

American Legion Auxiliary Department of California, Historian "State Archives" End of Year Report Floor Report

Good morning, Madame President, Officers, Chairmans, Members and Guests!

This chairman is BLESSED and ELATED to see each one of your beautiful smiles here today.

This archive official would like to report that the "Archiving" History Pre-Convention Committee meeting met in the Sequoia B Room of the Visalia Convention Center at 10:30 am.

Melanie Taylor served as Secretary, Rosemary Barron offered prayer and Pat Davis served as Sergeant-at-Arms.

There were 13 delegates, and 7 guests present.

The Department Code was read, and the committee agreed upon two (2) Department Code changes:

Department Code Number three (3) currently reads:

The Department Historian shall compose a History of the accomplishments of the Units, District, and Department for the Department Office. To help accomplish this task, she will receive, at Mid-Year and End of Year copies of ALL Department Officers and Chairman Reports so that she can include this most important information in her report to National. She shall provide a personal copy for the Department President. The History shall conform with National's requirements. (2021)

The proposed Department Code Number Three (3) will now read:

The Department Historian shall compose a History of accomplishments of the Units, Districts, and Department for the Department Office. To help accomplish this task, the Historian will receive, at Mid-Year and End of Year, copies of ALL Department Officers and Chairman Reports, so that the Historian can include this most important information in the Historian report to National. The Historian shall provide a personal copy for the Department President at the following DEC Meeting. The History shall conform with National's requirements.

Madam President, by direction of the History Pre-Convention Committee, I moved for the acceptance of this Code changes.

Department Code Number four (4) currently reads:

Written, Picture History Book Competition: Units and Districts may complete on Department level under the following classifications: Written and Picture History Picture Book Competition (2021)

Seniors

Junior Class I – Ages through 12 years Junior Class II – Ages 13-17

Prizes

Unit and District shall each be awarded First, Second, and Third Junior Class I- First and Second Junior Class II – First and Second

The proposed Department Code Number Four (4) will now read:

Written, Picture and/or Electronic History Book Competition: Units and Districts may compete on Department level under the following classifications: Written, Picture and/or Electronic History Picture Book Competition.

Categories:

- Seniors
- Junior Class I Ages through 12 years
- Junior Class II Ages 13-17
- Multimedia Competition

• Prizes:

- Unit and District shall each be awarded First, Second, and Third
- Junior Class I First and Second
- Junior Class II First and Second

Madam President, by direction of the History Pre-Convention Committee, I moved for the acceptance of this Code change.

This State Archive Official sadly has to report that from the twenty-nine (29) County Archives only eighteen (18) reported. A big thank you to the eighteen (18) County Archives who reported.

For more than a century, The American Legion Auxiliary has advocated and assisted with the well-being of our Veterans.

BE-THE-ONE is our National President Lisa Williamson and our Department President Glenda Schultz special project for this year. THIS IS what the Department of California does. Being the One to save a veteran, Being the One to listen to a Veteran without judging, Being the One to be there when a Veteran is struggling.

The members of this department put in a lot of hours aiding our Veterans. Assistance to our Veterans in tough times, hard times and fun times. From providing meals, to aiding in the

Veterans Creative Arts festival where our talented veterans competed in different areas such as singing, dancing, drawing, painting and much more.

Members of different units sponsored Wreaths Across America, others organized Veteran's days, Thanksgiving dinners and Christmas parties bringing a smile to their faces.

Many units donated jackets, blankets, sleeping bags, socks, t-shirts, sweatshirts and much more.

District 6 hosted our National President Lisa Williamson with tours at the California State Capitol, VA Hospital and supported Madame President Glenda Schultz districts visits. The members attended the Sacramento Stand Down helping our homeless and at-risk veterans.

In the noisy 19 District members were volunteering at the Travelling Vietnam Wall through California. Some Units from the same District participated in the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans.

Many Units participated in the Military Caregiver Network; in some districts the members will regularly visit patients at the VA hospitals.

Our Juniors and Seniors in District 18 made a difference by having bake sales and other fundraisers to donate to the Long Beach VA food pantry.

And I could go on and on about our great members of Department of California and their hard work for our Veterans, their families and communities.

The districts with 100% reporting are: District 2, District 4, District 5, District 6, District 10, District 14, District 17, District 18, District 19, District 20, District 22, District 26, District 28.

Madame President may I ask Melanie Taylor to announce the winners?

1st Place winner in the category for District Supplemental District 28 – Rosemary Barron

1st Place winner in the category for Unit supplemental Unit 574 – District 21- Doreen Rocha.

1st Place winners in the category for District Written History District 17 – Rodi Andreescu

1st Place winner in the category for Unit Written History Unit 302 – Susie Morgan

Madame President, this archive official hopes and prays that your expectations were met and exceeded. It was an honor to serve as the Department Historian for California. Thank you for seeing something special in this archive official and taking a chance. This appointment was served to the best of this official's ability with a heart filled with joy and gladness. This appointment was served for Him, Madame President, and the Department of California. For God and County. Thank You! This concludes my report.

For God and Country Erika Hernandez