

# DEC AGENDA

Saturday January 20, 2024

## ONE RAP OF THE GAVEL

This Department Executive Committee Meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of California will come to order.

1. Sgt at Arms and Asst. Sgt at Arms, with the Distinguished Guest Chairman, please escort to this station:

**Past Department President Joan Cannon Midyear Chairman and Marcia Munroe and Grace Huston Co-Chairman.**

2. Sgt at Arms and Asst Sgt at Arms, with the Distinguished Guest Chairman, please escort to this station:

**Yvonne Flores Executive Meeting Manager, Doubletree by Hilton**

3. Sgt at Arms and Asst Sgt at Arms, with the Distinguished Guest Chairman, please escort to this station:

**Mike Smith, American Legion Detachment of California Commander\***

4. Sgt at Arms and Asst Sgt at Arms, with the Distinguished Guest Chairman, please escort to this station:

**Sam Flores, The American Legion Department of California Adjutant**

5. Sgt at Arms and Asst Sgt at Arms, with the Distinguished Guest Chairman, please escort to this station:

**John Aldridge, The American Legion Department Commander**

(3 raps) (1 rap to seat)

6. Sgt at Arms and Asst Sgt at Arms, with the Distinguished Guest Chairman, please escort to this station:

**Olivia Thuney, Honorary Junior Department President**

7. Sgt at Arms and Asst Sgt at Arms, with the Distinguished Guest Chairman, please escort to this station ALA National Representatives:

**Anita Biggs Western Division Public Relations Chairman**

**Pat Alvarez Western Division National Security Chairman**

**Teresa Nunez, Western Division Education Chairman**

**Valerie Hardy, Western Division, Americanism Chairman**

**Sandra Rice, Elected Director National ALA Foundation Board**

**Lauralee Gooch, Elected Director National ALA Foundation Board**

**Dee Ann Graham, Alternate National Executive Committeeperson**

(3 RAPS OF THE GAVEL)

(One rap to seat the members)

8. Sgt at Arms and Asst Sgt at Arms, with the Distinguished Guest Chairman, please escort to this station:

**Nancy Brown-Park** Past National President, National Finance Committee Member

(3 RAPS OF THE GAVEL)

(One rap to seat the members)

9. Sgt. at Arms and Asst Sgt.at Arms with the distinguished guest chairman please escort to this station:

**Kathie Martinez**, National Executive Committee Person

(3 RAPS OF THE GAVEL)

(One rap to seat the members)

10. Will the Sg.t-at-Arms and the Asst Sgt. at Arms with the distinguished Guest Chairman please escort to this station our most distinguished guest this weekend:

**our Western Division National Vice President, Jan Cushing**

(3 raps of the Gavel) (Do not seat until after opening ritual)

The Department Chaplain, Patty Martinez will offer the invocation.

Let us observe a moment of silence in memory of our members and veterans who have been called home by God and in memory of our POW's and MIA's

Americanism Chairman **Cindy Rogers** will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

Department Musician, **Stephanie Huff** will accompany us in the singing of one stanza of our National Anthem, the Star-Spangled Banner.

The Department Vice President, **Linda Hayes**, will lead us in reciting the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary

**(One rap of the gavel to seat the members)**

This Department Executive Committee Meeting is dedicated to the memory of Valerie Hill, who was serving as Department Public Relations Chairman, Past 23<sup>rd</sup> District President and Vicky Crow, Past 16<sup>th</sup> District President.

\*\*\*\*\* (PLEASE WRITE YOUR OWN) Good morning and welcome to our mid-year Department Executive Committee Meeting. Thank you all for taking time from your busy schedule to be with us this weekend. It's because of members like you that our veterans receive the support they need from our organization. I truly hope this will be a rewarding meeting and that you all leave motivated to go back to your unit and help them become an even bigger influence in the lives of those we serve, our veterans. If you were here yesterday, I hope you enjoyed the Program Fair and our Membership Payoff Party. And now I would like to introduce you to some very special people here with us today.

It is my pleasure to present to you a couple of ladies who have done an outstanding job in planning this DEC Meeting, our Mid-Year Chairman Joan Cannon Past Department President and Mid-Year Co-Chairman Marcia Munroe and Grace Huston.

**(GIVE GIFT)**

Allow me to introduce our first guest, Yvonne Flores, Executive Meeting Manager, Doubletree by Hilton. Yvonne has been extremely helpful and patient. She has worked hard to make this weekend successful for us and has our deepest gratitude. We are in good hands if there are any issues during your stay, please contact the front desk. If, you need further assistance contact either of our DEC Chairman Joan, Co-Chairman Marcia or Grace.

**(Present presidents pin)**

It is my honor to introduce our next guest:

**Mike Smith, The American Legion Detachment of California Commander\***

It is my honor to introduce our next guest:

**The American Legion Department Adjutant Sam Flores, (President Pin)**

It is my honor and privilege to serve with Commander Jere. We have a common goal working for the promotion of membership both in the Legion and Auxiliary and our dedication to service for our Veterans and their families. It is with great honor that I present to you

**The American Legion Department of California Commander**

**John Aldridge, Welcome Commander (Gift.)**

Our future looks bright with this next young lady, it is my pleasure to introduce our Honorary Department Junior President Olivia Thuney\_\_\_\_\_

It is a feather in our cap for the Department of California to have so many talented members serving on the National level, and it is an honor and privilege to have them with us today and to bring greetings. Please rise and be recognized.

Nancy Brown-Park      Past National President - National Finance committee

Anita Biggs, Western Division Public Relations Chairman

Pat Alvarez Western Division National Security Chairman

Teresa Nunez, Western Division Education Chairman

Valerie Hardy, Western Division, Americanism Chairman

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Dee Ann Graham, Alternate National Executive Committeeperson

Nancy Brown Park or Kathie Martinez National Executive Committeeperson who will bring greetings on behalf of the National Representatives

And now, ladies and gentlemen, it is a privilege for me to introduce you to our most distinguished guest, **Western Division National Vice President Jan Cushing.**

It is such an honor to have you in attendance at our meeting this weekend. I know you are scheduled to speak later in the program but while you have this fine lineup of ladies and gentlemen in our midst would you like to give a greeting.

\*\*\*\*\*I would like to thank you all for coming to bring us greetings. You are welcome to stay as long as you wish, but if you need to leave to attend to other business, feel free to do so.

**Sgt at Arms and Asst Sgt at Arms, with the Distinguished Guest Chairman, please escort our guests that need to leave.**

(3 Raps to Stand Members)

(1 Rap to seat members)

We will now have the roll call of Officers, Chairmen and District Presidents by our secretary Liz Doidge.

(After Roll Call) Thank you Liz,

Now we will continue with our special introductions. With us today are ladies of wisdom and dedication and provides tremendous support to the Department President at all times. It is with great honor and privilege for me to present them to you our Past Department Presidents in attendance:

Ruby Kapsalis	1996-1997 NOT ATTENDING
Linda Workman	1998-1999
Diane DeLashmit	1999-2000
Madeline Lee	2001-2002
Nancy Brown-Park	2002-2003
Melanie Taylor	2004-2005
Bonnie Christner	2005-2006 NOT ATTENDING
Linda Fercho	2011-2012
Anita Biggs	2013-2014

Susie Tozier	2015-2016
Loretta Marsh	2017-2018 NOT ATTENDING
Joan Cannon	2018-2019
Kathy Martinez	2019-2021
Dee Graham	2021-2022
Gloria Williams	2022-2023 NOT ATTENDING

Please give them a big round of applause

On behalf of the Past Department Presidents, Nancy Brown Park will bring greetings.

**(One Rap to Seat Members)**

If anyone needs to leave during our session, you may do so quietly. Please be courteous to the speaker, avoid talking and walking around while they are speaking. The restrooms are out the door pass the ballrooms. The doors to your \_\_\_\_\_ are designated for exiting and entering. Please turn off your cell phones or keep them on vibrate. It can be distracting to the speaker so check your phones, otherwise you will be fined \$5.00, which will go to the Department President Special Project.

**We will have the reports of our Department Officers:**

President	Glenda Schultz
↘Vice President	Linda Hayes
↘Secretary	Elizabeth Doidge
↘Treasurer	Katheryn Tellyer
↘Chaplain	Patty Martinez

Historian Erika Hernandez

Parliamentarian Anita Biggs

Sgt @ Arms & Asst Sgt @ Arms

*Jan McBinnis + Melise Munroe*  
~~Ann Sanchez and Jennifer Turner~~

Would the Vice President please assume the Chair for the President's report?

President's Report

Glenda Schultz

\*BE SURE TO EXPLAIN THE INVESTIGATIVE TASK FORCE AND INTRODUCE THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

We will hear from the Finance Committee

Linda Workman, Teresa Lugo-Nunez and Brenda Turnullo

We will now hear from my Advisory Committee

Linda Workman, Kathie Martinez and Joan Cannon

These wonderful ladies are always ready to provide any support I need with a smile and lots of patience. Thank you all for continuing to serve this Department in so many ways.

Distinguished Guest Chairman

Linda Workman

Our National Executive Committee Person Kathie Martinez, will give her report

Our Junior Past President Gloria Williams has requested Anita Biggs with assistance from Kathie Martinez to make the presentation of any National Awards received for 2022-2023.

I would like to call on all our District Presidents to line up at the floor microphone in numerical order. Again, as quickly and quietly as possible.



These ladies have worked hard, doing all they can to help their or Unit Presidents to achieve their membership goals and complete their programs.

Ladies, you will be reporting on your units, any action to be taken and important accomplishments. Please make your reports brief and to the point.

While the presidents are lining up, I have the pleasure to present Personal Pages Ann Sanchez and Jennifer Turner. (Thank you.....)

**Liz** our Dept Secretary will assist with the reports of the **Districts**.

- \District 01
- \District 02 Carolyn Glen
- \District 04 Samantha Valine
- \District 05 Linda Karnstedt
- \District 06 Suzanne Winters
- \District 07 Melise Munroe
- \District 08 Teresa Canonizado
- \District 09 Roseann "Vicky" Bean (Linda Workman)
- \District 10 Susan Mar
- \District 11 Grace Huston
- \District 12 Elizabeth Estavillo
- \District 13 Leah Williamson
- \District 14 Debbie Ennen
- \District 15 Linda Carmichael (Dee Ann Graham)
- \District 16 Marion Rocha-Carlos

- ✓District 17            Teresa Lugo-Nunez
- ✓District 18            Gabriella Ramos
- ✓District 19            Diana Livas
- ✓District 20            Carol Harville
- ✓District 21            Ellen Fedorowski
- ✓District 22            Janie Jackson
- ✓District 23            Cassandra Brown
- ✓District 24            Melissa Card
- ✓District 25            Barbara Toth
- ✓District 26            Peggy Toyne
- ✓District 27            Jean Winkler-Ring
- ✓District 28            Rebecca Glenn
- ✓District 29            Carol Borgman
- ✓District 30            Vacant

We will now have endorsements of Department Officers for 202~~2~~<sup>4</sup>-202~~7~~<sup>5</sup> year. If you are endorsing a candidate, please come to the stage with your candidate and take a seat.

May we have the endorsement for the office of President?

✓Endorsement by: Marcie Velador \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate \_\_\_\_\_ Linda Hayes

May we have the endorsement for the Office of Vice President?

Endorsement by: Rebecca Glenny, District 28 President

Candidate Susan Baker

May we have the endorsement for the Junior Member of Finance?

Endorsement By: Anita Biggs, Past Department President

Candidate Sharon Moore

Are there any endorsements for National Office?

Endorsement By: Linda Kernstedt

Candidate: Melanie Taylor National Historian 2024-2025

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the announced endorsed candidates for the Department of California for 2024-2025. They are

President Linda Hayes

Vice President Susan Baker

Jr. Member of Finance: Sharon Moore

National: \_\_\_\_\_

Madam Secretary, do we have any Golden Nuggets before we break for lunch?

We will now recess for lunch and will reconvene at 1:00 PM. You are free to dine at the restaurants in the hotel or on your own, be sure to return in time for this afternoon session.

This meeting is in recess (RAP)

Welcome back to our afternoon session and the meeting is now reconvened.

At this time it gives me pleasure to have the privilege of presenting our Western Division National Vice President Jan Cushing. Elected on August 31, 2022, at the 102nd Celebration of the American Legion Auxiliary's National Convention in Charlotte, NC was elected Western Division National Vice President for 2023-2024.

\*\*\* NEED BIO\*\*\*

Welcome to the Department of California, Jan and welcome to our mid-year meeting and Thank You for sharing your weekend with us.

We will continue with the reports of the Programs by the Department Chairmen.

#### CHAIRMEN REPORTS

✓ Americanism	Cindy Rogers
(2024-2025) Americanism Titles need to be accepted)	
✓ Auxiliary Emergency Fund	Linda Karnstadt
✓ Community Service	Patty Galiatoto
✓ Editor	Nancy Heinisch
✓ Poppy	Robin Falkenberg
Poppy/Poppy Winners	
✓ Education	Lind Hayes
✓ Public Relations	Joan Cannon

- ✓ Constitution and Bylaws Sharon Moore
- ✓ ALA Girls State Chairman Allyn Kau / *Sherry Core*
- ✓ ALA Girls State Director Valerie Hardy
- ✓ Children and Youth Maureen O'Brien Sacco
- ✓ National Security Liz Doidge
- ✓ Leadership Donna Mattox
- ✓ Legislative Donna Smith
- ✓ Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Susan Baker
- ✓ Unit Development & Revitalization Tracey Varnell-Fercho

Madam Secretary, do we have any "Golden Nuggets"?

We hope all of you can join us this evening for the banquet.

No host cocktail at 5:30 PM and Banquet begins at 6:30 PM

Please support the bar, we need to make our minimum!

District Presidents are invited to join me for a continental breakfast at 7am in my suite the room number is \_\_\_\_\_.

This meeting is now in recess, and we will reconvene tomorrow at 9:00AM

(RAP ONCE)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2022

(RAP ONCE) This meeting is now reconvened.

*Debra Lee  
Mia Gantz  
Pancy Skinner*

(RAP 3 Times to stand)

Our Chaplain, Patty Martinez will offer invocation.

(ONE RAP to Seat)

We will now have the roll call of Officers, Chairmen and District Presidents by Department Secretary Liz Doidge

**We will continue the reports of our Department Chairmen & Committees.**

Membership

Suzanne Winters

**Presentation of New Charters:**

Unit 100 Lenox "and"

Jr Activities Chairman

Martha Romano

Jr Activities Director,

Jackie Cleveland

Past President's Parley

Kathie Martinez

Director National Finance

Nancy Brown-Park

Ways and Means

Arlene Smith, Marcia Munroe

Convention Commission

Anita Biggs, Chairman, and Gloria Sinopoli 1-year member

Convention 2024

Dee Ann Graham and Gloria Sinopoli

Is there any old business to come before this Executive Committee Meeting?

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Is there any further information to be brought to our attention?

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

I would like to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to all of you for taking time from your busy schedule to attend this DEC Meeting. I hope you've had a good time and received enough motivation, inspiration, and information to make it worth your while because your presence here certainly made it worth my while and encouraged and motivated me.

A big thank you to our Mid-Year Chairman Joan Cannon and Co-Chairman Marcia Munroe and Grace Huston for such an outstanding job making this event a tremendous success and a memorable occasion and experience for all.

To our Distinguished Guest Chairman **Linda Workman** thank you seems so inadequate, you're outstanding, and I couldn't have made it through without you.

To **Stephanie Huff**, thank you for taking care of our musical needs.

To our **District Presidents**, The District Presidents, thank you for being here, thank you for all the hospitality, gifts, donations and love you have shown me, also for all your cards and emails. They are greatly appreciated. I am looking forward to the rest of my visits to the remaining Districts.

To my personal pages, **Ann and Jennifer Turner** thank you for taking care of me this weekend and for the love you have shown to me and our members. I appreciate you both so much.

Is there any further business to come before this meeting?

If none our Chaplain, **Patty** will offer the benediction.

(3 Raps to Stand)

Till we meet again, let us remember that our obligation to our country can only be fulfilled by the faithful performance of all duties of citizenship. Let service to the community, state and nation be ever a main objective of the American Legion Auxiliary and its members, let us ever be watchful of our organization and ourselves – that nothing shall swerve us from the path of Justice, Freedom, Democracy and Loyalty.

Sgt at Arms and Assistant Sgt At Arms, please retire the colors for the Department of California.

Once again, thank you for taking time away from your loved ones and your homes to attend our mid-year meeting. Have a successful second half of your year, always remember our mission to support Veterans, Active Military, and their families. Set aside any indifferences that prevent you from accomplishing our mission.

We are adjourned. See you when we are all together again at our next stop in Visalia for Convention 2024. Have a safe trip home.