

American Legion Auxiliary
Department of California
Legislative
Convention Committee Meeting Report
June 28, 2024

Madam Department President Glenda Schultz, the Legislative Committee met on Tuesday June the 18th via zoom.

By consent of the delegates; Lauree Camarato of District 22 Served as Secretary; Linda Sundberg of District 22 Served as Chaplain;

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The meeting was opened with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

A total of 19 District Delegates answered roll call.

There were 19 visitors present.

The code was read, by the direction of the Legislative Committee I present the following changes: Department code #2: Replace the word shall with the word may: Current wording: See attached proposed amendments.

Department code #7 Shall be replaced with the following amendment: See attached proposed amendments.

By the direction of the committee, I move for the adoption of this change

Certificates were handed out for the following: 2nd and 3rd place for Districts and Units supplementals.

Madam President this concludes my preconvention committee report. May I continue with my supplemental and 1st place winners?

To say it was an honor to serve as the Department Legislative Chair is an understatement. It has been a remarkably busy and productive year, and there were so many bills that were supported by The American Legion.

California assistance with the Legislative program is an essential factor in helping shape public policy. Meeting with legislators in person is the most effective way to get your message across. Thirty-eight units participated in a legislative rally and 14 units participated in "meet the candidates night." Six hundred seventy-one letters were sent out, which included the following recipients: U.S. Senators, U.S. Representatives, the White House, as well as state and local officials.

Many of our members developed relationships with some of these elected officers. We had some units promote federal bills, such as AB46, which was to exempt military pension for state income tax, as well as the PACT Act, and S1072 Homeless Veteran Prevention.

Big Pine (Unit 467) is not an incorporated city; therefore, they have no direct elected officials. However, this unit attended meetings with the Inyo County Representative, Sheriff, Fire Chief and school administrators.

District 22 held a Legislative Day with the Legion Family. The Washington Conference was held Sunday, February 25th-Wednesday, February 28th in D.C. American Legion Post 365 hosted this event, which allowed the Legion Family to view this event together as the events unfolded online.

The Department of California wholeheartedly supports legislation that ensures the safety of our veterans, and it extends beyond providing quality medical care. We must do more to improve oversight of VA policing.

Donna L. Smith

Department of California, Legislative Chair

*District - 20
Unit - 742*