



## **102<sup>nd</sup> Department Convention Meeting Minutes**

**Reconvene Planning Session Friday June 25th, 8:23 a.m.**

**June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Canyonville Oregon  
08:23 P.M.**

**Call to order  
Salute to Colors  
Opening Prayer**

**Department Commander Steve Adams**

**POW/MIA Ceremony  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Preamble  
Roll Call      Quorum present  
Reading of the previous minutes  
Reading of the Department Standing Rules  
Introductions of Department Officers  
Reports**

Flynn Phillips:

Reconvene, we've probably lost five minutes. [Larry Wittmayer 00:00:05] handing out membership awards.

Larry Wittmayer:

77. 77. 123.

Speaker 3:

Here. [inaudible 00:00:29].

Larry Wittmayer:

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58. [crosstalk 00:00:29]. 59. [crosstalk 00:00:29]. 59. 59 again. 63. 86. 98.

Speaker 4:

Yeah.

Larry Wittmayer:

121.

Speaker 5:

Right here. [crosstalk 00:00:47].

Larry Wittmayer:

41. [crosstalk 00:00:50]. 75. 75. [crosstalk 00:00:56]. 23. And 119. Congratulations. All right, guys. [crosstalk 00:01:12]. 79. Okay, let's do it again. 55, 77, and [inaudible 00:01:34] 59. [crosstalk 00:01:38]. There's 59. All right. I don't know [inaudible 00:01:49].

Larry Wittmayer:

Okay, the rest of the awards that I have are national awards, and the first set of national awards are the family awards. Those are the awards that the post and either the SAL or the auxiliary reached their goals. So, post 61, 63, and 58. [crosstalk 00:04:28]. Okay, so these are not the right awards.

Larry Wittmayer:

Okay post 58. Post 61. Okay 63. Thank you, congratulations.

Cory Brockmann:

Thank you, gentlemen. [crosstalk 00:05:42].

Larry Wittmayer:

Okay, you got the goal and the honor ribbons on check-in. The post honor goal ribbons were post 137, 106, 76, 55, and 50. And I have certificates for those. That is post 137, 106, 76, 55, and 50. And the district commanders can come up and take them if they want. 55. Here's 76. [crosstalk 00:06:48]. 106. [crosstalk 00:06:54]. 137? And 50? Post 50? District commander? Okay.

Larry Wittmayer:

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Thank you very much, congratulations. The last awards that I have to give are the district commander achievement awards, and that is all districts that made goal, or exceeded last years goal, plus number of posts that they had, that's a national award, and every district commander in this department got it. So, come on up. [crosstalk 00:08:47]. Line up in order guys. [crosstalk 00:08:48]. Where's district 10?

Steve Adams:

Lou Neubecker, district one. Renee Ohler, district two. [crosstalk 00:09:31]. Jerry Patton, district three. [crosstalk 00:09:40]. Dave Applegate, district four. Sid Carter district five, accepting for Sid Carter, Greg Mervin. District six is Glenn Bradley. District seven is Terry Brown. District eight, Ed Mathews. District nine, Kevin Owens. District 10, Daniel Burks, accepting Robert Hornbeck.

Larry Wittmayer:

Sorry for the ordeal, thank you very much for your participation. You guys did a great job even though we didn't make department goal, we were number 45. But we'll do better next year under leadership, and I look forward to supporting that leadership. So, Commander I [inaudible 00:12:54] make a motion to dissolve the convention membership.

Don Weber:

Thank you sir. Is there a second?

Speaker someone's voice?

I second.

Don Weber:

Motion to second to dissolve the [inaudible 00:13:03] committee. Any discussion? All those in favor say [inaudible 00:13:09] by saying aye.

Group:

Aye.

Don Weber:

All those who oppose nay. Motion carries. [inaudible 00:13:16] commission, John Lee. [crosstalk 00:13:38].

John Lee:

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The legislative convention committee met yesterday at 14:00 here in this room. We had six members present, we talked about the legislative bills, or [inaudible 00:13:54] bills that have gone through session this year. And in fact, that session does end on Monday. Any bill that has not come before the floor will die, and will have to go through next year. We also talked about senate bill 319, which gives an area on the capital grounds for the Vietnam War memorial. It's been pushing through for the last few years, last year because of shortened session it failed. This year it was hung up in a committee, and thanks to the grassroots efforts of individuals that sent letters to the chair for that committee, as well as the vice chairs, it came out after about two days of pushing, and it passed on the 22nd at the house floor.

So it's now completed, it's just now waiting for the signature of the house, the senate, and of course the governor, and that should occur this week. So, it looks like that bill did pass, our grassroots efforts did make an effect, and it definitely an appreciation to all those individuals out there who sent those letters in their email or snail mail.

Speaker 3:

Good work.

John Lee:

So we have no resolutions, and the committee then adjourned the about 14:15. And I'd like to make a motion that the committee be dissolved.

Don Weber:

Did you have any awards?

John Lee:

We have no awards.

Don Weber:

Motion to dissolve the committee.

Lou Neubecker:

Second.

Don Weber:

Motion to second to dissolve the legislative committee, all those in favor [inaudible 00:15:30] by saying aye.

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Group:

Aye.

Don Weber:

All those opposed, nay. [crosstalk 00:15:33]. National security commission, Greg Marvin.

Greg Marvin:

This is a standing committee, not a convention committee.

Don Weber:

There is supposed to be, according to [inaudible 00:15:33] and bylaws a convention committee.

Greg Marvin:

Never was one this year.

Don Weber:

Okay. Convention commission, Jon Marsh.

Jon Marsh:

Okay. Good morning [inaudible 00:16:51]. There sure isn't many of us, is there? Well, that could be an issue, I don't know we'll have to see how it works out after we pencil it out. But department has put on this convention, and we have to achieve \$30,000 in hotel rooms, meals, and liquor sales at the meals. So, if we don't make that, we have to pay the difference for all these rooms. But if we make that much, then all these rooms will be free, and everything will be cool. So, I'm a little nervous. Kevin [inaudible 00:17:42] what did you say Bob? Did you have a question? [crosstalk 00:17:44].

Flynn Phillips:

It sounded like you were going to say [inaudible 00:17:50].

Jon Marsh:

Oh no, not the hotel rooms, the meeting rooms.

Flynn Phillips:

Oh, okay.

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Jon Marsh:

These are big rented rooms. [crosstalk 00:18:02]. So, it's just I hope we have a lot more people tomorrow for it. But I got a little sick to my stomach when I saw how many people were really here. And I don't know what else to say about it, we had some great fun last night. We're going to try to do that in the future, definitely the department puts on a convention we'll continue that [inaudible 00:18:35] tournament thing which went oh so well. I'm so glad that [inaudible 00:18:40] brought it to us, thank you sir.

Speaker 3:

[inaudible 00:18:45] is always ready.

Jon Marsh:

Tonight's the banquet, 105 people paid for the banquet, so I guaranteed 100, so that was a nervous one. But anyway, and I guess everything is just fine, nobody's come to me with a complaint, or asked me for help at the hotel or any of that stuff [inaudible 00:19:15]. So, that's okay with me. Am I supposed to give a time and place now? Do you really want me to? [crosstalk 00:19:26]. I'll do it, I'll give it. It's absolutely amazing. Time and place committee met yesterday at 1:45, and there was one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, and 10 [inaudible 00:19:50].

So, I had 10 people there, and I was about to say it's going to be a short meeting because nobody's come to me to offer to take the convention. And commander from post six jumped right up and said, "We want to do a joint convention next year with post 104, and post six." So, that's [inaudible 00:20:19] plus 104 and 106 don't have any differences as to work good together [inaudible 00:20:26] work out good. So, it looks like it might be in the Portland area, we won't have to drive so far. [crosstalk 00:20:38]. Anyway, we adjourned the meeting at about 2:30. And there was a couple of questions asked, and also I gave a packet for application for a future convention [inaudible 00:21:08] interested [inaudible 00:21:10] doing it again in the future years.

I contacted the Spirit Mountain because I have a convention there, and the lady asked me how many rooms. And I said, "Well my bylaws state 300." And she said, "We can only give you 200." Well, now we all know that that will meet our needs in the current day situation. So, at the Fall DEC [inaudible 00:21:42] change of the agreement if the DEC approves it, then I'm going to move that number from 300 to 200 so we can get in some of these smaller places. That's my reports Sir [inaudible 00:21:57] the rest of it. Right now the DEC I'm being told is going to be at post 21, [inaudible 00:22:10]. And so the ladies are [inaudible 00:22:18], the men aren't sure. Anyway, and of course [inaudible 00:22:29] we're talking about [inaudible 00:22:32]. So, we're going to explore that so we don't have to spend so much money. And then spring we'll probably be back [inaudible 00:22:41].

[crosstalk 00:22:50].

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Don Weber:

Thank you, sir.

Jon Marsh:

I have a motion to dissolve my commission please.

Don Weber:

Been a motion to second to dissolve the convention [crosstalk 00:23:05] all those in favor signify by saying aye.

Group:

Aye.

Don Weber:

All those apposed nay. Motion carries, thank you. So, that completes the list of convention committees. I see people looking at their watch. [crosstalk 00:23:21]. What's that? [crosstalk 00:23:23]. So, we have a few other awards yet that we need to hand out at the convention, so I'm going to call on trophies and awards to present those. Judy, what's your first ... Judy, what's your first award up?

Judy Johnston:

Okay. Chaplain, would you like to present your award?

Steve Shollenburg:

Tonight. [crosstalk 00:23:58]. Those are tonight.

Judy Johnston:

Back to [inaudible 00:24:00]?

Don Weber:

Tonight. [crosstalk 00:24:03].

Judy Johnston:

No, this is the post, not the [crosstalk 00:24:06]. Yeah, post. [crosstalk 00:24:07].

Larry Whitnar:

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So the chaplain's award will be this evening at the banquet. Probably we're going to issue the Back to God [inaudible 00:24:25] award.

Judy Johnston:

Yeah, not the [inaudible 00:24:30].

Steve Shollenburg:

We had 14 posts submit their application for [inaudible 00:24:35] award, and looking them over it was pretty obvious which one we had to pick, and that post 10 Albany.

[crosstalk 00:24:44].

Cory Brockmann:

The reason I [inaudible 00:25:21] check it for blanks. [crosstalk 00:25:30].

Don Weber:

What do you have next there, Judy?

Judy Johnston:

Yeah, I have newsletter.

Steve Adams:

Okay, next one is about the newsletters.

Judy Johnston:

Okay. Yeah, go ahead and read it. [crosstalk 00:25:57]. He's going to give me a chair so we can stand.

Steve Adams:

Post size 15 to 500. Steven Chute [ 00:26:14] post four. [crosstalk 00:26:25].

Steve Adams:

Newsletter award post 501 and up, Albany post 10. [crosstalk 00:27:12].

Judy Johnston:

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Okay, next ones are Hunter Safety [inaudible 00:27:54]. There, so we'll give [inaudible 00:28:10]. No, no. All right, hunter's safety award goes to-

Steve Adams:

Athena post 130 [inaudible 00:28:23].

Judy Johnston:

Jon, did you want give out the children and youth?

Steve Adams:

You really want me up here dressed like this? [crosstalk 00:29:18]. Children and youth award, post size 15 to 100, Travis Moothart post 184. [crosstalk 00:29:21]. Post size 101 to 200, Harney County post 63. Post size 201 to 500, Ray Johnson post 44 Redmond. Post size 501 to 750, Albany post 10.

Steve Adams:

Ritual team post 15 to 500, Seaside post 99. Post size 501 and up Albany post 10. [crosstalk 00:32:05].

Cory Brockmann:

We're going to do this on 6.28 okay? Okay, 3.14, 6.28. [crosstalk 00:32:47].

Steve Adams:

Color guard post size 15 to 500, Harney County post 63. Post size color guard post size 501 and up, walk again Dave, post 10 [inaudible 00:33:10].

[crosstalk 00:33:10].

Cory Brockmann:

Here we go on 6.28, okay 3.14, 6.28.

Steve Adams:

Honor guard awards. Post size 15 to 500, [inaudible 00:33:37] McMinnville post 21. [crosstalk 00:33:37]. Honor guard award post size 500 and up, Albany post 10. [crosstalk 00:34:43].

Steve Adams:

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Boys State [inaudible 00:35:28] post size 15 to 150, Harney County post 63. Judy? [crosstalk 00:35:46].

Judy Johnston:

The only one I have. [crosstalk 00:36:03]. All right, history awards. I have two books and they're both going back to national. There's two classifications of history books, and I have two posts that submitted and they're both going back to national. Aloha post 104 is going to national. The history one goes to Junction City post 61. And if you want to come up here and hold your books, and then I'll take them back so we can send them to national. [crosstalk 00:37:34]. Okay, there you go. Hold your books up so they can see them. And we can send you a certificate.

Judy Johnston:

Thank you so much for participating, and good luck to the nationals. And they'll do their selections in the fall DEC. So, these are being mailed to national, afterwards national will send them back to you. Thank you very much.

Don Weber:

Judy? Do you have another award? Judy, do you have another award?

Judy Johnston:

No.

Don Weber:

No more. Okay. [crosstalk 00:39:17]. Is Gale Sears here, or are they having their meeting now? [crosstalk 00:39:28]. I'd like to call on Gale Sears for the American Legion Riders Award. So American Legion Riders and the SAL are programs, so there is not a convention committee report for them, but we'll have a report from the [inaudible 00:39:44] chair for ALR.

Don Weber:

We do that [inaudible 00:39:59] the other states don't. [crosstalk 00:40:03]. Jon? [inaudible 00:40:41] Jon Marsh, do you have an SAL award? Okay. [crosstalk 00:40:48]. Okay, so the auxiliary is supposed to join us for the ALR award. Do we know that they're on the way?

Speaker 3:

They were advised that I'm up here now, so that was all we could do. [crosstalk 00:41:09].

Don Weber:

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We do have that standing issue of dissolving the Americanism convention committee. [inaudible 00:41:29]. Cory do you want to make a motion?

Cory Brockmann:

Yeah, on behalf of American Vice Chair Jon Marsh I make a motion [crosstalk 00:41:45].

Jon Marsh:

Seconds it

Don Weber:

Any discussion? All of those in favor signify by saying aye.

Group:

Aye.

Don Weber:

All those opposed by nay. Motion carries, thank you. Okay.

We'll go ahead and have Gale Sears give a report from ALR.

Gale Sears:

All right, thank you sir. First of all, thank you for the opportunity in the department to represent the state [inaudible 00:42:27]. I'd like all of the commanders of posts with chapters as well as American legion Riders [inaudible 00:42:35] to please stand up for a minute. Thank you very much, the point of doing that was to give you some perspective of the depth of the virus, and it's actually quite a bit more than [inaudible 00:42:35]. What I'm here to do today is to present the 2021 American Legion Riders of the Year Award. Honoring and recognizing the legion rider who has made significant contributions to the American Legions, their post, [inaudible 00:43:15] and the community through their personal dedication. [inaudible 00:43:15].

Okay. This individual is a member in good standing of the [inaudible 00:43:15] American Legion Post at an American Legion Rider Chapter. Nominations are evaluated on the scope and impact of the nominees commitment, and the extent to which he or she [inaudible 00:43:56] provided inspiration to other legion members. I'd like to announce the 2021 American Leader Rider of the Year is Robert Leonard. Robert? [crosstalk 00:44:34]. Robert's achievements include [inaudible 00:44:34] 2017 to 2021, post 58 rider director from 2016 to 2021. His involvement funeral escort services, flag lines, serving

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[inaudible 00:44:44] families during [inaudible 00:44:47]. Forming strong relationships with other mid-valley posts and veterans organizations.

He is a dedicated veteran and legionnaire himself, Robert has brought other local organizations to [inaudible 00:45:03] provide annual memorial weekend flag placements, and retrieve [inaudible 00:45:09] honoring those who have served and given their all. A particular note is his volunteer work with the state and fire district, as search and rescue workers during the last year of the [inaudible 00:45:26] working 16 to 20 hours a day for three consecutive weeks. We as legionnaires are honored to present Robert with this plaque to be at his post for the next year, and would ask that you bring it back next year. Robert?

Gale Sears:

Do you want to say anything Robert?

Robert Leonard:

I'm not a talker.

Bob Huff:

Congratulations, Bob. Good job. Speech, speech. [crosstalk 00:46:37].

Gale Sears:

Okay, also not nearly as significant is in 2020 chapter of the year awarded to post 180. Post 180 commander, are you here?

Mick Wilson:

I'm here.

Gale Sears:

Come on up. [crosstalk 00:47:26].

Gale Sears:

All right, I'm going to ad-lib this one. These are two awards that started a couple of years ago at the department ball, and because we missed last year, and the year before it started, I as a committee chair with the chapter of leadership is working to make this even a better event and more exciting for the chapters and your commanders in the coming year. The involvement of the American Legion Riders within our posts in our state has touched many, many lives. And we are seen as representing American Legion because we've got our paths, we've got our motorcycles, and our dream [inaudible 00:48:24].

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The point being is, is that there's a love for the organization, and veterans, and even the auxiliary [inaudible 00:48:39] program. They care about us, they care about the state, they care about veterans, and we should all be proud of them. Thank you very much.

Don Weber:

Thank you, Gale. We did neglect one convention committee, Terry Brown, there is a convention committee for resolutions. Where did he go? There you are. Thank you.

Terry Brown:

Okay, the resolution's committee met yesterday at 1:45, [inaudible 00:49:46] present was Jim Craig, [inaudible 00:49:48], Larry Hill, Judy Johnston, myself. We reviewed the five resolutions that are going to be voted on today, and that's about it really. The only other thing is normally at convention we do resolutions that present to the mayor, chief of police, our guests from national [inaudible 00:50:17] and riders. So that will have to be done after [inaudible 00:50:21]. End of my report [inaudible 00:50:25] motion that we dissolve [inaudible 00:50:27].

Don Weber:

You don't have any of those resolutions? Are you going to give a resolution for the convention?

Terry Brown:

[inaudible 00:50:38].

Don Weber:

Okay.

Terry Brown:

Sorry. [crosstalk 00:50:43].

Don Weber:

A motion to dissolve the resolutions convention committee. [crosstalk 00:50:48]. Motion to second. Is there any discussion? For discussion I'm going to throw in this was the convention committee that just gave their report. This afternoon we do have the permanent resolution committee with a few resolutions that need to be resolved, so that's the difference between those two things. So that was the convention resolution. [crosstalk 00:51:17]. That was discussion, okay. So, there's been a motion and second to dissolve the convention committee. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

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Group:

Aye.

Don Weber:

All those opposed nay. Motion carries, thank you. What do we have left [inaudible 00:51:36]?

[crosstalk 00:52:26]. Okay, that concludes this morning's agenda. The convention is in recess until 1:30 promptly this afternoon. [crosstalk 00:53:06].

Flynn Phillips:

Reconvening Friday after lunch for June 25th Conviction at Canyonville Oregon

June.

[inaudible 00:03:19]

Flynn Phillips:

All right. I'm going to pause this.

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