

Veterans for Foreign Wars of the United States
 Department of Arizona
 89th Annual Department Convention
 We-Ko-Pa Resort and Conference Center
 May 30, 2019 thru June 2, 2019

The Department of Arizona Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and the VFW Auxiliary held the joint opening session meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday May 30, 2019.

The following Auxiliary awards were presented at the joint session:

Young American Creative Patriotic Art Scholarship

Karina Yang \$1,000.00 Russell W. Bercier Auxiliary 8053

Arizona Auxiliary Endowment Grant

Shelby Morris \$1,000.00 William E. Hamilton Auxiliary 2364

The following Auxiliaries received **Circle of Excellence Plaques:**

Buckeye Auxiliary 12098	Barney Figueroa Auxiliary 6271
Mohave Valley Auxiliary 404	Matthew James Broehm Auxiliary 12128
Colo Gila Rivers Auxiliary 8242	Phoenix Memorial Auxiliary 720
Nicky D. Bacon Auxiliary 285	Sgt. J. D. Wadkins Jr. Auxiliary 3713
Sandy Coor Auxiliary 1433	Darrel D. Bommer Auxiliary 11014
Tucson Auxiliary 549	Superstition Mountain Auxiliary 9399
Merle M. Mitchell Auxiliary 3715	Joseph Monfort Auxiliary 9400
Avra Valley - Marana Auxiliary 5990	Mingus Mountain Auxiliary 10227
Bert Black Jr. Auxiliary 7400	Louie E. Higdon Auxiliary 1704
George T. Diehl Sr. Auxiliary 7968	William E. Hamilton Auxiliary 2364
John M. Jackson Auxiliary 3632	White Mtn. Area Auxiliary 9907
George E. Truman Auxiliary 3584	James R. "Bob" Currieo Auxiliary 9972
Pat Tillman Memorial Auxiliary 40	Victor H. Meliza Auxiliary 9401
Herbert J. Haenel Auxiliary 10005	Gila Valley Auxiliary 10385

The VFW and VFW Auxiliary held a joint Memorial Service.

Thursday May 30, 2019

Past Department President Becky Kent officially opened the first session of the VFW Auxiliary 2019 - 89th Annual Convention at 3:00 with opening remarks followed by the Cross of Malta.

President Harney asked the first time attendees to stand and be recognized. PDP Chrissy Harlan gave a brief instruction on raps of the gavel, proper stance for "Attention" and "Parade Rest", non-movement when the Chaplain is opening or closing the bible, the meaning of the 'sacred ground' area and common courtesy during the meetings.

Roll Call of Department Officers, District Presidents, Department Chairmen and Past Department Presidents:

President Kim Harney	Present
Sr. Vice President Sheila Eiler	Present
Jr. Vice President Melody Judd	Present
Secretary Treasurer Kim Sloan	Present
Chaplain Janae Kemery	Present
Conductress Rhonda Follett	Present
Guard Johnette DeBoard	Present
Chief of Staff Bambi Johnson	Present
Historian and Media Relations PDP Sheila Shutts	Present
Patriotic Instructor Doug Kinghorn	Present
Flag Bearer Vickie Rippel	Present
Banner Bearer Brenda Kinghorn	Present

Color Bearer No. 1 Wendy Waggoner	Present
Color Bearer No. 2 Sarah Elkins	Present
Color Bearer No. 3 PDP Chrissy Harlan	Present
Color Bearer No. 4 Anita Hess	Present
Musician Garrett Gracy	Present
Soloist Lisa Boettner	Present
Asst. Conductor Ray Williams	Present
Asst. Guard Vickey Robertson	Present

District 1 President Paula Walter	Absent
District 1 President Charlene Parker	Present
District 2 President Vernell Tobish	Present
District 3 President Carolyn Quinton	Present
District 4 President Louise Burrell	Present
District 5 President Marie Monsen	Present
District 6 President PDP Charlene Kozakiewicz	Present
District 7 President Elizabeth Frost	Present
District 8 President Bobby DeBoard	Present
District 10 President Kim Minor	Present

Americanism Chairman Rhonda Follett	Present
Buddy Poppy and National Home for Children Chairman Lynn Pierre	Present
Hospital Chairman Brenda Kinghorn	Present
Legislative Chairman Melody Judd	Present
Membership Chairman Donna Ventola	Present
Scholarships Chairman Kristie Purnell	Present
Veterans and Family Support Chairman Louise Burrell	Present
Youth Activities Chairman Johnnie DeBoard	Present
Program Activities Reports PDP Sheila Shutts	Present

Past Department Presidents

Rosemary Esposito	Absent
Pat LaMontagne	Absent
Lucy Melendez	Absent
Becky Kent	Present
Maxine Fabritz	Absent
Frances Fahnholz	Present
Sharon Ashby	Present
Charlene Kozakiewicz	Present
Berneice Welch	Absent
Margaret Bell	Absent
Geraldine Knowles	Absent
Debi Rankin	Present
Mary "Ronnie" Heinemann	Absent
Pauline Servin	Present
Sheila Shutts	Present
Dee Bong	Absent
Cathy Seippel	Present
Suzie Gleason	Present
Chrissy Harlan	Present
Stephanie Morris	Present
Reba Dermody	Present

Opening Ceremonies were conducted pursuant to the Ritual.

Escort and Introduction of National Representative, Officers and Chairmen

Past National President Cortina Barnes, National Scholarships Ambassador Chrissy Harlan and the Past Department Presidents were escorted into the room.

PNP Barnes addressed the members and the Past Department Presidents addressed the members.

Introduction of Convention Committee

President Harney called on the Convention Liaison PDP Debi Rankin who gave her remarks.

Reading of the Minutes of the 2018 Convention

Secretary Kim Sloan moved to dispense with the reading of the 2018 Convention Minutes as they were printed and distributed to the convention composition; Seconded by Department Chief of Staff Bambi Johnson; Motion carried. President Harney asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, the Minutes were approved as distributed.

Financial Report

Treasurer Kim Sloan moved to dispense with the reading of the Financial Report as it has been printed and distributed to the convention composition; Seconded by Department Jr. Vice President Melody Judd; Motion carried.

Reading of Official and Other Communications

Secretary Kim Sloan read the following communications:

- Approval by National President Sandi Kriebel to hold joint Memorial Service and Joint Installation.
- Candidate announcements from Peggy Haake, Candidate for National President
- Candidate announcements from Sandra Onstwedder, Candidate for National Sr. Vice President
- Candidate announcements from Jean Hamil, Candidate for National Jr. Vice President
- Candidate announcements from Ann Panteleakos, Candidate for National Treasurer
- Candidate announcements from Jane Reape, Candidate for National Chaplain
- Candidate announcements from Carla Martinez, Candidate for National Conductress
- Candidate announcements from Laurie Dale, Candidate for National Guard
- Candidate announcements from Brenda Bryant, Candidate for National Guard
- Thank you card from Department of Rhode Island for MidYear Conference
- Thank you card from Jane Reape for MidYear Conference
- Thank you letters from VFW National Home for Children for donations
- Thank you letter from Missing in America Project for donations

Report of the Convention Rules Committee

Chairman PDP Charlene Kozakiewicz moved on behalf of the Convention Rules and Regulations Committee to accept the Convention Rules and Regulations as printed in the Convention Book; Motion carried.

Report of Resolutions and Bylaws Committee

PNP Barnes reviewed the Resolutions to be presented at the 2019 National Convention.

Officer Nominations

President Harney announced that due to the fact that we have two candidates for Department Guard, we will have all nominations today. That will allow the candidates to speak at the candidate forum this afternoon.

PDP Suzie Gleason and PDP Cathy Seippel nominated Sheila Eiler for Department President

PDP Charlene Kozakiewicz nominated Melody Judd for Department Sr. Vice President

PDP Reba Dermody nominated Janae Kemery for Department Jr. Vice President

Bambi Johnson nominated Kim Sloan for Department Treasurer

PDP Reba Dermody nominated Rhonda Follett for Department Chaplain

District 8 President Bobby DeBoard nominated Johnnie DeBoard for Department Conductress

Amy Timbes nominated Bambi Johnson for Department Guard

PDP Cathy Seippel nominated Kristie Purnell for Department Guard

Department Secretary Treasurer Kim Sloan nominated Kim Harney for National District 15 Council Member

Credentials Report

Credential Chairman Dallas Emery

Wednesday May 29, 2019

Registered Delegates	33
Registered Alternates	7
Auxiliary Presidents	8
Department Officers / PDP's	20
Members	1

Guests	0
Total	69

Thursday May 30, 2019

Registered Delegates	10	Previous	33	Total	43
Registered Alternates	0	Previous	7	Total	7
Auxiliary Presidents	2	Previous	8	Total	10
Department Officers / PDP's	5	Previous	20	Total	25
Members	1	Previous	1	Total	2
Guests	3	Previous	0	<u>Total</u>	<u>3</u>
				Total	139

Announcements

President Harney called on the Secretary for any announcements who announced:

- Pair of glasses found in Room 413 is at the Secretary's station

President Harney invited members to the candidate forum immediately following this meeting. Also she and Department Commander Gene Wood invite all the members to their Celebrating the Year reception this evening.

President Harney adjourned the meeting to reconvene at 9:00 tomorrow morning.

Friday, May 31, 2019

At 9:00 a.m. Past Department President Sheila Shutts opened the session with her remarks. President Harney requested the Chaplain open the bible.

VFW Post 7507 Commander was escorted into the room. He expressed his appreciation for the donations of diaper for their military moms event.

President Harney appointed Sr. Vice President Eiler to take charge of the meeting. President Harney, PNP Barnes, PDP Harlan, Paula Wood and Melody Judd left the room to visit the VFW meeting.

Recognition of the 35 Year Plus Members

And

Tribute to the Past Department President

Sr. Vice President Eiler recognized the 35 yr. plus members and presented tribute to the Past Department Presidents.

Sr. Vice President announced the appointments for 2019-2020:

- Secretary Kim Sloan
- Chief of Staff PDP Cathy Seippel
- Patriotic Instructor Garrett Gracy
- Historian and Photographer PDP Sheila Shutts
- Liaison to the VFW Jeff Eiler
- Asst. Conductress Alice vonAhlefeld
- Asst. Guard Ray Williams
- Flag Bearer Jackie Gracy
- Banner Bearer Thomas Loebach
- Color Bearer No. 1 Doug Kinghorn
- Color Bearer No. 2 Beverly Rast
- Color Bearer No. 3 Linda Hoschouer
- Color Bearer No. 4 Wendy Waggoner

Audit Committee – Sr. Vice President Judd, Chairman and Department Line Officers

Budget Committee – PDP Becky Kent, Chairman; Department Treasurer Kim Sloan and Department Line Officers

Ritual Instructor – PDP Reba Dermody

Department Convention Liaison – PDP Debi Rankin

Department Credentials – Dallas Emery, Chairman and Amy Locke

Election Judge and Tellers – Judge PDP Pauline Servin, Tellers PDP Sharon Ashby and PDP Charlene Kozakiewicz

Resolutions and Bylaws Review Committee – PDP’s Rankin, Servin and Dermody

Tribute to the Past Department Presidents – Incoming Sr. Vice President Melody Judd

Tribute to the 35 Year Plus Members – Incoming Jr. Vice President Janae Kemery

Program Coordinator PDP Stephanie Morris

Program Activities Reports PDP Sheila Shutts

Americanism Johnnie DeBoard

Buddy Poppy and VFW National Home for Children Lynn Pierre

Hospital Brenda Price

VAVS Region 1 Prescott VAMC Representative Linda Thuringer

VAVS Region 2 Phoenix VAMC Representative Melissa Martin; Deputy Louise Burrell

VAVS Region 3 Tucson VAME To be appointed

Legislative Elizabeth “Betsy” Crown

Media Relations PDP Sheila Shutts

Membership Bambi Johnson

Mentoring for Leadership PDP Reba Dermody

Scholarships Brenda Kinghorn

Veterans and Family Support Janae Kemery

Youth Activities Dani Greene

Sr. Vice President Eiler requested the Chaplain to close the bible. Program Kickoff was held with each Program Chairmen giving a brief summary of their program. Sr. Vice President Eiler requested the Chaplain to open the bible.

Department President Harney was escorted into the room by the Conductress with the Colors.

Chaplain Kemery presented President Harney with card and love gift.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Harney called on the Secretary for any announcements who announced:

- Past Department Presidents dinner will be at 5:00 at Café 87 in the casino
- Ways and Means Baskets and Buddy Poppy Displays are in Room 104 which will be open from 7:00 – 9:00 this evening
- Treasurer Training will be in this room at 7:00 pm this evening
- Program Guides and Roster will be available for purchase this afternoon.
- APPC Luncheon is in Room 108
- Incoming District Presidents – Raffle tickets and money must be turned in by close of meeting tomorrow.
- Celebration of Life for Past Post 769 Commander William Holt will be June 8th at 1:00 at Post 769

President Harney adjourned the meeting to reconvene at 2:00 this afternoon.

Friday, May 31, 2019 Afternoon Session

President Harney invited the Pages to her station where they introduced themselves and who they were paging for. President Harney thanked the pages for volunteering for this important job.

President Harney announced that the next order of business is the program awards.

Veterans and Family Support Program

PNP Barnes presented participation certificate to Chairman Louise Burrell and VFW citations for donations to Veterans and Military Support to:

Department of Arizona Chloride Auxiliary 2190 William E. Hamilton Auxiliary 2364
Granville Morris Auxiliary 6739 George T. Diehl Sr. Auxiliary 7968 Colo Gila Rivers Auxiliary 8242

Department Awards to Outstanding Veterans and Family Support Program
Mohave Valley Auxiliary 404 Sandy Coor Auxiliary 1433
John M. Jackson Auxiliary 3632 Bert Black Jr. Auxiliary 7400
George T. Diehl Sr. Auxiliary 7968 Colo Gila Rivers Auxiliary 8242
Superstition Mountain Auxiliary 9399 Joseph Monfort Auxiliary 9400
White Mtn. Area Auxiliary 9907 James R. "Bob" Currieo Auxiliary 9972
Herbert J. Haenel Auxiliary 10005

Americanism Program

PNP Barnes presented participation certificate to Chairman Rhonda Follett.
Department Awards to Outstanding Americanism Program
William E. Hamilton Auxiliary 2364 Merle M. Mitchell Auxiliary 3715
George T. Diehl Sr. Auxiliary 7968 Superstition Mountain Auxiliary 9399
James R. "Bob" Currieo Auxiliary 9972 Herbert J. Haenel Auxiliary 10005
Darrel D. Bommer Auxiliary 11014 Matthew James Broehm Auxiliary 12128

Buddy Poppy and VFW National Home for Children Program

PNP Barnes presented participation certificate to Chairman Lynn Pierre.
White Mtn. Area Auxiliary 9907 received a \$20 VFW Store Gift Card for the Best Community Outreach and/or Involvement of the Buddy Poppy thru Distribution, Education and Publicity.
Department Awards to Outstanding Buddy Poppy and VFW National Home for Children Program
Pat Tillman Memorial Auxiliary 40 Nicky D. Bacon Auxiliary 285
George T. Diehl Sr. Auxiliary 7968 Russell W. Bercier Auxiliary 8053
Superstition Mountain Auxiliary 9399 White Mtn. Area Auxiliary 9907
James R. "Bob" Currieo Auxiliary 9972 Herbert J. Haenel Auxiliary 10005

Historian and Media Relations Program

PNP Barnes presented participation certificate to Chairman PDP Sheila Shutts.
Department Awards to Outstanding Historian and Media Relations Program
Sandy Coor Auxiliary 1433 Merle M. Mitchell Auxiliary 3715
George T. Diehl Sr. Auxiliary 7968 Superstition Mountain Auxiliary 9399
Joseph Monfort Auxiliary 9400 White Mtn. Area Auxiliary 9907
James R. "Bob" Currieo Auxiliary 9972 Herbert J. Haenel Auxiliary 10005
Darrel D. Bommer Auxiliary 11014

Hospital Program

PNP Barnes presented participation certificate to Chairman Brenda Kinghorn.
President Harney presented a plaque to Lucille Lombardo for her years of service as a VAVS Representative at the Tucson VA Medical Center.
Department Awards to Outstanding Hospital Program
Mohave Valley Auxiliary 404 William E. Hamilton Auxiliary 2364
Sgt. J. D. Wadkins Jr. Auxiliary 3713 George T. Diehl Sr. Auxiliary 7968
Superstition Mountain Auxiliary 9399 White Mtn. Area Auxiliary 9907
James R. "Bob" Currieo Auxiliary 9972 Herbert J. Haenel Auxiliary 10005
Darrel D. Bommer Auxiliary 11014

Legislative Program

PNP Barnes presented participation certificate to Chairman Legislative Melody Judd.
Department Awards to Outstanding Legislative Program
Mohave Valley Auxiliary 404 Sandy Coor Auxiliary 1433
William E. Hamilton Auxiliary 2364 Sgt. J. D. Wadkins Jr. Auxiliary 3713
Merle M. Mitchell Auxiliary 3715 George T. Diehl Sr. Auxiliary 7968
Superstition Mountain Auxiliary 9399 James R. "Bob" Currieo Auxiliary 9972
Herbert J. Haenel Auxiliary 10005

Membership Program

PNP Barnes presented participation certificate to Chairman Donna Ventola.

Basket was presented to William E. Hamilton Auxiliary 2364 for the biggest percentage increase in membership.

Chairman Ventola announced that the Fact Sheets submitted and the Flags Across America Photos are on display in the Buddy Poppy room.

Recruiter Pins and/or Rockers were awarded to:

Reba Dermody	Jan Snyder	Kathy Doran
Bambi Johnson	Jolene McDonald	Kerry Schrand
Vickey Robertson	Gayle Holt	Lynn Pierre
Carol Pickering	Marie Thomas	Johnnie DeBoard
Melissa Martin	Kristie Purnell	

Department Awards to Outstanding Membership Program

Sandy Coor Auxiliary 1433	William E. Hamilton Auxiliary 2364
George T. Diehl Sr. Auxiliary 7968	Superstition Mountain Auxiliary 9399
James R. "Bob" Currieo Auxiliary 9972	Herbert J. Haenel Auxiliary 10005

Scholarships Program

PNP Barnes presented participation certificate to Chairman Kristie Purnell.

Department Awards to Outstanding Scholarships Program

Nicky D. Bacon Auxiliary 285	Sandy Coor Auxiliary 1433
William E. Hamilton Auxiliary 2364	George T. Diehl Sr. Auxiliary 7968
Superstition Mountain Auxiliary 9399	White Mtn. Area Auxiliary 9907
James R. "Bob" Currieo Auxiliary 9972	Herbert J. Haenel Auxiliary 10005
Darrel D. Bommer Auxiliary 11014	Matthew James Broehm Auxiliary 12128

Youth Activities Program

PNP Barnes presented participation certificate to Chairman Johnnie DeBoard.

Department Awards to Outstanding Youth Activities Program

Mohave Valley Auxiliary 404	Sandy Coor Auxiliary 1433
George T. Diehl Sr. Auxiliary 7968	Superstition Mountain Auxiliary 9399
Victor H. Meliza Auxiliary 9401	White Mtn. Area Auxiliary 9907
Herbert J. Haenel Auxiliary 10005	

Chief of Staff

Department Chief of Staff Bambi Johnson awarded Healthy Auxiliary citations to

Nicky D. Bacon Auxiliary 285	Phoenix Memorial Auxiliary 720
Sandy Coor Auxiliary 1433	John M. Jackson Auxiliary 3632
Merle M. Mitchell Auxiliary 3715	George T. Diehl Sr. Auxiliary 7968
Superstition Mountain Auxiliary 9399	White Mtn. Area Auxiliary 9907
James R. "Bob" Currieo Auxiliary 9972	Darrel D. Bommer Auxiliary 11014
Matthew James Broehm Auxiliary 12128	

President Harney called on Credentials Chairman Dallas Emery for the Credentials Report.

Friday May 31, 2019

Registered Delegates	28	Previous	43	Total	71
Registered Alternates	1	Previous	7	Total	8
Auxiliary Presidents	2	Previous	10	Total	12
Department Officers / PDP's	0	Previous	25	Total	25
Members	1	Previous	2	Total	3
Guests	0	Previous	3	<u>Total</u>	<u>3</u>
				Total	122

There were no announcements.

President Harney reminded the Treasurers that the Department Treasurer will hold a Q&A at 7:00 this evening.

President Harney adjourned the meeting until 9:00 tomorrow morning.

Saturday, June 1, 2019

At 9:00 a.m. PDP Chrissy Harlan opened the session with her remarks.

President Harney requested the Chaplain to open the bible.

Guard DeBoard announced that the VFW Greetings Committee is at the door. VFW Commander Gene Wood and the VFW Greetings Committee were escorted to the President's station by the Conductress and the colors. Commander Wood introduced the officers and thanked the Auxiliary for its' support and cooperation during the year. The Greetings Committee was escorted from the room.

President Harney called on Credentials Chairman Dallas Emery for the final Credentials Report.

Saturday June 1, 2019

Registered Delegates	12	Previous	71	Total	83
Registered Alternates	2	Previous	8	Total	10
Auxiliary Presidents	3	Previous	12	Total	15
Department Officers / PDP's	0	Previous	25	Total	25
Members	3	Previous	3	Total	6
Guests	2	Previous	3	<u>Total</u>	<u>5</u>
				Total	144

Credentials Chairman Dallas Emery moved on behalf of the Credentials Committee to accept the final Credentials Report; Motion carried.

President Harney gave the charges from the Booklet of Instruction, Installation of Officers and Election of Officers and requested Judge PDP Reba Dermody and Tellers PDP Debi Rankin and PDP Suzie Gleason come forward and take a seat at the table to right of the President's station.

Nominations were open again for each of the following offices and the officers were elected by acclamation:

President Sheila Lee-Eiler
Sr. Vice President Melody Judd
Jr. Vice President Janae Kemery
Treasurer Kim Sloan
Chaplain Rhonda Follett
Conductress Johnnette DeBoard

Bambi Johnson was elected by majority as Department Guard.
Kim Harney was elected by acclamation as National District 15 Council Member.

President Harney thanked the Judge and Tellers for their service and dismissed them.

PNP Barnes gave her closing remarks.

President Harney gave her closing remarks.

President Harney called on Secretary Kim Sloan for announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Buddy Poppy Winners
 - Category One
 - First Place VFW Post and Auxiliary 404
 - Category 2
 - First Place VFW Post 2066
 - Second Place VFW Post and Auxiliary 9399
 - Third Place VFW Post and Auxiliary 10005
 - Category 3
 - First Place VFW Post and Auxiliary 3713
 - Second Place VFW Post and Auxiliary 7400
 - Third Place VFW Post and Auxiliary 10005

Honorable Mention VFW Post and Auxiliary 6790

President Harney adjourned the meeting according to the ritual to reconvene for Joint Installation at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Sloan

KIM SLOAN
Department Secretary

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