

**American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Nebraska**

**Department Executive Committee Meeting  
Mid-Year Conference  
Friday, January 08, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Department Executive Committee of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Nebraska, was held Friday, January 8, 2010, in the Divots Conference Room A, Norfolk, Nebraska.

Department President Carol Ulrich called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. Invocation was offered by Department Chaplain Cheryl Vap. In memory of our dead, President Carol called for a moment of silence. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Department President, Carol Ulrich.

President Carol announced that we would be having a formal opening at the general session.

Department President Carol welcomed everyone that braved the blizzard to the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid Year DEC meeting. She explained that we started late because we were hoping more of the Department Executive Committee (DEC), members could attend. The Department President read the Roberts Rules of Order for proceedings in the absences of a quorum.

President Carol Ulrich gave thanks to all the Past Department Presidents for their support over the years and asked that the Past Department Presidents present stand and be recognized. She continued to announce those arriving throughout the day. A silent roll call was taken by Jacki O'Neill, Department Secretary-Treasurer.

Seven past Department Presidents were present, they are listed below:

**Past Department Presidents**

2008-9 – Mrs. Robert Kasl, Marva	2002-3 – Mrs. Raymond Weisgerber, Luayne
2007-8 – Mrs. Kenneth Schmid, Gayla	2000-1 – Mrs. Donald Nelsen, Virginia
2005-6 – Mrs. Harlan Hiatt, Roxanne	1995-6 - Mrs. Tom Nollette, Eva
2004-5 – Mrs. Rolland Otte, Mary Ann	

President Carol also gave special recognition to Nebraska's members that have National appointments, those present are listed below:

**National Appointments**

Mrs. Donald Nelsen, Virginia, NW Division National Security Chairman  
Mrs. Harlan Hiatt, Roxanne, NW Division Membership Chairman  
Mrs. Kenneth Schmid, Gayla, NW Division Americanism Chairman  
Mrs. Rolland Otte, Mary Ann, NW Division Children & Youth Chairman

Department President Carol than recognized the Department Officers and the District Presidents, those present are listed below:

**Department Officers**

Mrs. Robert Kasl, Marva, National Executive Committeewoman  
Mrs. Roy Vap, Cheryl, Department Chaplain  
Mrs. Dan J. O'Neill, Jacki, Department Secretary – Treasurer

### **District Presidents**

Annabelle Evert, District One President  
Joan Gansebom, District Two President  
Patricia Wiseman, District Three President  
Maxine Hurt, District Six President  
Elizabeth Paes, District Seven Vice President  
Kathy Mazur, District Eight President  
Debra Helm, District Nine President  
Sandra Duntz, District Ten President

The Department Chairmen were asked to stand and be recognized. Those present at the 2010 Mid-Year Conference are listed below:

### **Department Chairmen**

Roxanne Hiatt, Acting Advisory Committee Chairman  
Advisory Members, Gayla Schmid and Marva Kasl  
Beverly Neel, Americanism Chairman  
Rita Wagner, Constitution and Bylaws Chairman & 8 & 40 Chapeau  
Lorene Bartos, Editor of the "STAR"  
Vicki Ozenbaugh, Education Chairman  
Luayne Weisgerber, Finance / Publication Committee Chairman  
Finance Member, Julie Totten  
Cheryl Vap & Lorene Bartos, Girls State Vice Chairmen  
Lisa Moore, Girls State Secretary & Membership Chairman  
Kathleen Obermiller, Legislative Chairman  
Jean Vackiner, Music Chairman  
Mary Ann Otte, Unit Development and Revitalization Chairman

### **Veteran Facility Representatives**

\Marlene Ingram, Omaha VAMC

### **Veteran Home Chairmen**

Louise Nichols, Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home  
Jessie Kiser, Grand Island Veterans Home  
Patty Landkamer, Norfolk Veterans Home

(Not all members acknowledged above attended the entire conference due to the weather).

Department President Carol called for the reading of the minutes of the previous Department Executive meetings held at the 2009 Department Convention, in Columbus, Nebraska.

Department Chaplain, Cheryl Vap moved to dispense with the reading of the June 25, 2009 Pre-Convention Department Executive Committee meeting minutes and June 28, 2009 Post-Convention minutes of the Department Executive Committee meeting and accept the minutes as printed. Motion seconded and carried.

Acting Advisory Chairman, Roxanne Hiatt was called upon to read the minutes of the Thursday, January 7, 2010, meeting of that Committee. Following the Advisory report the Finance and Publication Chairman, Luayne Weisgerber read the minutes of the January 7, 2010, meetings of those Committees.

Copies of the Advisory and Finance/Publication minutes will be mailed and filed with these minutes.

Acting Advisory Chairman, Roxanne Hiatt did not have any resolutions or recommendations for the Department Executive Committee (DEC) to consider.

Finance Chairman, Luayne Weisgerber had 2 resolutions for the DEC to consider. The DEC accepted the Conflict of Interest Policy and the Fraud Policy and Whistleblower Guidelines.

President Carol asked for any new business to be brought before this Committee.

Jacki O'Neill, Department Secretary moved to accept the cancellation of the charters of Scottsbluff Unit 5 and Big Springs Unit 275, both of District 4, of the Department of Nebraska. Motion was seconded and carried.

Department Chaplain Cheryl Vap gave the invocation.

Department President Carol Ulrich adjourned the 2010 Mid Year Department Executive.

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**Minutes of the General Session  
77<sup>th</sup> Mid Year Conference  
Friday, January 8, 2010**

Department President, Carol Ulrich called to order the General Session of the 77<sup>th</sup> Mid Year.

After the opening ceremony, Department Chaplain, Cheryl Vap placed the POW/MIA Flag on an empty chair and recited a prayer of respect for all of our departed Veterans, POW and MIAs.

Remarks were heard from Jolene Smith, Norfolk Unit 16 President. Jolene also had many drawings for door prizes.

Lorene Bartos gave remarks from the Departmental 8&40 Chapeau. She announced that the 8 & 40 meeting that was scheduled for Friday evening had been cancelled due to the weather.

Reports were also heard from the Department Officers and Northwestern Divisional Chairman.

Special reports were received from Department Chairmen on membership, education and juniors.

Department Chaplain Cheryl Vap gave the invocation.

Department President Carol Ulrich adjourned the Friday General Session at 4:30 p.m.

**Minutes of the General Session**

**77<sup>th</sup> Mid Year Conference**  
**Saturday, January 9, 2010**

Department President, Carol Ulrich called to order the Saturday, General Session of the 77<sup>th</sup> Mid Year Conference immediately following The Legion Constitution Speech Contest.

The District Presidents in attendance gave the reports of their unit's activities.

Department Commander, Leon Deunk and Detachment Commander, Carl Frederickson were welcomed for remarks during this session.

The 3 Oratorical winners were introduced. 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Wyatt Troia of Omaha, 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner was Kelly Bowlyn of Cody and the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner was from Columbus, Kelly Molczyk.

Two representatives from the Norfolk Veterans home spoke on the needs for items and volunteers at the home and updated the members on the progress of the Hero's Garden.

Department President asked all to attend the breakout session for one hour. After the breakout session she played a "Carol's BINGO" game with prizes for all.

President Carol asked for the announcements of candidates.

**Candidates for Department Offices for 2009-2010 were announced as follows:**

Chaplain: **no announcement at this time**

Historian: **Cheryl Vap**, Red Cloud Unit 238

Vice President: **no announcement at this time**

President: **Charleen Walters**, Weeping Water Unit 237 (absent)

Nat'l Executive (NEC): **Carol Ulrich**, Wakefield Unit 81

**Candidates for National Office for 2010-2011 were announced as follows:**

Northwest Division National Vice President: **Lynne Wild**, Lincoln Unit 3 (absent)

National Chaplain: **Donna Gana**, Hickman, Unit 105 (absent)

Department Secretary Jacki read announcements.

Closing prayer was given by Department Chaplain, Cheryl Vap.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Carol Ulrich  
Department President

Jacki O'Neill  
Department Secretary-Treasurer