Vice President, Department First Vice President, Department President, and as National Executive Committeewoman in 2008-2009 and as Alternate NEC the following year.

Eva attended many National Conventions as either a Delegate or Alternate, and has served as the President's Page at several of them. While at the National Conventions, she attended all meetings and special committees as requested. Eva attended the National Chaplains Conference, and several National Awareness Assemblies and American Legion Legislative Conferences. She served as the Chairman of the Delegation at the 2008 National Convention. She has served as a member of the National Girls State Committee and as the National Vice Chairman of the Legislative Committee for 2009-2010; she has also served as Western Division National Security Chairman, Western Division Education Chairman, as a member of the National Community Service Committee and the Leadership Committee and has currently been appointed as the Western Division Poppy Chairman for the 2015-2016 term, and has also served as a member of the National Strategic Planning Committee for the past 2 years.

Eva retired after working over 25 years as an insurance broker, and was Vice President of a major brokerage firm. She was a member of the Insurance Women of Seattle, was elected to the board and served on many committees, receiving a special award for work in community service. She also served as the Regional President for the Professional Liability Underwriting Society for 5 years, actively involved starting the Northwest chapter. As part of her employment, she set up and gave seminars and training at both local and national workshops, as well as providing consulting to her clients. In addition, for the past 4 years, she has served as a Service Officer for the American Legion, assisting veterans with their claims process.

On Dec. 17, 2015, at a regularly scheduled meeting, Jack Grennan Unit 62 endorsed Eva Wallace for the position of American Legion Auxiliary Department of Washington National Executive Committeewoman for the term 2016-2018.


Géri Whelan, President


Betty Holliday, Secretary

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