

Minutes of the
American Legion Auxiliary
DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
POST-CONVENTION MEETING
April 28, 2018
(Post 28, Anchorage)

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Debbie Lowndes at 3:58 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

OFFICERS

President Debbie Lowndes
1st Vice-President Jane Larson
2nd Vice-President Yvonne Lamm
Secretary Barbara Nath
Treasurer Diana Estrada
Sgt.-at-Arms Lori Fruwirth
Chaplain Marge Blankenship
Historian Ann Robinson
Executive Committeewoman April Sinclair
Executive Committeewoman Ann Foley

STANDING COMMITTEES

Americanism Chair Sue Waldhaus
Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chairman Zona Gregg
History Chair Ann Robinson
Children and Youth Chair Barbara Hummel
Community Service Chair Kathy Moore
Distinguished Guests Chair Lisa Williamson
Education and Scholarship Chair April Sinclair
Finance Chair Jane Larson
Girls State Chair Yvonne Lamm
Junior Activities Chair Sharon Dillon
Leadership Chair Colleen Newman
Legislative Chair Marge Blankenship
Membership Chair Yvonne Lamm
National Security Chair Lisa Williamson
Past Presidents Parley Barbe Wolkoff

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ROLL CALL (continued)

PRESENT:

STANDING COMMITTEES

Poppy Chair Lori Fruhwirth
Public Relations Lori Wolfe
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R) Chair Jane Larson

UNITS

Jack Henry Unit 1
Joseph P. Craig Unit 3
Seward Unit 5
Merlin Elmer Palmer Unit 6
Dorman H. Baker Unit 11
General Buckner Unit 16
Ninilchik Unit 18
George H. Plumley Unit 20
Spennard Unit 28
Muldoon Unit 29
Peters Creek Unit 33
Susitna Valley Unit 35
C. Russell Huber Unit 57

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

Lori FitzSimons
Lavonne Collier
Susan Caswell
Carolyn Null
Betty Randall
Lisa Williamson
Margaret Blankenship
Penny Mazonna
Sharon Cherrette
Sue Waldhaus

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ROLL CALL (continued)

EXCUSED

STANDING COMMITTEES

Audit Linda Schmitt

Constitution and By-Laws Chair Sue Diaz

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

Sue Diaz

Linda Schmitt

ABSENT

UNITS

Lynn Canal Unit 12

Sitka Unit 13

Matanuska Valley Unit 15

Robert G. Blair Unit 17

Nome Unit 19

Gladys M Heintz Memorial Unit 27

Con Miller Unit 30

Chappie James Unit 34

Peter Heyano Unit 442

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

Betty Bumala

Laverne Kearns

June Haas

Sue Cherrier

Evelyn Oliver

Beverly Eads

Betty Porter

Eva Aulston

Jean Clayton

Judy Pusti

Etta Singleton

Wilma Stokes

Rehta Foster

Jean Shandy

Jill Pawson

Francisca Guilford

Lynn Bash

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: by Sue Caswell (Unit 33) and seconded by Carolyn Null (Unit 28) to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business for this meeting/

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NEW BUSINESS:

President's Poppy Project – The President's poppy project will be a coloring book. The size should be 8 ½ X 11. Judging will be on the cover. There should be three poppies on the cover (one with a label) and other items as desired. . The poppy with the label can either be drawn or be a real poppy (make sure you include the poppy label). There should be two pages inside with artwork to color. The intent is to judge the cover of the coloring book at next year's Department Convention. There will be only one winning entry (based on the covers), however inside coloring pages from all entries will be included in the final book, which will be bound and sold at the Fall Workshop.

President's Fundraiser – The fundraiser has not yet been determined.

Fall Workshop – The dates of the Fall workshop will be announced. It will be in early October.

MOTION: by Jane Larson (Unit 35) and Sharon Cherrette (Unit 28) to have Susitna Valley Unit 35 host the Fall Workshop

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Committee Chairs were announced as follows:

Committee Chair

Americanism Chair	Sue Waldhaus
Audit	Linda Schmitt
Auxiliary Emergency Fund	Zona Gregg
Children and Youth	Barbara Hummel
Children and Youth Co-Chair.....	Marilyn Mork
Community Service	Kathy Moore
Constitution and ByLaws	Sue Diaz
Distinguished Guests	Lisa Williamson
Distinguished Guests Co-Chair.....	Auxiliary Convention Hosting Unit
Education/Scholarship	April Sinclair
Finance	Jane Larson
Finance Committee	
1 year position.....	Jane Larson
2 year position.....	Sharon Cherrette
3 year position.....	Barbara Nath

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Committee Chairs continued:

Girls State	Yvonne Lamm
Girls State Co-Director	Ann Robinson
Girls State Board	
1 year position.....	TBD
2 year position.....	TBD
3 year position.....	TBD
History.....	Ann Robinson
Junior Activities	Sharon Dillon
Junior Activities Co-Chair	Amy Bell
Leadership	Colleen Newman
Legislative	Marge Blankenship
Membership	Yvonne Lamm
National Security	Lisa Williamson
Past President Parley	Barbe Wolkoff
Poppy	Lori Fruhwirth
Public Relations	Lori Wolfe
Public Relations Electronic Media.....	Lisa Williamson
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation	Jane Larson
VA&R Service to Veterans.....	Linda Schmitt
VA&R Christmas Domiciliary	
Gift Shop Anchorage	Ann Robinson and Jane Larson
VA&R Christmas Project (Bags) Fairbanks ...	TBD
VA&R Christmas Project (Bags) Anchorage .	TBD
VAVS Marge Blankenship	
VAVS Deputy Anchorage	Ann Robinson
VAVS Deputy Kenai Peninsula.....	TBD
VAVS Deputy Fairbanks	Michelle Giddings
VAVS Deputy Southeast	Melissa Snell
VAVS Honorary Representative.....	Sue Caswell

Department Committee members accepted their assignments.

MOTION: by Marge Blankenship (Unit 33) and seconded by Carolyn Null (Unit 28) to accept the committee chairman for the 2018-2019 year.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

100th Anniversary Committee – President Debbie Lowndes announced the following members of the 100th Anniversary Committee:

Colleen Newman, Chair (Unit 35)	Lori Wolfe (Unit 5)
Tammy Wells (Unit 1)	Barb Nath (Unit 20)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Junior Meeting at Fall Workshop – There will be a Junior meeting at the Fall Workshop in October, 2018. It was noted that since Resolution 2018-1 failed, elections will not occur at this meeting, but will be at next year’s Department Convention. Officers elected at the 2018 Department Convention will hold their offices until the 2019 Department Convention.

Installing Offices for Juniors and Seniors – The Installing Teams will be

<u>Juniors</u>	Robia Bishop (Installer) Marge Blankenship (Chaplain) Kathy Balcom (Sgt.-at-Arms)
<u>Seniors</u>	Sue Caswell (Installing Officer) Colleen Newman (Chaplain) Penny Mazonna (Sgt.-at-Arms)

Installation will be at 5:30 at the Post. Officers should be at the Post by 5:00 p.m.

Lisa Williamson asked that the Plan of Action for each committee be submitted to her by the Department Chairman no later than November 1st. Submissions should be in a word document and not as a PDF.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m.