

102nd Annual National
Convention of the American
Legion Reports



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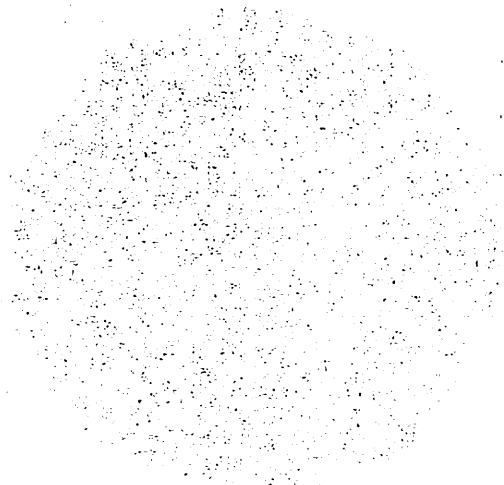
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To: American Legion Department of Oregon

Reference: Americanism Convention Committee

Americanism Convention Subcommittee Report

Attention: Department of Oregon Adjutant

By: Legislative Commission Chair John Lee

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To: American Legion Department of Oregon

Reference: Americanism Convention Committee

Children & Youth Convention Subcommittee Report

Attention: Department of Oregon Adjutant

By: Americanism Commission Chair Gea Clausier

The Children & Youth Sub Committee met.

Said the Pledge of Allegiance

No Resolutions

Then departed.



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To: American Legion Department of Oregon

Reference: Constitutional Amendments Convention Committee

Attention: Department of Oregon Adjutant

No Report was submitted.

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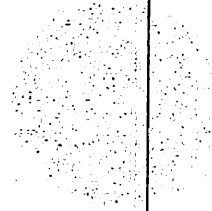
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To: American Legion Department of Oregon

Reference: Credentials & Rules Convention Committee

Attention: Department of Oregon Adjutant

No Report Subcommittee did not meet.



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To: American Legion Department of Oregon

Reference: National Finance Convention Committee Report

Attention: Department of Oregon Adjutant

By: Department Finance Officer Bob Huff

The National Finance Convention Committee met on Sunday, August 29, 2021, at 9 am in the Sheridan Phoenix Ballroom, 3d level in Phoenix, Arizona. Bob Bradley the Corp Comptroller opened the meeting. Each Department is authorized one delegate to the Finance Convention Committee. After roll-call, an election was held to elect a chair and a secretary for the Convention Committee. Myron Kirby, Ind was elected Chair, and Karl Leby, Tenn. was elected Secretary. Chairman Kirby took over the meeting and advised all attendees that only authorized delegates would be allowed to vote, that if they were replacing an authorized delegate that it must be certified by the National Adjutant, those identified were advised that then called on to make his report. Mr. Everson reported that the Marketing Commission is making significant strides in our marketing strategy working with programs of The American Legion. Mr. Everson then introduced Dean Kissell the Chief Marketing Officer who gave a presentation on Indy Car #48 and the Indy Car Program. Mr. Kissell also discussed partnership we have a partnership that he is working on and showed the PSA on suicide awareness.

Chairman Kirby then introduced Walter Ivie the Chair of Media and Communications Commission to give his report. Chairman Ivie reported on the road to recovery and the Legion Magazine are all on schedule. He reported that we have an 8% increase in Postage, Paper, and Print costs and that we have 8 new advertisers.

Chair Kirby reported on the 2020 Audit by Crow Audits, we have a clean audit.

Shaun Long, the National Treasurer then reported on the Economy and our investments. Mr. Long had a short review, he reported on the \$300. Going away on September 6th from

unemployment. Some people do not want to work because they do not want to get sick. Mr. Long uses Oxford Economics labor charts which he provided. Mr. Long said that The American Legion National Headquarters is not able to find people that want to answer the phone in our industry. We were shown inflation charts, which indicate inflation is going to fall in 2022. We were also shown charts on housing which only shows major cities in our country which will continue to increase.

Chair Kirby then spoke of the National Per-Capita which is now \$18.50 with no change for an increase for the next membership year. We voted and 100% of those delegates present voted to keep the National Per-Capita without an increase.

Bob Bradley, the Corp Controller then discussed the charts he handed out, showing our income and expenses. On the investment chart, our investments increase 15M, 16M a year. Our asset breakdown, 88% of our assets are in our investment. Our membership history is declining. I have all the charts and support data if anyone would like a copy.

Chair Kirby then advised the delegates are being presented with a resolution to come before this Convention Committee, which we discussed. The resolution was presented by the Department of Nebraska which was in reference to the Indy Car. The resolution was voted to be returned to Finance for further study, with no descending votes.

Chair Kirby motion made authorizing the Chair and Secretary to make changes, not to change the meaning of original content.

Chair, motion to recess at 9:50 am, subject to recall.



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To: American Legion Department of Oregon

Reference: Internal Affairs Convention Committee

Membership Subcommittee Report

Attention: Department of Oregon Adjutant

By: 1st Vice Department Commander Larry Wittmayer

This committee met at 9:45 am at the Sheraton Hotel, Phoenix, AZ

After the formality of the Colors, POW/MIA recognition, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call the meeting was called to order.

The first order of business was elections with results:

Permanent Chairman: Jay Bowen

Permanent Secretary: Name announced unintelligible

Next was a review and update of programs:

Reported by Michele Steinmetz of Internal Affairs and Membership

A report on the success of the 2020-2021 membership year

A report on Post Development and District Revitalization

A training update on online availability

An announcement to attend the MyLegion workshops at the convention.

Next came resolutions to be considered:

No. 3 Verification of Information For Online Renewal - Colorado

Action: Put on Hold for Committee consideration

No. 5 Mandatory Fields in Online Membership Application - Colorado

Action: Put on Hold for Committee consideration

No. 16 Bronze Brigade Membership Incentive Award - Virginia

Action: Put on Hold for Committee consideration

A motion was made and seconded "I move the Committee Chairman and Secretary be authorized to sign the Committee Report on behalf of the Committee. Motion Passed

A motion was made and seconded "I move the Committee Chairman and Secretary be authorized to make technical corrections to the Resolution(s) reported out of the Committee to ensure proper wording without changing the substance or meaning of the Resolution(s). Motion Passed

The committee was recessed should a further meeting of the entire committee be required after the Convention convenes, the announcement of time and place will be made from the podium.



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To: American Legion Department of Oregon

Reference: Internal Affairs convention Committee

Other Internal Matters convention Subcommittee Report

Attention: Department of Oregon Adjutant

By: Alternate National Executive Committeeman Eugene Hellickson

The Resolution Assignment Committee met on 27 and 28 August at the Sheraton Hotel in Phoenix, Arizona.

We had 36 resolutions to assign to committees. All resolutions were assigned to committees and three of those resolutions were recommended to be returned for rejection. However, all resolutions were accepted without any rejections.

The committee adjourned at 11:00 am on 28 August.



102nd National American Legion Convention Phoenix AZ

To: American Legion Department of Oregon

Reference: Legislation Convention Committee Report

Attention: Department of Oregon Adjutant

By: National Past Department Commander Charles Schmidt

The 2021 Legislative Convention Committee met on August 29, 2021, at 9:00 AM.

Following roll call and the election of James Troiola (NY) as Chairman.

The convention committee proceeded to address any legislative convention issues and/or resolutions to come before the committee.

No issues or resolutions relative to The American Legion Legislative program were received for committee action.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:22 AM.



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To: American Legion Department of Oregon

Reference: National Security Convention Committee

Aerospace Convention Sub Committee Report

Attention: Department of Oregon Adjutant

By: Post 168 Commander Donald Boehm

The Aerospace Convention Sub Committee met in the South Building Room Fon Saturday, August 29th at approximately 9:30 AM.

Olivia Babian took the roll call.

The election of chairman and secretary was conducted.

Richard Oertel was chosen as chairman.

Ted Demarche was chosen as secretary.

Both candidates were nominated by a delegate from Montana.

No resolutions were passed, and no further business was conducted.

The committee was dismissed and returned to Room 221 North Building.



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To: American Legion Department of Oregon

Reference: National Security Convention committee

Conventional Armed Forces Convention Subcommittee Report

Attention: Department of Oregon Adjutant

By: Department Chaplain Steve Shollenburg

National Convention Sub-Committee Report

Reference:

RESOLUTION NO. 15

SUBJECT: SUPPORT DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DIRECTIVE 1344.10 AND THE HATCH ACT OF 1939.

Committee convened at approx 0900 hours on Sunday the 29th of August.

Committee Chair announced that there was one (1) resolution to discuss, and it was Resolution # 15 submitted by The Department of Oregon.

Committee Chair then announced that the Resolution had been rejected. Reason for rejection; resolution was not written correctly.

No other business was brought up to the committee - The committee was adjourned at approx. 0935 hours.

Nothing follows:

Submitted by:

Steven D. Shollenburg



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Reference: National Security Convention Committee

Foreign Relations Convention Subcommittee Report

Attention: Department of Oregon Adjutant

By: Department Commander Don Weber

The Foreign Relations Subcommittee of National Security meets at The American Legion National Convention to review one resolution. Resolution No. 37 recommends full normalization of Diplomatic Relations between Israel and the United Arab Emirates. The Subcommittee recommended passing the resolution to the main body of the Convention.



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To: American Legion Department of Oregon

Reference: National Security Convention Commission

Law and Order & Homeland Security Convention Subcommittee Report

Attention: Department of Oregon Adjutant

By: 2nd Vice Department Commander Cory Brockmann

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Reference: National Security Convention Committee (Day one august 28, 2021))

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Law and Order & Homeless Security Convention Subcommittee (Day two)

Attention: Department of Oregon Adjutant

By: 2nd Vice Department Commander Cory Brockmann

I have a national appointment on the National Security Council. In the absence of Delegation Commander Steve Adams, I was seated in his stead on the Sub-committee on Law & Order and Homeland Security

900 am Sunday, August 29, 2021, | Phoenix Convention Center | South Building | Exhibition Hall F | National Security Convention Committee Joint Meeting

Steve Brennan, chairman, National Security Commission convened the National Security Convention Committee Joint Meeting comprised of Aerospace Committee, Conventional Armed Forces Committee, Foreign Relations Committee, Law and Order & Homeland Security Committee, Military Benefits & Quality of Life Committee, National Guard & Reserve Forces Committee, and Unconventional Forces & Intelligence Committee. The meeting was opened, and roll-call was taken; I announced I was seated as a replacement for Steve Adams.

Commission chairman Brennan was nominated as Chairman of, National Security Convention Committee; seconded and passed. Ken Troma (sp) was nominated as Secretary, National Security Convention Committee; seconded and passed.

A welcome and instructions were given for sub-committee meeting locations by Chairman Brennan. The meeting recessed at 945 am.

1000 am Sunday, August 29, 2021, | Phoenix Convention Center | North Building | Room 232 | Sub-committee on Law and Order & Homeland Security Meeting

George Worley (FL) convened the Law and Order & Homeland Security Convention Sub-committee meeting.

George Worley was nominated as Chairman, Sub-committee on Law and Order & Homeland Security; seconded and passed.

Rick Keiser (NY) was nominated as Secretary, Sub-committee on Law and Order & Homeland Security; seconded and passed.

1010 am Chairman Worley called the meeting to order and a roll call was taken.

There were no resolutions brought forward to, or from, the sub-committee. Chairman Worley reported:

Dan Harris, Omaha Police Department, Omaha, NE – 2021 Law Officer of the Year

Robert Nagle, Gallitzin Fire Department, Gallitzin, PA – 2021 Firefighter of the Year

Discussion held on award applications and need for more submissions from departments. There were only 15 national firefighter applications and 25 national law officer applications. Don't rule out your candidates, submit applications for the committee to review.

The meeting recessed at approximately 1033 a.m



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Military Benefits & Quality of Life Convention Subcommittee Report

Attention: Department of Oregon Adjutant

By: Military Benefits & Quality of Life Committee Chair James Jerome

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

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To: American Legion Department of Oregon

Reference: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Convention

Health Administration Convention Subcommittee Report

Attention: Department of Oregon Adjutant

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102nd National American Legion Convention Phoenix AZ

To: American Legion Department of Oregon

Reference: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Convention Committee

National Cemetery Convention Subcommittee Report

Attention: Department of Oregon Adjutant

By: District 1 Commander Lou Neubecker

August 28, 2021

The National Cemetery committee met in the South BLDG 4rm 150-159 at 1045 after the VA&R Committee met in the ballroom at 10 AM.

Chair Richard Neville {NC} made opening remarks.

Roll Call was called by Melvin Brown (VA) we had a quorum.

Our guest speaker was Glenn Powers Dep Under Secty for field programs and cemetery operations. We have 155 National Cemeteries 88 are open, 19 are for cremation only and 48 are closed/full.

The National Guard who was called to active duty is now eligible for burial in National Cemeteries. Over 7,300 plus deaths are from COVID -19.

You can start your grave information by going to www.va.gov/remember.

On Sunday we passed one resolution to expand the CENTRAL Missouri National Cemetery as they are running out of room.

Also, on Sunday we elected Richard (Dick) Neville from NC as our Chairman and P. Earl Gleason from NY as the Vice-Chair.



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To: American Legion Department of Oregon

Reference: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Convention Committee

Veteran Benefits Convention Subcommittee

Attention: Department of Oregon Adjutant

By: Trophy & Awards Committee Chair Judy Johnston

Veteran Benefit Meeting South Convention Building Sunday 9 a.m. August 29, 2021

Chairman-Elect was Ralph Compela from New York

Secretary-Elect was Patrick Colonand from New York

41 Delegates were in attendance. There were 3 Sub Committees that broke out into their own groups. I was on the Benefits Committee.

The Chairman of the Benefits Committee was William Smith from Pennsylvania

Secretary was Robert Lewis from Connecticut

We had sixteen resolutions. Four of the sixteen resolutions will be sent to the Fall NEC

The main things passed:

- Resolution 21 – Extend removing submitted by the date and make it indefinite on filing a claim.
- Award Purple Heart for traumatic Brain injury in combat when diagnosed.
- Referral to NEC Committee rating of 3 levels of traumatic injuries

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- Passed to add a box on Form 21-0966 to include a box to check for any supplemental claims.
- Passed Gold Star replicants not to lose benefits when remarried.
- Passed to prosecute anyone who falsely uses procedural claims as a Vets.
- Expanded the Central Missouri National Cemetery.

The meeting closed at 10:00 a.m.



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To: American Legion Department of Oregon

Reference: Veterans Employment & Education Convention Committee

Employment & Veterans Preference Convention Subcommittee Report

Attention: Department of Oregon Adjutant

By: Training & Development Committee Chair Betty Fish-Ferguson

The Employment and Veterans Convention Committee was held on Saturday, August 29, 2021, at the Sheridan Hotel, Encanta Ballroom, 2nd Level. The meeting was opened by Legion Staff Joe Sharp in the usual Legion manner with the Pledge of Allegiance and the POW Remembrance. The process of electing a permanent chairman followed. A nomination was made by Kevin Owens (Oregon) was seconded for Danial Seehafer (Wisconsin) and he was elected unanimously. Next, a nomination for permanent secretary was made and seconded for James Fratilio (North Carolina). He was elected unanimously also. The Committee was then divided into 2 subcommittees: the Veterans Employment Preference subcommittee and the Other Benefits and Homelessness subcommittee. A roll call was taken for both subcommittees.

My subcommittee was the Veterans Employment Preference. A nomination for permanent chairman was made and seconded for James Frutilio (North Carolina). He was elected unanimously. A nomination for permanent the secretary was made and seconded for Eugene O'Grady (Arizona) and he was elected unanimously also. The business of this subcommittee was to review 3 resolutions:

- 1) Veterans Preference for DOD Contracts
- 2) Cyber Security for Veterans Owned Businesses
- 3) Continuation of the Navigator Program

All were discussed and were recommended for approval. The other subcommittee reviewed 5 resolutions and will be reported on by someone else.

The 2 subcommittees then came back together and each committee chairman gave their respective reports. All resolutions were passed as recommended by the joint committee. There was no old business to bring before the joint committee and no new business to present. The meeting was adjourned at 1040.

If you have any questions, please let me know.



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To: American Legion Department of Oregon

Reference: Veterans Employment & Education Convention Committee

Veterans Education, Other Benefits & Homelessness Subcommittee Report

Attention: Department of Oregon Adjutant

By: Past Department Commander Kevin Owens

Committee had five resolutions, Department of Defense Issuance For Military Credentialing Programs – To eliminate obstacles to service members seeking to transfer military credentials to civilian certification and DOD to set a baseline requirement for all branches, GI Bill Risk-Based Survey - adopt a nationally risk-based survey model to protect the integrity of the GI Bill, Veteran & Servicemember Financial Protection – would allow the Federal Trade Commission to recover money from victims of fraud that target veterans and families from the GI benefits, Women Veterans Homelessness Resource Provisions & Protections – provide additional resources for women veterans and their families to end homelessness, all approved and referred to the Fall NEC. Resolution for Housing Options for Homeless Veterans – that VA would consider veteran homeowners who would be willing to lease space in their home to homeless veterans as a viable option to end homelessness, was approved and is the only resolution that will be brought to the Convention floor. Full Committee reconvened to vote on all resolutions brought to the Committee. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.



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To: American Legion Department of Oregon

Reference: National Media & Communication Council Report

By: Department Finance Officer Bob Huff

We met at the Sheridan Inn in Phoenix Arizona as a regularly scheduled meeting on Saturday, August 28, 2021. Walter Ivie from the Department of Texas chaired the meeting. A lot of discussions were on economics on increases in Postage and Paper, Revenue Status/Forecast, and Membership media tools. With the increasing cost of postage, National is going to a new batch mailing process for our Magazine with other magazines. This will reduce our costs significantly on the positive side, the negative will be that the magazine will arrive 1 to 2 weeks later. With the cost of paper continually increasing, with mills shutting down and with those remaining open not being able to staff with employees, production is down, not because of material, material is available, staffing is not. Our magazine which was ready for print for October had 68 pages, our National staff was notified the day before our Convention that the printer could only print 60 pages with staffing levels. All the articles had to be shortened as you can not remove any advertisers. We have 8 new advertisers which are required to support our magazine with an 8 to 9% increase in paper and postage. Jeff Stoffer, the Director of Media and Communications spoke to the Legionnaire improvements and progress vs our 2021 Strategic Plan; Jeff also spoke to our new media tools, improvements in the redesign of the Legionnaire, shortening the article length to include more articles. New projects designing an iPad for grades 3,4 and 5 for coloring with flag codes, rally around the flag and the 48 Car, veterans suicide prevention. Jeff spoke to the 2022 marketing membership tools for retention and recruiting which will be sending out to the departments. The profitability of the M&C Team is 5% ahead of last year which is excellent with the COVID impact. Henry Howard, Deputy of M&C spoke of the 100 miles of Hope which is ending and has been a success, the Tango Alpha Lima project for

veterans of the post 9-11, and The American Legion Media Alliance. John Raughter, Deputy Director M&C then spoke to the new Public Relations Tool Kit which will be put online when complete. It is set up with information and templates that can be downloaded for almost any occasion. He discussed the Ohio Incident and how the Department of Ohio responded immediately a good lesson. Jeff Stoffer and Walter Ivy then spoke of the IT changes and the IT changes remaining that will affect this division and should be complete by the end of the year. Also spoken to where the new video, one in particular that we want to show Department of Oregon that will be released on the Legion Web Site under VIMEO for a download, a short 6/7-minute video which hits on all our programs and the good work that the Legion does. A lot of charts, the new copy of the Legionnaire were handed out. Being no further business and no resolutions to vote on, the meeting was adjourned



102nd National American Legion Convention Phoenix AZ

To: American Legion Dept of Oregon

Reference: 102nd National American Legion Convention Phoenix AZ Report

By: Department of Oregon Adjutant S. Flynn Phillips

National Convention Phoenix, Arizona

August 27 - September 2, 2021

The National Convention was great; too bad we didn't have the parade, even indoors. One day was 116 degrees F. Our Immediate Past Commander Steve had to leave for home the first day for an emergency. We were short a few delegates and could not plug all the holes for committee assignments. Committee delegates attended their meeting and brought back reports for the team and filed reports. I will put those out to the membership.

I highly encourage posts to recommend delegates to the district to be a delegate for the National Convention, especially new people that want to learn more about how the legion works. Once you start attending, you may not want to stop as you will meet new people and make life-long friends, and sometimes that's the only time you get to meet them is at the National Convention. It was enjoyable to meet my counterparts from Colorado and the state of Massachusetts.

Our two resolutions got sidetracked, but National is working behind the scenes to help us for the fall NEC. We can thank PNC Charlie Schmidt for his intervention to get it back on track. The supporting background document did not get attached for the committee's review.

The delegation team went out for dinner a few times together and had a great time. Our pizza night was the best as the hotel set up a pizza buffet vs. just bringing in some pizza in boxes and dropping them off, hor d'oeuvres was our behind the scene taking care of us and our meeting space daily. I thanked him for a job well done.

With having to wear masks for covid, social distance on the bus, construction at every corner, I think everyone enjoyed themselves.

Our next National Convention will be in Milwaukee, Wisconsin - from August 26 - September 1, 2022.