

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of California
Marriott Convention Center
Visalia, California 93291
Leadership Report
June 2024

The statistical report for the leadership program can be found on page 32 in the Book of Reports. The preconvention committee for Leadership met in the Sequoia B room on Thursday June 27, 2024. The committee agreed upon the following report:

The meeting was called to order at 9:13 a.m. in the Sequoia B room of the Marriott Convention Center in Visalia, Ca. Pamela Hicks, District 18, was appointed Secretary. Diana Livas, District 19, was appointed Chaplain and Donna Smith, District 22, was appointed Sergeant-at Arms. Roll call showed 15 District representatives and 5 guests in attendance. The code was read, and the following code changes were presented.

Code # 13 currently reads "The Department Chairman shall maintain a current list of names and addresses of Certified Instructors and shall provide each District with the approved list at Department Convention".

The proposed Amendment is to delete "addresses" and change to "District and Unit information", and to delete "provide each District with the approved list at Department Convention" and, add "be posted on the Department website".

If adopted Code13 will read "The Department Chairman shall maintain a current list of names, District and Unit information of Certified Instructors and it shall be posted on the Department website". (2024)

By direction of the committee, I move for the acceptance of this code change.

Code #17 currently reads “The Corsage and Past President’s Parley luncheon ticket for the Auxiliary Member of the Year, who attends the luncheon, will be paid out of the Convention Expense”.

The proposed Amendment is to add “/ boutonniere”

If adopted Code 17 will read “The corsage / boutonniere and the Past President’s luncheon ticket for the Auxiliary Member of the Year, who attends the Luncheon, will be paid out of the Convention Expense”.

By direction of the committee, I move for the acceptance of this code change.

2nd and 3rd place awards for District and Unit supplementals were handed out and 100% certificates were given to Districts 4, 5, 10,11,12,17,22,23,24 &26.

Madam President may I continue with my supplemental?

What is Leadership? According to the dictionary it is the action of leading a group of people or an organization. For the American Legion Auxiliary, it is several things rolled into one. Mentoring, guiding, teaching, and helping the Units or members to understand our policies and procedures, and programs. This can be accomplished by a group of members or as an individual on a one- on- one basis.

This year the Leadership program was known as the “Department of Community Services and Development”. We started our year in Clovis, with the promise of a great year and many trips up and down the great state of California, which included our Southern and Northern workshops. Now was the time for the work to begin. Talking with the Districts what they would like to see in the program and the answers were pretty much unanimous, Go

Back to the Basics, and so we did.

Many of the Units held 10-minute mini workshops on our programs. We had Districts holding regular workshops with the presenters focusing on report writing, programs, and how to conduct a meeting. We were able to hold 2 leadership workshops this year, 1 in Chino and the other in Bakersfield with the Junior Conference. We had a great time learning with 3 past Department Presidents and 4 Department Chairmen presenting. The highlight of our Chino workshop was the Jeopardy game. Everyone had a fun time with that and it was a very competitive game. Thank you to the 25th District for hosting.

This year we had 4 new certified leaders and 9 leaders that recertified. Great job to all the members that participated. I would like to leave you with a quote from Henry Ford. "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is a process; working together is success." Thank you, Madam President, for this appointment it has been a wonderful learning year.

May I please proceed with my 1st place awards?

1st Place Unit Supplemental is Unit 741 Linda Fercho

1st Place District Supplemental is District 22 Susie Tozier