

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT REPORT 2015-2016

SHARON CHERRETTE

Installation at Seward Post 5 – Jimmie Foster as installing officer; he installed me as Department Commander in 2011. Also on the installing team was Lisa Williamson and Sue Diaz as my Sergeant-at-Arms, and Kevin Collier as my Chaplain.

From Seward home to pack for Indianapolis, Indiana to attend the Department National Leadership Conference. A whirlwind weekend with loads of information. When I left Indianapolis, I headed to Detroit to help my Dad celebrate his 90th birthday. Cousins from Maryland and Edmonton, Canada, stayed an extra day so we could visit.

Visitations started in August with the first stop at Unit 15 in Palmer. I visited with the Unit members during their monthly meeting where we shared information and ideas.

It was then on to Unit 16 in Homer for the Veterans Picnic for that area hosted by the Legion Family. Live band, great food, awesome folks in attendance. Volunteers included couples returning for their summer visit to the Homer area who were members of the Legion Family down in the Lower-48 (Tennessee was one location).

From there off to the National Convention. Another whirlwind trip. Meetings, luncheons, dinners, more meetings. But the best part of all was seeing our own Kevin Collier installed as National Commander for the Sons of the American Legion. YAY! Did get to do a bit of sight-seeing—Aquarium, the speedboat trip around the harbor where there is buoy marker of the location where they believe Francis Scott Key was held prisoner on the British ship when he wrote the poem later to become our National Anthem.

Home for more visitations. Kodiak, land in Anchorage then to Unit 1. This was the first time I had seen the Initiation Ceremony performed.

Then it was off to Unit 33 where I was a participant in the Initiation ceremony (Initiating Officer) and attended their monthly meeting.

The next weekend it was on to Ninilchik in conjunction with their Membership Luncheon.

The following weekend was our Fall Workshop. A lot of information was shared covering the different programs of the American Legion Auxiliary Plan of Action and other information. The Department Executive Committee meeting was held on Sunday.

And then a 3 week early surprise, a grandson was born a tad early. He was able to come to his first baby shower.

Commander Scott and I headed to Homer for visitation, then to Kenai, and on to Seward. Beautiful scenery along the way. This was the second and last visitation Scott and I did together. Jim Scott was in attendance also providing information to the Legion Family at the 3 location on Girls State and Boys State.

November was Unit 1's annual Silver Tea. I visited my Dad in Michigan for Veterans' Day.

December finally the latest grandson arrived; about 2 days late.

December was the Domiciliary Christmas Gift Shop sponsored by the Department Auxiliary. Legion family members come together to assist veterans at the Domiciliary in selecting gifts for their family members. The gifts are then wrapped, packaged, and mailed. Then it was off to Post 35 in Wasilla for visitation. Once there, we, Detachment Commander Mike Jimerson and myself, were notified the dinner had been cancelled as Commander Scott could not make it. On Sunday I went to Post 35 for the dinner they provide honouring WWII and Korean veterans in the area—to include those who are in the Veterans and Pioneer Home in Palmer.

The following week I was in Fairbanks for their Christmas Gift Shop. We then had dinner in the evening with all 3 Units and an Initiation Ceremony. I was initiated!!

From there things settled a bit. Spent time with the grandkids, visited Dad for Christmas.

February it was off to Storm the Hill in Washington D.C. Got to see BeiBei, the new panda at the National Zoo plus visit John at Arlington National Cemetery. Sunday my sisters and I were able to be part of National SAL Commander Kevin's entourage during his laying of the wreath at 3 locations. Arlington's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Pentagon Memorial at the Pentagon, and the Korean War Memorial at The Mall. In the evening I was part of the entourage for National President Sharon's tour of the War Memorials and laying of the wreath at the Korean War Memorial. On Tuesday we visited with our Congressional members.

In March I went to visit Unit 6 in Wrangell. Zona and her husband opened their home to me for the overnight stay. I could have stayed on their deck and visited. What a view.

During the year, I attended my Post and Auxiliary meetings.

Did I mention I like hockey? So of course we have to add in the Alaska Aces hockey games and time with the grandkids; plus visiting Dad who is 90.

Now we are at Convention, getting near the end of my term.

I had an awesome time representing all of you. The year zipped on by.

I am sorry if I didn't get to visit your Unit. You are all an awesome bunch of ladies who work hard all year long, some for many years. Thank you everyone for your support and your volunteer service.

Respectfully submitted,

SHARON CHERRETTE
Department President

**2015-2016 Secretary Report
By Linda A. Schmitt**

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

I think that we have finally finished our revision of our governing documents for the Unit, Girls State and Department. I would like to thank you all for your patience in this endeavor as it has been a long and tedious project for all of us. I would very much like to thank Past Department President and your Constitution and Bylaws Chairman Lavonne Collier for her dedication and hard work on this project, without her valuable knowledge and familiarity with these documents it would have made this process so much more painful. So, without further adieu, will one member from each Unit please rise so that we can hand out your copies of these completed documents. Each Unit will receive one copy of each of these documents, you may make as many copies of these documents as you need to when you return to your respective Units. At the very least, each of your Unit officers should have a copy of your Unit documents to include the Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules; the Department Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Rules and Policies and Procedures.

When you get back to your Unit at your very next meeting following this convention, you will need to begin to work on adopting this newly revised Unit Constitution and Bylaws. Remember that you will need to incorporate the Dues Clause (how much dues your senior and junior members pay annually) and the Meeting Clause (when, where and time of your meetings, when your installation of officers will be and how many members constitute a quorum) in your Standing Rules. After you have adopted your C&B and Standing Rules, you will need to send a copy to me at Department Headquarters.

Part of the problem getting these documents revised was filtering through a whole lot of misinformation to get to the correct procedure as required by the statutes of the State of Alaska. When we all first incorporated our Units and Department; depending on how long ago we incorporated – some of us went online, others went to an attorney etc., we drew up what is known as our Original or Initial Articles of Incorporation, in other words our Initial Constitutions. The only time that you should file an amendment or revision to your original Articles of Incorporation is if there have been changes to the Original Articles. Usually this is accomplished by filing an annual “Notice of Change of Officers.” The very first officers that were listed on your Initial Filing are referred to as the ‘Initial Officers’ – you should be filing a “Notice of Change of Officers” by July 2nd every year after you hold elections if even one of your officers change from the previous year. (This is in between your biennial report which is every two years.) There is absolutely no need to include your officers or your registered agent in your Bylaws because these individuals are subject to change occasionally, if not every year and you want to avoid changing your Bylaws too frequently. For example, most of you have a Gaming Permit and that permit has to be renewed each and every year. If you make any changes to any of your governing documents, you have to report those changes when you file to renew your gaming permit. Too many changes and the gaming board can deny your permit and/or bring it to the attention of the Internal Revenue Service which may subject you to an unexpected audit.

Now according to Alaska Statute, every two years every corporation in the State of Alaska must file a biennial report in order to remain a member in good standing. When you file your biennial report is when your Initial Articles (Constitution) are amended or revised and all of your corporate information is refreshed and brought current. And with that – we will be finished with our revisions to our governing documents! What a job and I can tell you that for one – I don’t even want to hear the words revise or amend uttered in the same breath as Constitution and Bylaws for a good long time!

LETTER OF INCLUSION

I still need letters of Inclusion from most Units. To refresh your memories-the Letter of Inclusion permits the National organization to include your Unit under the tax-exempt status and number of the National organization. It simply provides your permission to National to add your Unit to their General Exemption Number. It is in your best interest to allow this so that National, being the parent organization; will be able to confirm that the EIN you have provided to them for your Unit is correct.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND COMMITTEES

There has been much confusion over the past few years about our committees. What you need to understand is that the National organization is no different than Department when it comes to rolling over from one year's group of officers and chairmen to the next group of officers and chairmen. Each year, the incoming President at the National level, names her chairmen – just like we do here at department and those National chairmen develop a Plan of Action that they want to accomplish based on the National President's area of focus and special interests that she would like to see developed for the good of our veterans, their families and our communities. Over the past few years the National Presidents' and their chairmen have made great strides in trying to make working the Plan of Action a more user friendly experience for everyone from National on down through Departments and finally to the Units. The problem arises however, when we go from having very little structure to a more controlled structure and then we tend to lose understanding along the way and mass confusion ensues! Take for instance an attempt of a few years ago to classify and categorize all of our Standing Committees (Americanism, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Cavalcade of Memories, Children and Youth, Community Service, Constitution and Bylaws, Education, Finance, Girls State, Junior Activities, Leadership, Legislative, Liaison to Child Welfare Foundation, Membership, National Security, Past Presidents Parley, Poppy, Public Relations, and Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation) under one of five main categories referred to as 'Pods'. While the concept helped to classify the committees into a few categories that we could all begin to relate to, after a couple of years the committees were no longer referred to as belonging to a certain 'Pod'. Now, we have 'Mission Outreach Committees'; 'Member Support Committees' and 'Administrative Committees' and the so-called 'POD's' no longer exist. The Committees don't change just the way the way that they are classified changes.

Where you will notice that changes have occurred, is when you get into the Plan of Action for a particular committee from one year to the next. The best thing that the National chairmen have done in recent years, is for them to all agree on ONE specific date for reporting purposes. All mid-year reports are to be received by National Chairmen by January 5, 2016 and all year-end reports are due by May 15, 2016. I would highly recommend that all Department Chairmen get together and adopt this same practice; come to an agreement between all of you when you want to receive mid-year reports by and when you want to receive year-end reports by. Pick two dates to get to the Units and that's it!

I would also like to recommend that immediately upon leaving this convention within the first week at the very least, that all department committee chairmen go online to www.alaforveterans.org and look through the Plan of Action for this current year. Go to the Plan of Action for your particular chairmanship and print it out. Now go get a highlighter, and start marking it up! Have a pen handy so that you can write little notes on post-it-notes and attach them to places in the Plan of Action where you would like the Units to place their focus on for next year. Once you have a good idea of the direction you would like to take, write a letter to the Units introducing yourself, your chairmanship and some of

the ideas that you would like for them think about next year. Now, mind you that you are at this point working off of the current years Plan of Action and the POA for your year will not be released until June or July. When it comes out you will need to look it over to make sure that all of your dates and information is still timely, and be sure to send the Units the award information for the Unit and the individual member. If you attack your chairmanship in this manner you will be way ahead of the game and you will be able to ENJOY working your committee.

Finally, I would like to suggest that if you are accepting a chairmanship and if you don't already have one; that you consider investing in a computer. I recently purchased two Acer laptops at Wal-Mart for Girls State and paid \$197.00 each for them. They already have Microsoft Word on them which is all that you will need. You no longer have to spend a small fortune to be a part of the 21st Century, but in this day and age the information highway moves very fast and we do not have time to sit around waiting on snail mail to conduct our day to day business.

CENTENNIAL STRATEGIC PLAN

Change is always foreign and not too many of us welcome it, but for the survival of our organization to continue we must learn to adapt to change. This is part of the reason for the Resolution that is being introduced regarding the Centennial Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan covers a tremendous amount of information and I just don't have the time to fully commit something this important to an already over full plate. While the President has the authority to establish certain interim committees, we would like your approval and commitment to set up this very valuable committee that needs members who are willing develop our own plan based on the National's template. This is not a committee that you will be able to spend an hour on twice a year and forget about it. It is a committee that you will have to work on a daily basis and you will have to communicate with each other and the rest of us in order for it to benefit our department. I can provide you with all of the information that you will need to get this committee established but I cannot be responsible for working and trying to implement the Plan across the entire department. I fully recommend the passage of this resolution to secure the future of our department.

MEMBERSHIP

Now seriously, you didn't think that you would be getting away from me without hearing something about membership did you?

Membership Chairmen – When I sent out the New Officer Contact Information Request with the call to convention, I forgot to request information for your Unit Membership Chairman. This person is probably one of the most important individuals on your Unit team that I need to be able to contact at a moments' notice. When the need arises I usually don't have the time to waste trying to hunt someone down who can answer a question for me regarding your Units' members, so it is very important that I have the contact information for this individual. Those Units that are present I am going to pass a sheet of paper around, and if you would be so kind as to write down the name and information that you have for your membership chairman, I would be very grateful.

Online Dues and PUFLS – The 2017 membership cards should be arriving sometime in late July to mid-August. I never know for sure when they are going to be delivered, but as soon as I receive them – I turn right around and get them out to the Units'. Now the first thing that the Unit Membership Chairman should do when you receive your cards is to scan and copy each sheet of cards before you ever break

one card off of the page. Put this scanned copy behind the actual sheet it marries to in a three ring binder. This way when you tear a card out you have a record of having already given that member their card. I always like to write on the card copy, the date that the dues were paid.

The next step you should take is to go to last years' roster (2016) and look at the members that have been handwritten at the bottom of the roster. Compare those members to your new roster (2017) any member that is NOT listed in your new roster needs to be hand written onto your new roster.

Finally, pull all of your PUFL's and get them in envelopes and mailed to rightful member. PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR PUFL MEMBERS ON YOUR TRANSMITTALS TO ME. I already know who your PUFL members are and there is no action for me to take regarding their membership.

The 2016 membership year was the first year that National began accepting dues payments online. The Department of Alaska earned \$595.00 from the eighty-five members belonging to twenty-two Units through the online dues system. I have every hope that this number will increase next year and every year thereafter. For those of you who are new to the online dues payment system, a member goes online, creates a user logon and password to enter the system and then follows the link to pay her dues. Once paid, National transmits a list of those members and the amount of dues paid to me. I then turn around and transmit to you a list of those members who have paid online and issue a check to the Unit for payment of your Units portion (referred to as Unit per capita) of the dues.

When you receive the transmittal and check from department, there are two things that you should immediately. First, write out the membership cards for those members that I have transmitted to you and second PLEASE DEPOSIT that check made out to your Unit IMMEDIATELY! The following Units have outstanding checks that need to be deposited:

6/12/2015	2810	Unit 34	7.00
2/12/2016	2905		26.00
8/19/2015	2818	Unit 28	16.00
3/01/2016	2911		18.00
9/23/2015	2830	Unit 27	4.00
11/19/2015	2876	Unit 13	4.00
2/01/2016	2888		4.00
2/12/2013	2895		4.00
01/06/2016	2883	Unit 35	9.00
3/16/2016	2916		9.00
2/12/2016	2894	Unit 11	9.00
2/12/2016	2903	Unit 30	4.00
03/01/2016	2912	Unit 33	9.00
03/01/2016	2910	Unit 19	4.00
03/01/2016	2908	Unit 3	4.00

Please locate and deposit these checks upon your return to your Units.

Going Dark- I have a question to ask, where do you suppose that Department gets funds to pay operating expenses? Operating expenses are those expenses like office expenses, utilities, officers insurance, corporate expenses, payroll, payroll taxes etc., all of those expenses that we cannot use funds from our other accounts to pay for. Expenses that pertain just to the daily operations of department are

operating expenses. The Department of Alaska's only source of income is through its portion (per capita) of membership dues. Right now that portion is \$7.00 per senior member and \$2.75 per junior member. As of 4.15.2016 there were 762 unpaid 2016 members in the department of Alaska or a total of \$5,334.00 that is unavailable for us to utilize.

In another month, a number of Units will be going dark for the summer months and what do think happens to membership during the next three to four months? If new member fills out an application for membership, what do you think happens to that application? It sits in the Unit office until it is time to have a meeting again so that the application can be approved. Who can tell me, at what point in signing up a new member is that member officially recognized as a member of the American Legion Auxilliary? The correct answer is when I receive their paperwork at Department and get them entered into the National database, that is when a member is recognized as being a member, and that is also when an existing member is recognized as being a current member in good standing if they are paying their current years dues. Neither one is a member until the Unit transmits them to Department.

Every September I get an influx of new Member applications that are dated April, May and June. In the meantime, who is being hurt because a Unit isn't available over the months of being dark to take care of their membership? Not just department because we are missing out on the revenue that we have to depend upon to survive - the Member is the biggest loser. When your Unit plans on going dark this year for the summer, please come up with a contingency plan during those months to take care of your obligation to your potential members, your existing members and your obligation to department.

Dues Increase- Of course, this all leads us to the proposed dues increase. While none of us enjoy the prospect of an increase in our dues, we must face the fact that an increase is justified given the decrease in membership and subsequently a decrease in revenue. Currently, department receives \$7.00 for every senior member. The proposed \$4.00 dues increase would mean a total of \$11.00 for every senior member and would stay in department to help with our operating expenses. There is no proposed increase for our junior members. If department is going to be able to survive we are going to have to increase our amount of senior dues. Our last dues increase was back in 2007, that's nine years ago and we increased our dues then by \$1.00. Since then, in 2013 National increased their dues portion to \$9.00 per senior member, up from \$5.00 the previous year. As previously stated, there are currently 762 members that have not paid their dues for 2016 and we are going into the summer drought, a period of time when membership slows down to nearly nothing. We have an almost \$5,500 shortfall this year, and just from my experience over the last several summers, we will experience the same drought if not worse, next year as well.

If you approve the proposed dues increase, your Units will still have time to increase your Unit dues this year as well. As long as you have your dues rate changes approved by your members and to me by 5pm on Wednesday, May 18th I can get your changes entered at National for the 2017 membership year.

Impact Reports- Almost finished! I need to have Unit Year-End Impact reports to me no later than Friday, May 20th. You can find the instructions and the report form at www.alaskalegionauxiliary.org.

Finally, it is with deep regret that I must tender my resignation as Secretary/Treasurer of the American Legion Auxilliary, Department of Alaska effective three years from now on September 1, 2020. I love this job, I get out of bed every morning waiting to see what new challenges are going to present themselves on that day - even on Mondays that sometimes last all week! Each and every day has its own particular challenges and rewards - and no two days are ever the same. It is my pleasure to work for such an

outstanding, unselfish and committed group of individuals whose hearts and souls are akin to mine in our love and commitment for our veterans, every last one of them! I thank you all for your constant support and I look forward to the next three years serving you and our veterans with the same excitement and enthusiasm as I have the last five years. So, anyone that is interested in what this job entails is more than welcome to give me a call and I will be happy to answer any questions at all that you may have about what it is that I do. Ideally, I would like for you to have someone in mind to succeed me a full year (six months at the very least) prior to my final departure so that you can be properly indoctrinated and trained into this job. Believe me it is like no other job in the world and I count myself very fortunate to have been able to serve all of you these past years.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda A. Schmitt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Linda" being more prominent than the last name "Schmitt".

Linda A. Schmitt
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Alaska
Secretary/Treasurer



American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Alaska

Resolution 57/2016-01

WHEREAS, under the Bylaws and Standing Rules of the American Legion Auxiliary national organization the national president in her capacity as National President of the American Legion Auxiliary may appoint committees as she deems advisable to further the mission of the organization, and

WHEREAS, the national president of the American Legion Auxiliary at the 2014 National Convention appointed a special committee titled the 2014-2019 Centennial Strategic Plan Committee, and

WHEREAS, the 2014-2019 Centennial Strategic Plan Committee is composed of an implementation team consisting of a chairman and a vice-chairman along with five other members all of who are Past National Presidents because of their vast knowledge and experience in the workings and needs of the organization, and

WHEREAS, the 2014-2019 Centennial Strategic Plan Committee is also composed of Goal Champions, one Goal Champion for each of the five goals of the plan; who are members at large of the organization, and

WHEREAS, the 2014-2019 Centennial Strategic Plan Committee is charged with developing a comprehensive plan to grow the membership of the American Legion Auxiliary through the five goals consisting of strategies and initiatives to gain the desired result of, "By the year 2019, the American Legion Auxiliary's million members will be making a difference for veterans and their families in every neighborhood", and

WHEREAS, the national organization charged each department to implement their own Strategic Plan that the departments in turn would filter down to their respective Units to help curb the slide in membership that is threatening to cause the demise of the American Legion Auxiliary within the estimated time frame of the next ten-fifteen years, and

WHEREAS, the department president of the American Legion Auxiliary in her capacity as Department President as stated in the Bylaws and Standing Rules of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Alaska may in her capacity as Department President appoint committees as she deems advisable to further the mission of the organization in the department, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Alaska that the 2015-2016 Department President appoint a special committee before the conclusion of this 94th Department Convention named the 2014-2019 ALA Department of Alaska Centennial Strategic Plan Committee which will consist of an implementation team with a chairman and a vice-chairman as well as four – five additional members on the team plus five goal champions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Implementation Team consists of Past Department Presidents and members of the ALA Department of Alaska at large, but that at the very least the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Implementation Team are Past Department Presidents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2016-2017 Department President and each department president thereafter will become an ad hoc member of the 2014-2019 ALA Department of Alaska Centennial Strategic Plan Committee until such time as the committee is disbanded.

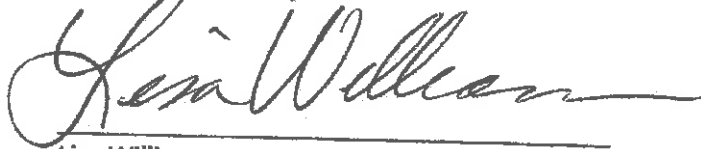
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Implementation Team will meet at the close of this 94th Department Convention either at a place agreed upon by all members of the team or via email or via conference call within a months' time to begin work on the ALA Department of Alaska Centennial Strategic Plan and to develop a strategic plan for the ALA Department of Alaska by either developing their own plan or by adopting that of the National organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Implementation Team will be able to report to the members at the Fall Workshop of a completed plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Implementation Team will be ready for the ALA Department of Alaska Centennial Strategic Plan to be approved by the Department Executive Committee at its' fall meeting, that the plan is in place, has been recorded and finalized at National Headquarters, and is in the process of being funneled down to the Units of the Department of Alaska.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution become a part of the permanent record of the 94th American Legion Auxiliary Department Convention held in Wasilla, Alaska, April 21-23, 2016.

For God and Country,



Lisa Williamson
C. Russell Huber Unit 57 President



Barb Ziemblicki
C. Russell Huber Unit 57 Secretary

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**American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Alaska**

Resolution FIN2016-01

WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Alaska Finance Committee is responsible for budget recommendations, and

WHEREAS, the revenue of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Alaska is derived from the annual membership dues of its members, and

WHEREAS, the membership revenue is the only source of income generated for the purpose of meeting the everyday expenses of conducting the business of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Alaska, and

WHEREAS, the costs of conducting business of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Alaska have increased, and

WHEREAS, the annual membership dues to belong to the American Legion Auxiliary are some of the lowest membership dues of any organization in the country today and

WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Alaska at their annual convention in 2007 approved a \$1.00 dues increase that went into effect with the 2009 membership year to help bridge a budget shortfall created by a rising economy and

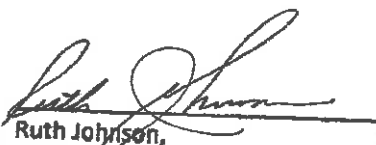
WHEREAS, the national organization of the American Legion Auxiliary increased the national per capita for membership dues by four dollars from \$5.00 to \$9.00 that went into effect in 2013 and

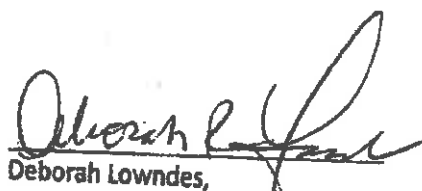
WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Alaska is experiencing a larger budget gap than prior to the \$1.00 increase in 2007, now


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Alaska that the per capita membership dues transmitted to the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Alaska be increased by four dollars from \$16.00 to \$20.00 per senior member effective with the membership year beginning on September 1, 2017. 2016

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution become a part of the permanent record of the Department Convention held in Wasilla, Alaska, April 21-23, 2016.

For God and Country,


Ruth Johnson,
Finance Committee Chairman


Deborah Lowndes,
Finance Committee Co-Chairman


Jim Pawson,
Finance Committee Co-Chairman



Approve

**American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Alaska**

Resolution FIN2016-02

WHEREAS, the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Alaska Finance Committee is responsible for budget recommendations, and

WHEREAS, the office of the National Executive Committeewoman (NEC) is an elected position of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Alaska, in the Policies and Procedures Manual, Page 19 under Article IV, Duties of Officers, states as follows:

H. National Executive Committeewoman

- a. *The office of National Executive Committeewoman and the Alternate National Executive Committeewoman shall be elected. The term of office is for a two year term and runs from the close of National Convention to the close of the National Convention every two (2) years on odd numbered years. Any person elected to these positions is highly recommended to have served as Department President, so that she knows the policies and procedures of the Department. The current Department President shall be the Second Alternate National Executive Committeewoman. They shall also be members in good standing with the Department of Alaska and reside within the State of Alaska., and*

WHEREAS, the NEC of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Alaska, as part of her official duties as NEC receives a "callback" from the National organization to attend the NEC meeting which immediately precedes the Washington D.C. Conference each February and

WHEREAS, the National organization compensates return trip meals and two nights of hotel (one night plus taxes is \$280.53 and the per diem rate pays \$209.26 per night) for the five days long conference, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Washington D.C. Conference is to "Storm the Hill" and meet with state representatives and lawmakers to pitch the American Legion agenda pertaining to the benefits for our veterans and their families and for our NEC to be included as part of the Alaska delegation attending is important toward achieving that goal, and

WHEREAS, in addition to attending the Washington D.C. Conference, the NEC is also expected to attend the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Alaska Department Convention each year in April to act in her official capacity as "the official hostess during a visit of all National and Divisional Officers to insure that our National guests are well provided for during their visit, and

WHEREAS, the NEC receives no compensation for taking time off from her work, or for her travel expenses (air and hotel) to attend Department Convention which runs for three days and four nights, now

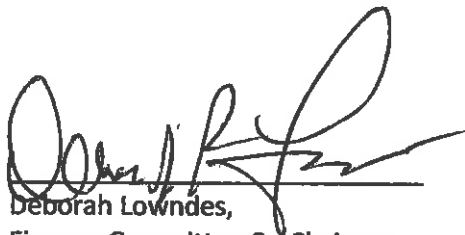
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Alaska that the NEC be compensated up to \$500.00 upon presentation of appropriate receipts to attend the Washington D.C. Conference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NEC be also compensated up to \$500.00 to help with travel expenses upon presentation of appropriate receipts to attend the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Alaska Department Convention each April.

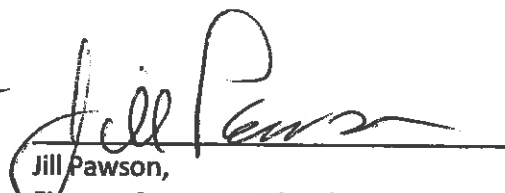
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American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Alaska
Resolution 2016-4

Whereas, The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Alaska 94th Convention was held in the great town of Wasilla, Alaska. And

Whereas, the weather started with sunshine and ended with clouds. And

Whereas, the Post, Unit and Squadron members of Susitna Valley 35 work together to provided the Delegates wonderful food. The atmosphere was great. And

Whereas, old friendships was renewed. And new friendships was formed. And

Whereas, pull tabs were good to some and not to other. And

Whereas, the meeting space was nice. Therefore be it

Resolved The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Alaska give Susitna Valley Post, Unit and Squadron 35 "A BIG THANK YOU" for a job well done. And be it further

Resolved that a copy of this resolution become a part of the official record of this convention and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Susitna Valley Post, Unit and Squadron 35.


Committee Chairman


Committee Member


Committee Member

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Alaska
RESOLUTION 2016-5

Whereas, The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Alaska has been represented by our Department President Sharon this past year. And

Whereas, Sharon has done a wonderful job. Of sharing information with the membership as she travelled. And

Whereas, Sharon has done an excellent job being a super president getting things done all year. And

Whereas, Sharon has had a great convention and completed all the business required and added fun along the way. Therefore be it

Resolved, that Sharon should be given a big hug from all of the members attending this 94th Convention. And be it further

Resolved, "A BIG THANK YOU" to Sharon for a job well done. And be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution become a part of this official record of this convention and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Sharon Cherrette and to Muldoon Unit 29.


Committee Chairman


Committee Member


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