



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

### **Session Saturday Morning Installation of Officers**

**June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Canyonville Oregon  
08:15 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**

Speaker 1:

All right. We're good. Installation of officers...

Speaker 2:

Please stand. And the department chaplain will offer prayer.

Chaplain:

Gracious heavenly Father, we come to you once again and ask for your presence during this joint installation ceremony. Father, we thank you very much for the outgoing officers and their leadership they have shown us this last year. We ask special blessing upon the new officers that are being installed today, that they may have the wisdom and the direction from you to guide us through this next year. Bless everybody at this joint ceremony, we pray this in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.

Delegation:

Amen.

Speaker 2:

We have now come to the hour when the history of the 102 year of the American Legion and the 101 year of American Legion auxiliary will be complete. Let us take note of the success of the year as evidenced by this convention under the capable leadership of those retiring officers who have led us through this successful year, and show our respect and appreciation to these officers.

Will the officers elect, including district commanders, presidents, and district vice commanders, and Legion delegates to the convention in Phoenix, Arizona please stand and face me?

You have been chosen to fill the various officers of the Department of Oregon. You will familiarize yourself with the duties of your respective office as given in the book of procedures. Always remember that the welfare and success of this department depends on you, as does the preservation of the integrity of the American Legion, the American Legion auxiliary, and the sons of the American Legion.

Therefore, I would remind you of the obligation, which every member of the American Legion, American Legion auxiliary, and the sons of the American Legion assumes. The obligation of protecting the good name of our organizations with the people of our great nation and to help them know the purpose and programs. Remember the tolerance that animates us as members.

Remember, there is no rank among us. We all serve as equals. We are all aiming for the same goals: the ideals of justice, freedom and democracy, and loyalty. Remember, too, the principles of the American Legion are the rehabilitation of all disabled veterans curved of the dependents of those who have entered the final calling, the care of those who are now suffering from wounds, disease, and want, and the education of our children. Please now raise your right hands and repeat after me saying your name where I say mine. I...

Delegation:

I...

Speaker 2:

Promise to perform and impartially...

Delegation:

Promise to perform and impartially...

Speaker 2:

All the duties of the office I am about to assume.

Delegation:

All the duties of the office I am about to assume.

Speaker 2:

And I further pledge...

Delegation:

And I further pledge...

Speaker 2:

That I am not a member of...

Delegation:

That I am not a member of...

Speaker 2:

And do not subscribed to...

Delegation:

And do not subscribe to...

Speaker 2:

The principles of any groups...

Delegation:

The principles of any groups...

Speaker 2:

Opposed to our form of government.

Delegation:

Opposed to our form of government.

Speaker 5:

You may all be seated with the exception of the district vice presidents. Auxiliary members. District vice presidents, you will serve this year as a Dean or chairman in your respective districts, and will serve as a district president when she is absence.

As Dean or chairman, you will need to learn the [DNR 00:14:07] program, learn what is needed at the hospitals, and inform the auxiliary members in your district so they can assist in supplying those needs. And encouraging the auxiliary members to work in all aspects of the DNR program. You are to assist your district president in whatever way she requests. Congratulations on this office that you are assuming and have a wonderful year. You may be seated.

Speaker 2:

Are there any district vice commanders to install? Okay. Please rise. District vice commanders, you are a second in command and will stand in for your district commander when he or she is not present. This includes district meetings, DCs. You should be involved in the membership of your posts and district. You can all remain stand or take your seats.

Speaker 5:

Will the district presidents please stand? You have been chosen as the president of your respective districts. This is an office of great responsibility. As district president, you'll be a voting member of the Department Executive Committee. You will make preparations and preside at district meetings and caucus.

You are the membership chairman of your district, and will work closely with the department vice president. You are the liaison between the units and the department president. Plan to visit each of your units at least once. Get to know your units and the members of your district, and keep your department president informed as directed.

This could be one of the most rewarding years you will spend in the auxiliary because you should have close contact with your units, as well as the department. Your involvement with your units and members individually can be an exciting experience. To be a successful district president is work, but it's also fun and very rewarding.

You will also execute other matters as requested by the department president and the executive committee. Will the district presidents who are already standing and the vice presidents please stand at this time? Would you please, if possible, the chairs are there, if you can turn around and face the delegation for the purpose of introduction?

When your name is called, please wave your hand because you're not going to be able to make a step forward because that's what the script says, but I don't think that's going to work. So we'll improvise. Just wait. District one president, Kathryn Brocklin. District one vice president, Deborah Ash. District two president Gregoria Hernandez. Stand up, Gregoria. There you go.

Vice president, Linda Smith. District three president, I believe is not here, but that's Roberta Piedler. Vice president is Suzanne Driver. District four president, Donna Hartwell. District four vice president, Pamela and I'm going to kill that, Miss?

Delegation:

Mice.

Speaker 5:

Mice? Thank you. District five president, Jenny Williams. District five vice president, Denise Mitchell. District six president, Maggie Lamont. District six vice president, Mary Ward. District eight president, Trudy [inaudible 00:18:35]. District eight vice president, please stand, Barbara [Zelner 00:18:45].

District nine president, Frankie Trask. And her vice president is not here, Betty Adams. District 10 president, Linda Schmidt. And her vice president is Shirley Tory. She's not here today.

The office and district president and district vice president are very important, not only to the success of your district, but to the overall success of our department. Your district will prosper if you serve with enthusiasm, dedication, and concern. As your district prospers, so then will our department. My congratulations to each of you and enjoy your year. Let's all welcome them with our applause. You may be seated.

Speaker 2:

District commanders, please rise. District commanders, you are the leaders of your district. You need to be in contact with your post commanders and aid them in any way possible. You are the spokesman for your district at department meetings. You should attend all department functions. You may sit down.

Speaker 5:

Sergeant at Arms, Suzanne Driver, would you please stand? You are responsible for order at all meetings. I'm so sorry. For the advancement and retirement of the colors and for the proper care, for courtesies to guests, and such duties as may be assigned to you. For regular attendance at meetings and cooperation with the president. The retired Sergeant at Arms, Barb, will present you with a ribbon of your office. She needs two, because I need to get rid of that. Congratulations on serving [crosstalk 00:21:17].

Speaker 2:

Department Sergeant at Arms. You are the Seminole or the tiger, the outer guard of the department. You will guard especially against loss of one to the American's greatest possession, our deep and abiding spirit of comradeship. You will learn the identity of and introduce to the commander all visiting comrades and guests of the department. You are responsible that no one shall remain a stranger in our

midst. Be ready at all times to assist your commander. Into the hands is given the charge of the stand of colors, which you will properly display at all department meetings and on all ceremonial occasions.

Speaker 5:

Assistant Sergeant at Arms, Linda Bullock. You will be responsible for serving with Suzanne, Sergeant in Arms. You have been in this position this year, and I'm sure you will continue to do a wonderful job. Congratulations. I can [inaudible 00:23:18]? Hey, we are working well. [inaudible 00:23:20]. I guess I'm going to have to [inaudible 00:23:28] this, we don't have a chaplain with us today. She's not here. Now, it's your part. Now, we skipped a whole page.

Speaker 2:

American Legion Chaplain, please stand. To you is given the spiritual leadership of this department. You will, I know, lend dignity and respect to your office. You should be in close competence with the commander and other officers of the department and should attend all meetings of the department. You should be ready upon occasion to take part in the initiation of new members of dedication of halls, monuments, colors, and funeral services for a comrade. All such ceremonies are made more commemorative by use of our ritual. Into our keeping, we place the spirit of comradeship of the department, and may harmony and unity prevail. Thank you.

Speaker 5:

Historian, [Jeanne Moore 00:25:09]. As a department historian, you're charged with compiling the history of the Department of Oregon for this coming year. Be mindful that the lamp of recording experience can do much in value to those that follow our organization. This is truly an exciting office. Recording the endeavors of the units throughout the Department of Oregon. In the name of service of veterans, God, and country. Congratulations. And Linda, our department secretary will present you with your ribbon.

Speaker 2:

Department historian American Legion. Your office is an important one. To you is given the responsibility of preserving and compiling the records of the department. The future can only be judged by the past. Be mindful that the lamp of recorded experience may do much in guiding the footsteps of those who followed. Ever remember that without the recorded history of this department, its policies, and accomplishments, will be a blank to the ones who come after we are gone. Thank you.

Speaker 5:

Parliamentarian, Anne, as you assume the office again of parliamentarian, be fully aware you will be the advocate of order and justice and will be called upon by the president and the units to render decisions on the constitution, bylaws, and have parliamentary procedures. I know that you need no reminder that

your rulings must be just and fair. Congratulations on your appointment, and may you have an easy year.

Speaker 2:

Judge advocate. To you, my comrade is assigned a most important duty, for what your training and/or past Legion experience so aptly prepare you. You are the interpreter of our constitution and bylaws. It may come at any time to be called upon by the commander and other officers and members of the department to rule upon the legality of their actions and decisions insofar as they affect the good of the American Legion.

You are also charged with protecting the integrity of our organization and keeping a light, the touch of truth and fidelity that symbolizes the high and ennobling ideals under which our great American Legion was founded. Protect that wisely.

Speaker 5:

I'm ready. Secretary Linda, as you assume the office of department secretary, your duties are administering. You're responsible for assisting the president when needed, as well as assisting in managing at the department office. May it continue to run smoothly under your guidance. Congratulations once again for this position. Oh, and [crosstalk 00:29:29].

Treasurer, Helen. You're the custodian of all funds. You have the privilege of expanding the funds and the job of letting the budget rule you. You will be working closely with the finance commission as you have in the past. May the coming year be a rewarding one. Congratulations. And you may also get to keep your ribbon.

Speaker 2:

Department finance officer, Bob [inaudible 00:30:13]. You are the keeper of the monies. And in you, as reposed the financial policy of the Department of Oregon. To you is given the charge of the year's budget, and to you is given the duty of the payment of all obligations when proper authorization has been given for such payment. Your position is an important one, demanding the utmost integrity and honesty. Your election to this office signifies to your comrades that you signify as your comrades have implicit trust in you. Guard well that trust.

Second vice commander, Corey Brockman. In your helpful hands are placed the important responsibility of assisting the commander with all duties, concentrating on Legion programs. Particularly you should be interested in patriotic observances of all kinds and developing post activities, and in tech entertainment features, which mark all meetings. Help to observe strict tolerance among your members on all political, religious, and civic matters. The applications of justice will be your particular concern.

Speaker 5:

Vice president, Sydney [Sardeth 00:32:26]. You are the membership chairman and will work closely with the district presidents to bring our department to goal. This will be a challenging year, but a fun one and rewarding in many ways. I'm certain you will enjoy this year as you work with the president and accompany her to units and district visitations as required. Congratulations. The retiring vice president will present you with the ribbon of your office.

Speaker 2:

First fast commander, Larry Whitmire. To you is given the responsibility of an active cooperation between yourself and the commander, particularly, should you interest yourself in the membership of the department. You should be assisted by the most active and devoted members. No single factor has so important an influence on the department's success as membership. You will be the exponent of means of safeguarding the honor of the flag of our country. To you are committed these endeavors with the expectation that you shall fulfill each and every one of them. You are the teacher of democracy. Will the Sergeant at Arms please escort the auxiliary president and commander...

Speaker 5:

Commander Steve.

Speaker 2:

Steve Adams and auxiliary president, Kathy and...

Speaker 5:

And then the elect, commander elect.

Speaker 2:

President elect, Deborah [Dibulan 00:34:59], and commander elect, Don Weber, and the sons of American Legion.

Speaker 5:

Commander elect.

Speaker 2:

Commander Carl Pollock to the stage.

Speaker 5:

Okay. I apologize. My hankie is right here. I'm going to redo this. Okay. Madam president, Kathy, you have come to the close of your administration. It has been a year of outstanding service to our



organization. She won't say that, but thank you. She's too humble. You have served with enthusiasm and dedication to the members of our department.

You will now assume the office of junior past president. You will also be your chairman of Oregon and delegation at national conventions and official hostess. I am very honored at this time to present you with your past president's pin. Wear are your pin proudly. Remember your year of service to the American Legion auxiliary Department of Oregon with a feeling of accomplishment and fondness. Congratulations on a job well done.

Junior past president, Kathy. [inaudible 00:38:07] for just a minute. You'll have to move that. You have come to the close of your position. You served well and gave much dedication to your auxiliary. I present you with your past presidents, [inaudible 00:38:23]. Ribbon, it's a ribbon. See, it's a ribbon.

Delegation:

Keep telling yourself.

Speaker 5:

Keep telling myself that. I was a girl scout at one time, that was many years ago. Congratulations, darling.

Speaker 2:

Past commander, Steve. You have just completed not only one year, but two years of service to the American Legion and department board. The records of the department will reflect the quality of your service. It is my hope that the things you learned about the American Legion and the experience you gained will always be available to those who follow. On behalf of National Commander, Bill Oxford, you...

Speaker 5:

[inaudible 00:40:12].

Speaker 2:

Thanks you for a...

Speaker 5:

That's mine. Don't worry about that.

Speaker 2:

Thanks you for a year of splendid service that you have rendered to the American Legion. You okay? Do you have your past commander here? Oh, he got it. Commander?

Speaker 5:

Yeah. Do you have a past pen handy? Oh, he's already got it?

Speaker 2:

[crosstalk 00:41:01].

Speaker 5:

Do you want [inaudible 00:41:06] or [inaudible 00:41:07] first? Well, I'm just trying to [inaudible 00:41:13] extra hands here.

Speaker 6:

You want a pen?

Speaker 5:

No, I don't want a pen.

Speaker 2:

All right. Thank you, Steve.

Speaker 5:

[inaudible 00:42:31]. National executive committee person, Krisanne Owens. Congratulations on being elected to this position. You will assume your duties as the national executive committee person from the Department of Oregon at nationals post convention meeting. Have a wonderful term, you will love it. And congratulations, Krisanne.

Alternate national executive committee person, Jodie Marsh, congratulations on being elected to this position. You will step in and fulfill the duties as the national executive committee person when needed. You will do a fine job. Congratulations.

Oh, me? Me, again. I'm sorry. I'm fine. I'm just about done here. President Deborah, you have been given the great honor to serve as our department president. Upon your shoulders rests the responsibility of reaching out to our membership and all potential members to make each member know that her participation, or his participation is a virtual service for the continuation of the American Legion auxiliary, and as many programs of service to our veterans, our communities, and to our children.

By your words and deeds, you will inspire each of our officers and chairman to believe in and share the responsibilities of our programs. I presented you with your gavel, may you render meetings with pride and control. My congratulations to the department and to you on your election to this high office. May I present you, oh, Kathy. No, Kathy will present you with your office of president. Congratulations.

Delegation:

[crosstalk 00:45:10].

Speaker 2:

Department commander. You are entrusted the very important duties. You must teach and protect the Cardinal principles of the American Legion throughout our department. You're entrusted with supervision of the duties of all officers of your department. The troubled and needy will come to you, and you must see that no veteran is turned away without full justice.

Loyalty to our department, to its membership, and do the national organization is an obligation to which you now assume. You are more than the presiding officer. You are guided by the constitution and the decisions of the department of body. Yet, the responsibility of the year's programs is on your shoulders. You must initiate the programs and carry them through to completion.

You must familiarize yourself with the traditions of your department and the American Legion. By year sincere acceptance and earnest performance of these duties, may the trust your fellow Legionnaires have reposed in you be justified. I extend to you the congratulations of the national organization and I wish you well as you assume responsibilities of your office as commander of the Oregon American Legion Department of Oregon. You got that? Briefly.

Department Commander:

You know me too well.

Speaker 2:

Yep.

Department Commander:

So he asked me to speak and then he made sure and adds, "Briefly." I'd like to thank you for the support that you've given me. We've had a great few years and I expect to carry that forward. We've got some challenges going forward with the loss of activities that we've had the last couple of years, but we'll get those back on track. And I think it'll be a great year. So thank you again.

Speaker 2:

I will now ask all the SAL officers to stand. You have just received the oath of office and we don't have anything else for you. We're going to change that for next year, but just realized that we don't have anything for you, but you are charged with the good name.

Speaker 8:

We have not been installed yet. You asked for the Legions and the auxiliary, sir. You did not ask for the sons of [crosstalk 00:52:27].

Speaker 2:

Well, that's what I'm saying.

Speaker 9:

That's what he's doing now.

Speaker 2:

That's what I'm saying is we don't have an installation as such. My apologies. But you have taken the oath. All right? You have taken the oath?

Delegation:

No.

Speaker 2:

Okay.

Speaker 8:

That's what I said.

Speaker 2:

Please now raise your hand and repeat after me. I...

Delegation:

I...

Speaker 2:

Promise to perform faithfully and impartially...

Delegation:

Promise to perform faithfully and impartially...

Speaker 2:

All the duties of the office I am about to assume.

Delegation:

All the duties of the office I'm about to assume.

Speaker 2:

And I further pledge...

Delegation:

And I further pledge...

Speaker 2:

That I am not a member of...

Delegation:

That I am not a member of...

Speaker 2:

And do not subscribe to...

Delegation:

And do no subscribe to...

Speaker 2:

The principles of any groups...

Delegation:

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Speaker 2:

Opposed to our form of government.

Delegation:

Opposed to our form of government.

Speaker 2:

You can be seated. And Carl, I have no idea what has happened here, but I wish you the best of luck and best of success in your future years, as you have done in the past.

Department Commander:

Okay. That's the worst thing that's going to happen to our organization this year. From this point on, everything is going to be fabulous.

Delegation:

Way to go, Carl.

Denise:

Let us pray. Dear God, thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives. Thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you for your sacrifice so that we might have freedom in life. Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough for who you are for all. That for you do, for all that you have given, help us to set our eyes, and our hearts, and our fresh. Renew our spirits. Fill us with your peace and joy. We love you. We need you this day and every day. We give you praise and thanks for you alone are worthy. In Jesus name. Amen.

Delegation:

Amen.

Speaker 2:

Thank you, Denise. That concludes our installations.

Delegation:

And district chair. [crosstalk 00:57:29].

Speaker 2:

So the Legion will meet in the hallway or in next room in 10 minutes to conclude the Legion convention. So this actually concludes our installation.

Speaker 5:

We conclude our installation. Auxiliary, we will be in this room immediately after our guests disperse and close our convention.

Delegation:

Okay. [crosstalk 00:58:10].