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Commander's Corner

Department Commander's Farwell Address

Well, this has been a busy year for myself and the Department as well. We have been working on many different things across the state this year. I have had the pleasure to visit many Posts and attend quite a few District meetings as well. I wish I could have been to more places, but it seems there is never enough time to get everywhere and met everyone. It was amazing that many times, comment was made that a visit by the Department Commander was something that was not either done in the past or it was a long time since a visit. There were also the visits that were not as much of a pleasure, but; hopefully, the incoming Commander won't have as many of those as I did. During this year, we were also able to work to upgrade the IT area of Department with hopefully adding interns to our staff to work the website and social media. We were able to better adjust and come close to balancing the budget of Department Arkansas as well. In addition, training has become a showpiece Nationally, and we are proud of that success. In the area of Membership, 2 years ago, we were 53rd Nationally, last year we were in 41st place and this year so far, we are in 36th place. Slow and steady is the way to increase the membership of Department. Hopefully, as a Department, with the help of ALL Area Commanders, District Commanders, D.E.C. representatives as well as the Post level Officers, we will continue a great trend.



Overall, we are on the right track, and with the right persons continuing the success we have enjoyed thus far.

William "Doc" Sheets, Commander
The American Legion Department of Arkansas

The American Legion is the Nation's largest wartime Veterans Service Organization founded on the valuable contributions and sacrifices of those who have forged a path for us. As Legionnaires in the Great State of Arkansas, we must endeavor to do our part to maintain the integrity of this fine Volunteer Service Organization at all costs. Recruit! Retain! Reenforce The Four Pillars and Legion Family Values!



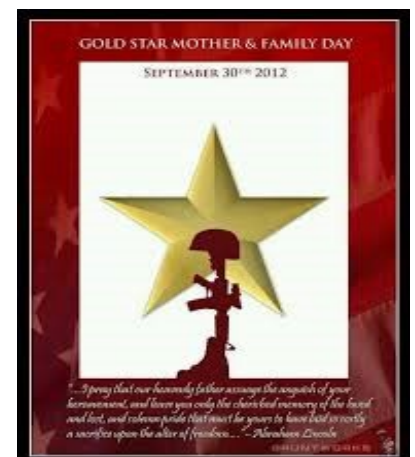
* The pessimist sees
* difficulty in every
* opportunity. The
* optimist sees op-
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* difficulty." —
* Winston Churchill

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A Tribute To Mothers, Fathers and
Gold Star Families; We Honor
You! Never Forgotten!



DEPARTMENT LEVEL CORRESPONDENCE

News From The National Executive Committeewoman, Mary Erdman

First and foremost I want to say how grateful I am to have finally gotten over the COVID infection and dreadful aftereffects that kept me from attending the Department and National Conventions and my grandson's graduation. I am so looking forward to attending both of the conventions this year and looking forward to seeing all of you again. It grieves me when I can't be directly involved with my Legion Family and Friends.



One of the most memorable events I've attended as NEC along with Department Vice Commander Tony Gordon, was a huge community event where high school graduates, who were entering the military upon graduation, were sworn into the military and honored by all who attended the event. And it was certainly well attended! Every branch of service was there, along with veteran's organizations, legislators, parents, relatives and community members. Tony and I were only too happy to be there to represent The American Legion and inform some of these young men and women about our great organization. I believe that it is important to be visible in the community. I know that many of our posts do this well and it is these posts that are successful and I personally thank you and encourage you to keep going strong in all that you do!

I will be attending the Spring Meetings, which start May 7th, and the results will be included in my annual report during the Department Convention. Until then, get your consolidated post report submitted if you haven't done so already and I hope to see you all in June. Thank you for allowing me to serve and represent you as National Executive Committee Representative.

For God and Country, Mary Erdman, NEC



Candidate for Alternate NEC

Greetings Fellow Legionnaires. I am declaring my candidacy for the position as Alternate National Executive Committeeman. I wish to serve as a representative and statesman of our Department in the National organization. I am already an established and recognized figure at the National level serving as the Chairman of the Committee on Youth Education within the Americanism Division. As ANEC, I will ensure that Arkansas maintains a powerful voice in the decision-making process at the highest levels of our organization.

My experience and qualifications at Post and District level include: Post Commander, Post Adjutant, Post Finance Officer, District Finance Officer, District Adjutant, District Commander, and District Executive Committeeman. At Department level, I have served as Membership Chairman, Children and Youth Chairman, Arkansas Legionnaire Publisher, Training Chairman, Judge Advocate, Area Vice Commander, and Department Commander.

I am experienced, respected, and well-connected at the National level. I will serve as an Arkansas emissary representing only the best that our Department has to offer to National.

I am asking for your vote to the office of Alternate National Executive Committeeman. See you at Convention.

Michael W. Westergren

Department American Legion College and Training Team Update

Training is vital to the success of any organization, particularly, The American Legion. Training is important because it is the mechanism used for individual growth and development that leads to Department and National Level Growth. For this reason, the Department of Arkansas has established several opportunities for training to include a mobile training team that is available to conduct training at Post, District, and Department Level. Having said that, please see the back page of this publication for the 2023 Department Convention Training Schedule to be held on June 15, 2023.

Furthermore, we have our very own, Department American Legion College (DALC) that was constructed to enhance the development of our Legion Family, to include the Auxiliary and Sons. DALC is the next step in the evolution of training once Basic Training (ALEI) has been completed. I encourage all Legionnaires to complete ALEI as it will give you a greater appreciation for your membership in The American Legion. Remember this: Training1 Empowerment! Accountability! Mentorship! - T.E.A.M.

Department of Arkansas Convention Rules

1. Recommend that Robert's Rules of Order be adopted for use during this convention, with certain modifications.
2. The order of business shall be conducted as outlined in the latest edition of the *Arkansas Legionnaire*, except when altered by action of the convention.
3. Voting strength of posts shall be based upon membership cards received by department ten (10) days prior to opening day of this convention. The list of delegates and alternates from each post, shall be at department headquarters no later than noon on opening day. These lists will be accompanied by a registration fee of \$5.00 per delegate. Delegate fee must be paid in full on authorized delegates in order to vote your delegate strength. In the department convention each post having paid-up membership equal to or in excess of the number required for granting a charter (15) shall be entitled to one delegate and to one additional delegate for each 25 members or major fraction thereof and to one alternate for each delegate. (ref: Art V, Sec 2; Const) each post shall be responsible for registering its full delegate strength. (ref: Art V, Sect 3; Const)
4. When delegates address the convention for any purpose they must rise and while standing address the chair with its correct title of "Commander." Upon recognition, they are to clearly state their name, plus their post's name / number. Business is introduced by a motion, or by a resolution. The steps in making a motion and voting on it are as follows:
 - a. Obtain the floor – the member rises and addresses the presiding officer.
 - b. Make the motion – the member then states the motion. In order to state a motion properly, members should use the words "I move that..." when introducing a motion.
 - c. Second the motion – if anyone wishes the matter discussed. If the motion is not seconded, the motion is not before the assembly.
 - d. State the motion – the chair then states the motion
 - e. Discussion – after a motion has been stated by the chair, it is before the assembly for consideration and discussion. The maker of the motion has the right to open and close the debate. Discussion must relate to the immediately pending question.
 - f. Put the question – after sufficient opportunity has been given the debate, the chair repeats the motion and says, "are you ready for the question?"
 - g. Announce the vote – If in doubt as to the result, the chair calls for a rising vote, first for, and then against, the motion, asks the adjutant to count the votes, and then announces the results.
5. Any subject brought before the convention, not in line with and contrary to policies and principles of the American legion
5. Any subject brought before the convention, not in line with and contrary to policies and principles of the American legion will be declared "out of order" by the Commander.
6. All those who have been recognized by the chair shall be entitled to a respectful hearing. The chair has authority to clear from the floor and to have the Sergeant-at-Arms escort from the convention anyone who causes a disturbance that may interfere with an orderly procedure of the convention.
7. In the event of a debate, concerning any subject, each speaker shall be limited to five (5) minutes.
8. Two (2) delegates only, from any delegation are allowed the floor for any subject at one time.
9. The floor is granted only once to any delegate speaking on one (1) subject; except as may be granted by a two-thirds vote of the convention. Also, excepting the chairmen of this convention committees, who may speak as often as necessary in connection with reports of their respective committees.
10. In preparation for a roll-call, the delegation chairmen shall poll their delegates, who are on the floor at the time in order to announce their delegation vote, when called for.
11. If a poll of their post is demanded by a delegate, the convention secretary shall conduct an individual poll of the delegates and no discussion of the question is allowed.
12. Anyone without credentials as delegate, or as alternate, who may act in the absence of a delegate, shall not participate in any manner on any subject nor vote in this convention. An alternate may serve on any convention committee, however, as a direct participant and in addition to the other delegates.
13. Delegations may arrive at a vote in any manner they see fit but must announce the vote in full units; no fractions!
14. A unit rule of voting by post shall not be enforced in the convention, over the objection of any delegate from that particular post.
15. Voting shall be by acclamation, unless a demand for the roll-call is made by three (3) or more delegation chairmen
16. Amendments or resolutions offered from the floor at the convention must be in writing and shall be referred to the appropriate committee for consideration.

The following three (3) resolutions have been submitted for action during the 2023 Department Convention and will require action by the registered post delegates in attendance before changes can be made to the Department Constitution and By-Laws. Please refer any questions about these resolutions to the sponsoring Posts.

Resolution No: 1

Title: Format for Electronic Meetings of the Department Executive Committee

Origin: Post 91, Beebe, Arkansas

Type: Department C&B Amendment

WHEREAS, the Department Executive Committee (DEC) is required to meet at the call of the Department Commander; and
WHEREAS, from time to time, the DEC must meet for Special Meetings to conduct business outside of regular scheduled meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws do not contain a provision to conduct these Special Meetings using an electronic format; and

WHEREAS, adding a provision to allow the DEC to meet electronically will allow more flexibility to hold Special Meetings; and

WHEREAS, the current twelfth edition of Robert's Rules of Order acknowledge the need and provide specific procedures to adapt By-Laws to accommodate for electronic meetings; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, by Garner Brothers Post 91, Beebe, during a regular scheduled meeting April 25th, 2023, that the Department Commander and the Department Executive Committee shall have the authority to call and conduct special meetings using an electronic format; and be it further

RESOLVED, that By-Laws Article I shall have inserted a new section as follows:

Section 6. Except as otherwise provided in these bylaws, meetings of the Department Executive Committee can be conducted through use of Internet meeting services designated by the Department Commander that support anonymous voting and support visible displays identifying those participating, identifying those seeking recognition to speak, showing (or permitting the retrieval of) the text of pending motions, and showing the results of votes. These electronic meetings of the DEC shall be subject to all rules adopted by the Convention mandate or DEC procedures, to govern them, which may include any reasonable limitations on, and requirements for, DEC members' participation. Any such rules adopted by the DEC shall supersede any conflicting rules in the parliamentary authority, but may not otherwise conflict with or alter any rule or decision of the organization. An anonymous vote conducted through the designated Internet meeting service shall be deemed a ballot vote, fulfilling any requirement in the bylaws or rules that a vote be conducted by ballot.

and be it finally

RESOLVED, that this provision will take effect at the close of the 2023 Department Convention.

Approved by Garner Brothers Post 91, Beebe, April 25th, 2023

Resolution No.: 2

Title: Delete Position of District Executive Committeeman

Origin: Post 91, Beebe

Type: Department C&B Amendment

WHEREAS, the elected office of District Executive Committeeman was created in 1949 and is found to be unique to the Department of Arkansas, and

WHEREAS, this elected position is not recognized or defined in any National documents or manuals, and

WHEREAS, the duties of a District Executive Committeeman are not defined in the Department Constitution or By-Laws except to hold "Administrative Powers" and are therefore not held to any standards of purpose, and

WHEREAS, the duties and purpose of the District Commander is defined in Constitution Article IX and By-Laws Article VI, along with the National-published District Officer Guide, and

WHEREAS, District Commanders already perform the leadership duties and administrative functions within their respective area and are therefore in the best position to understand the needs and represent the members of their District, and

WHEREAS, the budget of the Department of Arkansas has separate expense line items for District Executive Committeemen and District Commanders, and

WHEREAS, the budget of this Department is shrinking and cannot justify the redundant position of District Executive Committeeman whose singular duty can be performed by the District Commander, now, therefore be it

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Resolution No. 2 Cont.

RESOLVED, by Garner Brothers Post 91, Beebe, during a regular scheduled meeting April 25th, 2023, that the elected position of District Executive Committeeman be eliminated; and be it further

RESOLVED, all duties of the District Executive Committeeman will be assumed and replaced by the District Commander; and be it further

RESOLVED that Legionnaires elected as District Executive Committeemen in the year 2023 shall complete their full term and continue to serve in that position until the end of the 2025 Department Convention; Legionnaires elected District Executive Committeemen in the year 2022 shall complete the second year of their term and continue to serve until the end of the 2024 Department Convention; and be it further

RESOLVED that odd number Districts shall not elect a replacement District Executive committeeman should the current Committeeman not complete their entire term, and be it further

RESOLVED that Department Constitution Article IX, Section 2 is modified to allow Districts the option to elect their District Commander and District Vice Commander for a term of one or two years continuous; and be it further

RESOLVED that Department Constitution Article IX, Section 2 is further modified to allow the District Commander and District Vice Commander to succeed themselves in District elections; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Department of Arkansas Constitutions and By-Laws are modified as follows:

Constitution

Article VIII is modified in its entirety as such:

ARTICLE VIII
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Between Department Conventions the administrative power shall be vested in the Department Executive Committee, which shall be composed of the Department Commander, the Junior Past Department Commander, the Department Vice Commanders, the Department Judge Advocate (Voice, without vote), the Department Finance Officer (Voice, without vote), the Department Chaplain (Voice, without vote), the Department Historian, the National Executive Committeeman, the Department Service Officer (Voice without vote) and the ~~District Executive Committeemen~~ District Commanders. In the temporary absence of any ~~District Committeeman~~, the District Commander, ~~or the~~ District Vice Commander shall serve as an alternate. ~~Vacancies occurring in the office of the District Executive Committeemen because of death, resignation, or removal from the district in the first year of the committeeman term shall be filled by the District Commander or District Vice Commander, serving as an alternate, until the Department Convention, at which time a committeeman who shall have been elected by the district in convention to fill the unexpired term, shall take office.~~ No one person shall hold more than one position with voting rights on the Department Executive Committee, ~~unless that person shall be a District Commander or District Vice Commander temporarily serving as a Department Executive Committee member and also holding a voting position on the Department Executive Committee; in that case the individual shall cast one vote.~~

Section 2. ~~Deleted~~

Article IX, Section 2 is modified in its entirety as such:

Section 2. Each district shall have a District Commander, District Vice Commander, ~~District Executive Committeeman~~, and a District Adjutant. The District Adjutant shall be appointed by the District Commander. The term of office of such District Adjutant shall be one year, unless otherwise terminated in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Department. ~~The term of office of each District Commander and District Vice Commander shall commence immediately upon adjournment of the Department Convention next ensuing after the election and shall end at the adjournment of the next succeeding Department Convention. District Commanders are permitted to serve a second one-year term of office, when and where desired provided that no District Commander holds the office more than two consecutive terms. The District Commander and the District Vice Commander shall be elected for a term of one or two years at District Convention to be held at least twenty (20) days and not more than one hundred twenty (120) days preceding the Department Convention. Districts shall set the term of office of their District Commander and Vice Commander as one year or two years. Their terms of office shall commence immediately upon the adjournment of the Department Convention, next ensuing after their election, and shall end at the conclusion of the succeeding annual Department Convention at the end of their elected term, unless otherwise terminated in accordance with provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Department. District Commanders and District Vice Commanders may succeed themselves in office.~~

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Resolution No. 2 (cont.)

By-Laws

Article III, Section 9: Replace “Department Executive Committeemen” and “Committeeman” with “District Commander or District Vice Commander”

And be it further

RESOLVED that any other reference to District Executive Committeemen or Committeeman be replace with District Commander and District Vice Commander, and be it finally

RESOLVED that these changes shall take effect at the close of the 2023 Department Convention.

Approved by a majority vote of the Post 91 membership April 25th, 2023

Resolution No: 3

Title: District Organization Restructure

Origin: Post 74, North Little Rock, Arkansas

Type: Department C&B Amendment

WHEREAS, Article IX Section 5 is ambiguous as it relates to defining what “in writing” means relating to the notification of District Conventions; and

WHEREAS, Article IX Section 5 dictates that District representation and voting power shall be the same as in Department Conventions does not promote a fair and equitable voting process on the District Level; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws as written does not promote a fair and equitable voting process for the Districts within the Department

RESOLVED, by Michael Vann Johnson Jr, Post 74, during a regular scheduled meeting on May 6, 2023, that the Department of Arkansas Constitution Article 1X be amended to specify that Email, Text, and Regular Letter be specified as forms of written communication; and be it further

RESOLVED, that each Post have one delegate vote, (cannot be a current District Officer) for each elected position, and be it further resolved that

By-Laws Article IX Section 5 shall be modified to read:

Section 5. Notice of time and place of District Convention shall be given in writing via text, email, and/or written letter by the District Commander to all Posts within their respective districts at least fifteen(15) days prior to holding such convention provided such notice signed by the District Commander and published in The Arkansas Legionnaire at least fifteen (15) days before the date of the District Convention shall be considered as meeting the above requirements for written notice to all Posts. Representation and voting power for the District Conventions will be one vote per Post for all elected positions.

and be it finally

RESOLVED, that this provision will take effect at the close of the 2023 Department Convention.

Approved by Michael Vann Johnson Jr., Post 74, North Little Rock, Arkansas, May 6th 2023

A Note on Amendments to the Department Constitution and By-Laws

The Department Constitution may be amended at any Department Convention by a vote of two-thirds of the total authorized representation thereat, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been submitted through the Department Adjutant to the several Posts by mailing same to them or by publishing the same in The Arkansas Legionnaire, at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening of the next Department Convention.

The Department By-Laws may be amended by any Department Convention of The American Legion, Department of Arkansas, by the vote of the majority of the total authorized representation thereat, provided that the proposed amendment shall have been read at such convention at least 24 hours before the vote thereon.

Michael Westergren, Judge Advocate



DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY NEWS

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S.E. Division Vice President	Pat Clark, Sheridan
S.W. Division Vice President	Pearl Gordon, North Little Rock
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Treasurer	Charlie McAfee, Little Rock
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VA&R/Gift Shop(Fayetteville)	JoAnne Cobb, Rogers



From the Desk of President Dee American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arkansas President 2022-2023

Dear Members,

Here we are nearing the end of another year of mission work for the Department of Arkansas and the end of my presidency. We have had a wonderful year and I'm, again and still, very proud of all of you and your work. I have visited with many of you and I'm hoping to see more of you during my remaining time. I have traveled close to 8,000 miles throughout the state this year. I believe my little Ford Focus and I have a few miles left in us. After all, I have 100-Year Anniversary pins and President's Project certificates to deliver to you!

Our 100-Year Anniversary Celebration took the place of a Spring Conference. Our Auxiliary members, Legionnaires, Sons of the American Legion, and Legion Riders attended our celebration. Dignitaries from the Central Arkansas VHCS, the VHCS of the Ozarks, and the Department of Veterans Affairs came to celebrate our first 100 years of service with us. The food was wonderful and the caterer is now a member of the ALA, Department of Arkansas! The contents of these pages will tell the story of the day much better than written words can. I hope you enjoy the pictures.

It's time to get your Unit reports to our committee chairmen with your own pictures so that we can see all you have been doing in your communities. The stories of your work are the most important information you can share with us so that we can pass the information on to the Southern Division and National Chairs. It's all about the impact we've made in the lives of veterans, service members, and children in our communities. And remember to send a letter to your members letting them know of your unit's accomplishments this year. Communication is key to member retention.

As of today, May 1, 2023, our department membership is at 85.17% of goal. We are within reach of that 100%. Please do your best to get those last renewals for your unit. We have a couple of months left to get to that winners' circle. Together, we can do this!

The American Legion Auxiliary Arkansas Girls State is gearing up for this year. We know that you are sending many girls to share in this very prestigious opportunity. Job well done! I will be there for the week and hope to see many of you there on opening night. This is our program. Please, come and show these young women who we are. Your presence will help to encourage many of these young women to join the American Legion Auxiliary and support the organization that gave them this amazing life experience.

I cherish my memories of you. Thank you for allowing me the honor of being your president. I'll see you at the Department Convention in June where you will choose a new president and our service will continue...for another 100 years and beyond...because we know that "Every Day is Veterans Day."

God bless and keep each of you and all of those we serve in this incredible place called home...the United States of America.

With immense gratitude and in the Spirit of Service, not Self,

Dee Smith, President, 2022-2023



CALL FOR THE 101st ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS

By the authority vested in me as President of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Arkansas, and in accordance with the mandate of the Executive Committee of The American Legion, the 101st annual American Legion Auxiliary Department of Arkansas Convention will be held in North Little Rock, Arkansas, **June 16-17, 2023**.

Purpose

To receive reports from Department Officers and Chairmen of the Standing Committees. To consider amendments to the Constitution & By-laws. To consider resolutions. To elect delegates to the National Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary. To elect officers for the ensuing year and transact any other business brought before the Convention.

Representation

Each chartered Unit shall be entitled to 2 delegates to the Department Convention, the outgoing Unit President serving as Chairman of the delegation. The Unit shall also be entitled to 1 additional elected delegate for each 25 members or major fraction (*) thereof, whose current annual membership dues have been posted to ALA MIS (**) by April 25, 2023. The Unit shall be entitled to 1 alternate delegate for each delegate. (Constitution, Article VI, Section 5: Delegates-At-Large to the Department Convention shall be all Department elected officers, National Executive Committeeperson, Alternate National Executive Committeeperson, the District President of each District, Chairmen of Standing Committees and all Past Department Presidents in good standing in their Units.) The voting strength of a Unit shall be equal to the total number of delegates to which the Unit is entitled, regardless of whether or not its delegate is present to vote, provided at least one such delegate is present to cast said vote, and all delegate registration fees for that Unit have been paid in full; otherwise, the Unit will not be entitled to vote. No person shall be entitled to more than one vote by virtue of any office held. All Past Department Presidents in good standing in their Unit shall be life Delegates-at-Large to the Department Convention. Unit representation will be based on the Unit Membership as of **April 25, 2023**. **Units shall have Credentials and Delegate Fees in Department Headquarters ten calendar days prior to the date of the Department Convention (No later than June 6, 2023).**

Credentials

Credential Reports in duplicate will be sent to each Unit President. These shall be filled out when the delegates are elected and mailed to Department Headquarters together with a check for the **\$10.00 registration fee** for each delegate, alternate delegate, delegate-at-large, and guest. The registration fee of **\$10.00** for each delegate, alternate, and delegate-at-large, must be received in Department Headquarters ten calendar days prior to the date of the Department Convention (no later than June 6, 2023).

Registration

All delegates, delegates-at-large, alternates, and guests will be required to sign the attendance register at the Registration Table on Friday, June 16, 2023, or Saturday, June 17, 2023. A registration fee of **\$10.00** for each guest shall be received in Department Headquarters ten calendar days prior to the date of the Department Convention OR paid when registering. The registration badge given by the Registrar at the Convention shall be exhibited on demand to gain entrance to sessions of the Convention.

Convention Headquarters will be at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Guests

Guests will be seated in the Convention Hall as space permits.

Denise Smith

Department President 2022-2023

*Major fraction thereof: any amount greater than one-half

**ALA MIS: American Legion Auxiliary Membership Information System



DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY

Picture Review and History



American Legion Auxiliary History

After the formation of the American Legion in 1919(Paris, France), several organizations for women partitioned to become the official affiliation of American Legion. A committee was created to start a new organization of women familiar with the purpose and goals of the American Legion. The Auxiliary carries on activities suited more for women. In that same spirit, on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at Post 27, several auxiliary groups in Northwest, Arkansas presented and sponsored “A Salute to Female Veterans.” All veterans received goody bags, had heavy hors d oeuvres, tea, door prizes and great fellowship. All those in attendance were showered with admiration, appreciation, and SISTER LOVE.

For God and Country! Kirk Williams, Department Historian



Photo Courtesy of Kirk Williams, : Some of the 37 Female Veterans at the District 1, 2nd Annual Salute o Female Veterans Tea in Fayetteville, Arkansas



American Legion Auxiliary 100 Year Celebration Poster Board



DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY 2022-2023 Year In Picture



Left: President Dee Explaining Military Child Table



Right: POW MIA Historic Table



Auxiliary Units That Met and/or Exceeded 100% Membership Target



DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY

100 Year Celebration News and Photos



Auxiliary Department Scholarship Winner, 2022-2023

The Education Committee has chosen Mr. Evan Johnson of Quitman, AR as the 2022-2023 American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Arkansas Scholarship recipient. Evan exhibits a high level of maturity and responsibility for someone his age. He received his pilot's license at the age of 17 and has completed twenty-four (24) college credit hours to date. Evan maintains a 4.0 grade point average.

Evan has chosen to study Aerospace Engineering at Oklahoma State University. While there he will be an ROTC cadet in order to follow his college career with service to the United States Air Force as a pilot, like his great-grandfather and grandfather. Evan has a clear plan for his future and we wish him only the best that life can offer for his future. We hope to hear from Evan in the years to come.



Andrea Caldwell, Education Committee Chair
Debbie Briscoe, Education Committee member
Lauren Fryer, Education Committee member



The American Legion Family: Sons, Auxiliary, Legion, Riders!



Honorary President Signs The Guest Book



Distinguished Guests Left to Right: Kendall Penn, Dr. Margie Scott, Debbie Briscoe



Unit 74 Members In The Poppy Garden (100 Year Celebration)

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Convention Training Schedule

All Training Conducted Thursday, June 15, 2023 at the
Wyndham Riverfront Hotel in Silver City Rm. 4

Post Service Officer Training
8AM -10AM

Leadership/Post Operations
10AM – 12

Lunch Noon – 1 PM

Advanced Legion College Class
1PM – 3 PM

Membership Retention/Recruiting
3PM – 5 PM



Dallas and Mary Erdman at Auxiliary 100 Year Celebration

Convention Schedule of Events Friday, June 16, 2023

Hospitality Room: Huntsville & Decantilion Hours of Operation

◆ 0700—0930; 1130—1300; 1600—1830, and 2100 –2300

0800—1200: Registration n the Hotel Lobby

0930: Joint Session Opening Ceremony in Silver City 1 & 2

1200:Convention Rules Committee in Silver City 5

1830: Red, White & Blue Party in Silver City 2-4

Convention Schedule of Events Saturday, June 17, 2023

Hospitality Room: Huntsville & Decantilion Hours of Operation

◆ 0700—0830; 1130—1300

0900: Open Session

0900—1200 Legion Riders Convention in Silver City 5

1130—1300 Past Commander's Lunch in Razorback West

- Foundation Meeting in Blue Dog Room

1300—1500 SAL Convention I Silver City 5

1800—2100: Dept. Commander's Banquet in Silver City 5&6

Sunday Schedule of Events

0700—0730: Religious Service

0800: Convention Call to Order

Unfinished Business

- Resolutions
- Remaining Reports

New Business From The Floor

Good of the Legion / Announcements

Election of Delegates to National Convention

Department Officer Elections

Commander's Farwell Address

Installation of Department Officers

Announcements:

- Newly Elected Department Commander
- Newly Elected Department President
- Newly Elected SAL Department Commander
- Newly Elected ALR Department Director

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