

DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 29, 2017
Haines, Alaska

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:55 p.m. by President Barbe Wolkoff.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Officers

President Barbe Wolkoff
2nd Vice President Jane Larson
Historian Colleen Newman
Executive Committee Woman Lisa Williamson
Treasurer Diana Estrada
Secretary Barbara Nath

Committee Chairmen

Americanism Chair Barbara Nath
Audit Jennifer Roalsen
Cavalcade of Memories Colleen Newman
Children and Youth Barbara Hummel
Community Service Penny Mazonna
Distinguished Guests Lisa Williamson
Finance Diana Estrada
Girls State Yvonne Lamm
Leadership Sue Caswell
Legislative Sharon Cherrette
Membership Jane Larson
National Security Lisa Williams
Past President Parley Sue Waldhaus
Poppy Lori Fruhwirth
Public Relations Sue Waldhaus

Units

Jack Henry Unit 1
Seward Unit 5
Merlin Elmer Palmer Unit 6
Dorman H. Baker Unit 11
Lynn Canal Unit 12
Matanuska Valley Unit 15
General Buckner Unit 16
Robert G. Blair Unit 17
Geo. H. Plumley Memorial Unit 20
Spnard Unit 28
Peters Creek Unit 33
Susitna Valley Unit 35
C. Russell Huber Unit 57

ROLL CALL (continued)

Present

Past Department Presidents

Susan Caswell
Rehta Foster
Penny Mazonna
Carolyn Null
Lisa Williamson

Excused

Officers

1st Vice President Debbie Lowndes
Chaplain Marge Blankenship
Sgt-at-Arms Zona Gregg
Executive Committee Woman Zona Gregg

Committee Chairmen

Auxiliary Emergency Fund Zona Gregg
Constitution and ByLaws Sue Diaz
Education Darlene Sheldon
Junior Activities Wendy Mendez
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Debbie Lowndes
VAVS Marge Blankenship

Absent

Units

Joseph T Craig Unit 3
Sitka Unit 13
Ninilchik Unit 18
Nome Unit 19
Gladys M. Heintz Memorial Unit 27
Muldoon Unit 29
Con Miller Unit 30
Chappie James Unit 34
Peter Heyano Unit 442

Past Department Presidents

June Haas	Sue Cherrier	Sharon Cherrette
Lori Fitzsimons	Betty Porter	Lavonne Collier
Eva Aulston	Judy Pusti	Jean Shandy
Jill Pawson	Betty Randall	Francisca Guilford
Lynn Bash	Sue Diaz	Beverly Eads
Margaret Blankenship		

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business to come before the Department Executive Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: by Zona Gregg (Unit 6) and seconded by Lisa Williamson (Unit 57) to appointment Diana Estrada to the position of Treasurer and Barbara Nath to the position of Secretary.

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

FAIRBANKS GIFT SHOP

Cassey St. Rose reported that they were looking at alternatives to the actual gift shop in Fairbanks. They are trying to find a way to reach more Veterans. It has not been cancelled, but it might go to an alternative method. They will provide an update at the Fall Workshop.

DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

It was noted that there were still a few chairmanships to be filled. These included Children and Youth Chairman, Children and Youth Co-Chairman as well as the VAVS Anchorage Deputy. Barbara Hummel and Marilyn Mork (Unit 6) agreed to take the Children and Youth positions with Barbara Hummel as Chairman. The Anchorage Deputy for VAVS will be determined at a later date.

Committee Chairs were announced as follows:

Committee Chair

Americanism Chair	Barbara Nath
Audit	Jennifer Roalsen
Auxiliary Emergency Fund	Zona Gregg
Calvacade of Memories	Colleen Newman
Children and Youth	Barbara Hummel
Children and Youth Co-Chair.....	Marilyn Mork
Community Service	Penny Mazonna
Constitution and ByLaws	Sue Diaz
Distinguished Guests	Lisa Williamson
Distinguished Guests Co-Chair.....	Auxiliary Convention Hosting Unit
Education	Darlene Sheldon
Finance	Diana Estrada
Finance Committee	
1 year position.....	Debbie Lowndes
2 year position.....	Jane Larson
3 year position.....	Sue Waldhaus
Girls State	Yvonne Lamm

Girls State Co-Director	Ann Robinson
Girls State Board	
1 year position.....	Corrie Doores
2 year position.....	Colleen Newman
3 year position.....	Beverly Eads
Junior Activities Wendy Mendez	
Junior Activities Co-Chair	Robia Bishop
Leadership	Sue Caswell
Legislative	Sharon Cherrette
Membership	Jane Larson
National Security	Lisa Williams
Past President Parley	Sue Waldhaus
Poppy	Lori Fruhwirth
Public Relations	Sue Waldhaus
Public Relations Electronic Media.....	Lisa Williamson
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation	Debbie Lowndes
VA&R Service to Veterans.....	Linda Schmitt
VA&R Christmas Gift Shop Anchorage.....	Peggy Bateman
VA&R Christmas Gift Shop Fairbanks	Cassey St. Rose
VAVS Marge Blankenship	
VAVS Deputy Anchorage	TBA
VAVS Deputy Peninsula	Darlene Sheldon
VAVS Deputy Fairbanks	Michelle Giddings
VAVS Honorary Representative.....	Sue Caswell

Department Committee members accepted their assignments.

MOTION: by Rehta Foster (Unit 28) and seconded by Jenifer Roalsen (Unit 17) to accept the Committee Chairmen for the 2017-2018 year.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Committee Chairmen were reminded that by accepting the Chairmanship, they need to accept the responsibility of filing the required reports to Department, Division and National. These reports need to be submitted according to the timelines set by National.

MOTION: by Lavonne Lamm (Unit 33) and seconded by Rehta Foster (Unit 28) to honor Female Veterans.

Honoring a Female Veteran means that although they are a Post member, they can also join the American Legion Auxiliary. Doing so would make the Female Veteran a dual member. The Department of Alaska will waive their dues for the first year. Generally, National will waive their dues for the first year also (this will need to be confirmed with National). In the past, Units have followed suit and waived Unit dues for the first year. If everyone waives the dues, the Female Veterans do not have to pay any dues for the first year.

There is a full page ad that says that Female Veterans do not have to join the Post before they can join the Auxiliary. They can join the Auxiliary without being a member of the Post.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

PRESIDENT'S POPPY PROJECT

President Wolkoff's Poppy Project will consist of a poster no smaller than 11x14. There must be three poppies and one actual poppy with a tag. She wants to use them for Auxiliary advertisements. While she has asked for posters to be at least 11x14, they can be larger than that.

PRESIDENT'S FUNDRAISER

President Wolkoff announced that she will be having periodic raffles. Money raised from these raffles will go to the Department General Fund to help offset her expenses. There will be 200 tickets each time at a cost of \$10 per ticket. Her first item to be raffled will be an I-Pad or computer of some sort.

FALL WORKSHOP

The Fall Workshop will be September 30 to October 1, 2017 at Post 28 in Anchorage. There will be a Junior meeting during the Fall Workshop.

JUNIOR MEETING

MOTION by Penny Mazonna (Unit 33) and seconded by Lisa Williamson (Unit 57) to allow the Junior Auxiliary to hold their elections at the Fall Workshop.

This was necessary as there were not enough Juniors in attendance at the Department Convention for them to have their meeting and hold elections. The Junior Youth Activity Chairman will need to be present at the Fall Workshop.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

INSTALLATION

For the installation of officers, Sue Caswell will be the installing officer. Sue Waldhaus, Lavonne Lamm (Sgt-at-Arms) and Penny Mazonna (Chaplain) would be part of the installing team.

ADJOURNMENT

The DEC meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.