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Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary**

July 26, 2018

The National Council meeting was called to order by newly elected National President, Sandi Kriebel. Roll call was taken followed by the prayer, pledge and National Anthem.

The President introduced the Past National Presidents that were present and recognized those who were not. The National Council Members were recognized and the Ambassadors and Department Presidents stood as a group to be recognized.

The minutes of the previous Council Meeting were approved as read.

The Standing Rules were presented. It was moved by Dee Guillory that we not address the Standing Rules due to the short time we have had to look them over. Under discussion it was pointed out that these could not be presented until the 2017-2018 final Council Meeting was completed and the 2017-2018 Standing Rules were approved. Motion defeated. The 2018-2019 Standing Rules were approved with a lot of clarification in the verbiage and the addition of the correct website for the National Council members to use when submitting expense reports.

The Budget was presented with a few operational cost changes and logistical changes and the changes below:

1. The Department Junior Vice Presidents' Conference is returning to the budget. The line officers feel the educating the future leaders is important.
2. Legislative Boot Camp is being added which will allow the National Officers along with the Legislative Ambassador and Veterans and Family Support Ambassador to attend a training with the VFW in Washington DC.
3. The Ambassadors' Briefing and Workshop is outside of Kansas City now there causing an increase in this line item.

There was no unfinished business.

Under new business we were presented with an introduction to Talber Kosmala and Associates, LLC. This is an investment firm that is just an advisory firm. They will watch the investments and advise where we can better invest our money. It was moved by Dee Guillory that we hire a firm to send out feelers to advisory firms all over the United States (for a fee) to get more firms to give us bids. President Sandi explained that she has appointed a committee to do this and out of the 5 that were received this seemed to be the best company – so far. The motion was defeated due to the cost and duplicate mailings. My no vote on your behalf was because I felt it unnecessary to pay for what our organization is already doing.

President Sandi stated that the minutes of the meetings will go out immediately following the Council Meetings.

There were no announcements and the meeting was closed with a prayer.

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National President, Sandi Kriebel asked the National Council Members to stay for a few minutes because she had some pointers she wanted to share with us and it was good advice that I want to share with the members of the Department of California.

1. Listen to your members..all of the members, not just one or two. Stay true to your membership. Let your members know they are appreciated. One of the easiest things you can do is say Thank You.
2. Communication is extremely important.
3. Make sure you observe all deadlines and respond to things in a timely manner.
4. Share your information. Most of the information we receive is for all, not just officers.
5. Encourage sign ups for the E-Auxiliary Newsletter, Washington Weekly and Action corps. Stay informed. When possible use the send this publication to a friend section of the above publications.
6. Both the VFW and Auxiliary is making it a priority of working on returning remains of our fallen service members.
7. We used to be number 1 in the nation for VAVS, we are now on the bottom of the list. This needs to be changed.
8. The VFW and Auxiliary is the best kept secret, this also needs to be changed.
9. Use the Auxiliary Academy. It is part of the Circle of Excellence.
10. Encourage the use of the publication "Building on the Auxiliary Foundation".
11. Be Positive and eliminate Negative.
12. National is looking into the problem of the real time on MALTA effecting the count. It will remain the way it is throughout the year but they are trying to devise a way to not have it changed once you have reached 100% plus.

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RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

There were some changes to a few of the National Council Members
NDCM 4 Delaware now is combined with New York
NDCM 5 Illinois and Missouri
NDCM 20 Washington and Oregon
NDCM 21 Nebraska and South Dakota
NDCM A Pennsylvania
NDCM B Michigan
NDCM C Indiana
NDCM D Ohio
NDCM E Minnesota
NDCM F Florida
NDCM G California
NDCM H Texas
There was no change to California and no changes to those not listed.

The only resolutions that **passed** were:

PASSED. A cap of the Overseas type of Ladies Modified style for either male or female is acceptable and optional. It shall be Marine blue with Gold braid, on the right-side embroidered lettering VFW AUX in gold thread and the VFW Auxiliary Cross of Malta Emblem on the reverse side, the option of standardized embroidered lettering, as approved by the VFW Auxiliary, National Headquarters. Caps to be worn with or without the Official Look Marine blue shirt or blouse. Members will purchase their own caps from the VFW Store. Pins are allowed on the hats.

PASSED. The official look of the marine blue blouse or the marine blue shirt for members, black slacks or skirts and shoes are to be worn as the official National Convention organization image. This will be worn by all elected and appointed National Officers, National District Council Members and National Ambassadors during the National Convention business sessions.

PASSED. Applicants who wish to transfer between Auxiliaries need not show proof of eligibility but instead must provide their current membership card as this proves eligibility has been established and approved with their current Auxiliary or as a Member at Large.

PASSED. Roberts Rules of Order, 11th Edition shall govern all points not covered in these Bylaws. This replaces Demeter's Manual of Parliamentary Law. This is to comply with the VFW's change in 2017.

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