

**Minutes of the
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
PRE-CONVENTION DEC MEETING
(April 24, 2019)**

The meeting was called to order by President Debbie Lowndes at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

NATIONAL OFFICERS

National Executive Committeewoman Lisa Williamson
Alternate National Executive Committeewoman Penny Mazonna

OFFICERS

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

STANDING COMMITTEES

Americanism Chair Sue Waldhaus
Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chair Zona Gregg
Children and Youth Chair Ann Robinson
Community Service Chair Kathy Moore
Constitution and Bylaws Chair Sue Diaz
Distinguished Guests Chair Lisa Williamson
Education and Scholarship Chair April Sinclair
Finance Chair Jane Larson
Girls State Chair Yvonne Lamm
History Chair Ann Robinson
Leadership Chair Colleen Newman
Legislative Chair Marge Blankenship
Membership Chair Yvonne Lamm
National Security Chair Lisa Williamson
Poppy Chair Lori Fruhwirth
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R) Chair Jane Larson

ROLL CALL (continued)

PRESENT:

UNITS

Jack Henry Unit 1
Joseph T. Craig Unit 3
Seward Unit 5
Merlin Elmer Palmer Unit 6
Dorman H. Baker Unit 11
Lynn Canal Unit 12
General Buckner Unit 16
George H. Plumley Unit 20
Spenard Unit 28
Muldoon Unit 29
Con Miller Unit 30
Peters Creek Unit 33
Susitna Valley Unit 35
C. Russell Huber Unit 57

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

Lori FitzSimons
Susan Caswell
Carolyn Null
Rehta Foster
Lisa Williamson
Sue Diaz
Margaret Blankenship
Penny Mazonna
Sharon Cherrette
Sue Waldhaus

EXCUSED

STANDING COMMITTEES

Audit Chair Linda Schmitt

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

Linda Schmitt
Barbe Wolkoff
Beverly Eads

ABSENT

STANDING COMMITTEES

Junior Activities Danielle Larson
Past Presidents Parley Chair Barbe Wolkoff
Public Relations Chair Lori Wolfe

ROLL CALL (continued)

ABSENT

UNITS

- Sitka Unit 13
- Matanuska Valley Unit 15
- Robert G. Blair Unit 17
- Ninilchik Unit 18
- Nome Unit 19
- Gladys M Heintz Memorial Unit 27
- Chappie James Unit 34
- Peter Heyano Unit 442

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS

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| Ruth Brown | Betty Bumala | Laverne Kearns |
| Evelyn Oliver | June Haas | Betty Porter |
| Lavonne Collier | Jean Clayton | Judy Pusti |
| Etta Singleton | Wilma Stokes | Jean Shandy |
| Jill Pawson | Betty Randall | Francisca Guilford |
| Lynn Bash | \ | |
- Eva Aulston

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Some corrections were noted to the minutes for the October 28, 2018 meeting..

- Make sure roll call says Joseph T Craig
- Bottom of page 3 should show Lori Fruhwirth as the Poppy Chair.

There being no objections, the meetings were approved as corrected.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Diana Estrada gave the Treasurer’s report. It showed the balances for our accounts as of March 31, 2019.

General.....	12,327.82
Gaming.....	19,974.33
Rehab	10,211.81
Girls State Checking	4,974.08
Girls State Savings	11,082.57
Merilyn Stock/Evelyn Oliver.....	16,067.69
Edward Jones Investments	87,349.93

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Lowndes delivered certificates to Marge Blankenship and Barb Nath for entering the Senior Essay Contest.

A certificate was given to Marge Blankenship for her efforts to enlighten others.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to come before the DEC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Lori Fruhwirth (Unit 11) explained that she would be unable to carry the flag during ceremonies. Penny Mazonna (Unit 33) agreed to do so and Shelby Lamm (Unit 33) will assist.
- Zona Gregg (Unit 6) challenged the rest of the Units to get paperwork turned in. She also noted that there would be a 50-50 raffle during the Department Convention.
- It was announced that joint opening ceremonies would begin a 9:00 a.m. on Thursday.
- All activities and meetings for the Department Convention will be held at the Arctic Recreation Center on Arctic.
- There are two black vans being used for shuttles from the hotels to the Arctic Recreation Center. Shuttles will begin at 6:00 a.m.
- Colleen Newman (Unit 35) will be collecting funds for the PPP Luncheon.
- Sharon Cherrette (Unit 29) will make sure the female Legionnaires know that they are invited to the PPP Luncheon. Department will cover their cost.
- Contest entries are due to the Sergeant-at-Arms on Thursday.
- Members were reminded to bring the socks for the Juniors for their project. They are giving socks to the Veterans. They should be new socks for both men and women.
- Members were reminded to bring in their Silent Auction items on Thursday.
- C. Russell Huber Unit 57 is doing a raffle for a 2019 Iron 88E Harley Davidson motorcycle. The prize for 2nd place is \$300 and the prize for third place is \$100.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to come before the DEC Pre-Convention meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.