

**OFFICIAL CALL TO THE
90TH ANNUAL DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
OF THE
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON**

The Eighty-Ninth Department Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Washington, is called in conformity with the Department Constitution, Article VI, in Spokane, Washington. The Convention will convene Thursday morning, July 14th, 2011, 9:00am, at the Mirabeau Park Hotel and will adjourn when all business has been finalized.

PURPOSE

The Convention is called to elect officers for the ensuing year, to amend the Department Constitution and By-laws, to receive reports of Department Officers and Chairmen, to give recognition through trophies and awards, to transact such other business as may be brought before it, and to plan for the future.

REPRESENTATION

Representation in the Convention shall be by Units and in accordance with the provisions of the Department Constitution, Article VI, Sections 2 and 3. The Annual Department Convention shall be composed of delegates and alternates to be elected by each Auxiliary Unit in good standing; each Unit to be entitled to two (2) delegates and two (2) alternates; and one (1) additional delegate and one (1) additional alternate for each one hundred (100) paid-up memberships, or major fraction thereof, provided, however that no Unit shall be entitled to be represented unless it has at least ten (10) senior members whose Department and National dues for the current year have been paid.

The delegates and alternates to the Department Convention shall be chosen by majority vote of the members of the Unit who are present at a meeting designated for that purpose. Any Unit not represented by legally elected delegates or alternates shall lose its vote. These delegates and alternates to be certified in writing, into the Department Office, at least ten (10) days prior to the Department Convention or when necessary and circumstances warrant, these delegates may be certified by presenting a credential slip duly signed by a Unit Officer or by the District President who can verify their election.

CREDENTIALS

Credentials for all Delegates and Alternates shall be in accordance with Department Constitution, Article VI, Section 4. The delegates and alternates to the Department Convention shall be chosen by majority vote of the members of the Unit who are present at a meeting designated for that purpose. Any Unit not represented by legally elected delegates or alternates shall lose its vote.

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SECURING CREDENTIALS

Delegates at Large, Delegates and Alternates can secure credentials July 13th through the 15th, 2011 in the pre-function area of the hotel. If you know that your Delegate will NOT be attending the Convention, please notify the Credentials Committee when you pick up your credentials at the Convention.

QUORUM

A quorum for the transaction of Department business shall exist as outlines in the Department Constitution, Article VI, Section 6. A quorum for the transaction of business at Department Convention shall be a majority of those Units registered as in attendance, irrespective as whether some may have left.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Nominations for the Department Offices of Department President, First and Second Vice Presidents, Department Historian and Department Chaplain will be conducted in accordance with Department By-laws, Article 11, Thursday, July 14th, 2011. Voting will be Saturday, July 16th, 2011 at 7:00am. Unit delegates and/or alternates must be certified, registered, and in attendance, to qualify for voting privileges.

DISTRICT CAUCUS MEETINGS

District Caucus' will be held Thursday, July 14th, 2011. Locations of District Caucus will be announced before the recess of that days session.

RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

The Constitution and Bylaws of the Department of Washington may be amended in accordance with Department Constitution, Article VII, Section 1.

By submitting a copy of the proposed amendment as a resolution by a unit in good standing, signed by the Unit President and one (1) officer, to the Department Secretary. She shall mail one copy of the proposed amendment to each local Unit in the Department and to the members of the Department Executive Committee, at least thirty days prior to the annual Department Convention; and a two thirds vote shall be necessary for the adoption of any amendment.

Necessary amendments proposed after distribution or revision as shown in Section I (a), may be submitted by a Unit in good standing and signed by the Unit President and one (1) officer or if by individual members, signed by two members in good standing, each of whom shall be a voting member of the Convention. They may be adopted by a two thirds vote of the delegation at any Department Convention provided they have been read at one meeting of the session prior to taking action.

This Constitution may further be amended at a regular meeting of the Department Convention by a unanimous vote of the delegates present. Amendments shall, unless otherwise stated, become operative upon adoption.

DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota will be elected in accordance with Department By-laws, Article II, Sections 6.

The delegates and alternates to the National Convention shall be nominated and elected following the election of Department Officers. The Department shall pay registration fees for the delegates and alternates to the National Convention. Any member not fulfilling their obligations at National Convention shall reimburse the registration fee to the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Washington.

Delegates to the National Convention shall be elected in the following manner: Lots shall be drawn by District Presidents, except those Districts shall pass which have the outgoing President and the incoming President now specified as the first and the second delegate, respectively, in Section 8 (a) of the Department Bylaws. If a District has no member who is definitely planning to attend the entire National Convention, the District President passes and the Districts having delegates specified in the Department Bylaws then draw lots until the total number of delegates has been chosen. Alternates shall be chosen in the same manner. However, in the event the alternate list is not complete, the Department President shall name alternates to fill the vacancies. A vacancy in the delegation shall be filled by the first alternate, and then the second alternate, etc. The District to which the Secretary belongs shall not be penalized in the election of delegates to National Convention.

Nicole Ross
Department Secretary

Jane Montaney
Department President

Department Convention Details

Registration

The enclosed Registration form should be completed and returned to the Department Headquarters at PO Box 3917, Lacey, WA 98509-3917 by July 6th, 2011. Each person attending will need to send in a separate form.

There is a \$15.00 registration fee for each Senior participant. There is no registration fee for Junior members. Meals are optional.

The registration fee for Executive Committee members will be paid by Department Headquarters.

Hotel Information and Reservations

Mirabeau Park Hotel and Convention Center
N. 1100 Sullivan
Spokane Valley, WA 99037
Phone: (509) 922-4965

Reservations may be made individually by calling Mirabeau Park Hotel reservations office directly at 1- 509-924-9000 or toll free at 866-584-4674. Tell the reservation clerk you are a Legionnaire reserving a room for The American Legion, Department of Washington Convention. All reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card or by American Legion of Washington. Hotel will not hold any reservations unless secured by one of the above methods.

Have special needs that require you to be in a handicap or special room setup for pets? Inform the reservation clerk of your request. These rooms are limited so make your reservation early.

Cutoff Date: Reservations by attendees must be received on or before 4:00 pm Monday, June 13, 2011. Check-in time is 3:00 pm and check-out is 12:00 noon.

Room Rate is \$90.00 per night and rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes (currently 10.7%) in effect at the time of check in.

Auxiliary and Legion Meal Information

VA&R Luncheon Date: Thursday, July 14th Time: 12:00 – 1:30pm Cost: \$ 19.00
Menu: Chicken Salad Sandwich. House made Chicken Salad with Golden Raisins, Leaf Lettuce, Vine Ripe Tomato on Hearth Bake Whole Wheat and Fresh Fruit.

States Dinner Date: Thursday, July 14th Time: 6:30 – 8:30pm Cost: \$ 40.00
Chicken Chardonnay. Tender seared Airline Breast of Chicken stuffed with Prosciutto, Cheese, and Fresh Herbs, finished with a Chardonnay Cream Sauce and Basil Pesto Mashed Potatoes.

OR

Top Sirloin. Grilled and Basted with Hickory Spice Rub, Blue Cheese, Roasted Baby Red Potatoes served with Frizzled Onions and Smoked Onion Demi or Peppercorn Sauce. →

Children & Youth Luncheon Date: Friday, July 15th Time: 12:00 – 1:30pm Cost: \$22.00
Menu: Caesar Salad with Herb Marinated Chicken. Romaine Lettuce tossed with our Signature Caesar Dressing, topped with Parmesan Cheese, Lemon Wedge and Herb Crostini.

Cowboy Barbeque Buffett Date: Friday, July 15th Time: 6:00 – 7:30pm Cost: \$29.00
Menu: Sweet Poppy Seed Coleslaw, Mustard Potato Salad, Cowboy Style Baked Beans, Pulled Pork, Pulled Chicken, Hot Rolls. No Host Beer and Wine Bar beginning at 5:00pm.

Commander's Banquet Date: Saturday, July 16th Time: 7:00 – 9:00pm Cost: \$45.00
Pan Roasted Salmon. Coriander Rubbed Salmon on Vanilla Mashed Potatoes with Champagne Sauce Topped with Daikon Sprouts and Tomato-Basil Relish.

OR

Top Sirloin. Grilled and Basted with Hickory Spice Rub, Blue Cheese, Roasted Baby Red Potatoes served with Frizzled Onions and Smoked Onion Demi or Peppercorn Sauce.

Both meals are served with a Seasonal Berry Cobbler with a brown sugar streusel topping.

Endorsements

You will find included all endorsements currently on file for 2011-2012 Department Officers. Voting will be held Saturday, July 10th, 2010 at 7:00am. We currently have not received endorsements for Department 2nd Vice President, Department Chaplain and Department Historian.

Resolutions

A Unit that wishes to submit a resolution for review at the Department Convention can use the *Suggested form for Resolutions* as a guide. Resolutions need to be submitted to Department by June 17th, 2011.

Unit Delegates and Alternates – Forms for Certification

Your Unit will need to certify your Delegates and Alternates to represent your Unit at the Department Convention. The chart showing the amount of members your Unit is eligible to certify can be found at the bottom of the *Certification of Delegates and Alternates* form. This form must be submitted to Department no later than June 17th, 2011.

Keep your District informed of who will be representing your Unit at the Department Convention by filling out the *Delegates and Alternates Elected to Department Convention 2011* and mail directly to your District President. For your convenience the District Presidents and their respective address can be found on the reserve side of this form.

Complete and cut out a *Delegate/Alternate Credential Slip* and give to your elected member(s). Your elected member(s) will want to have this slip when they arrive to obtain their Credentials.



The American Legion 93rd Annual Department Convention

Mirabeau Park Hotel & Convention Center
N. 1100 Sullivan
Spokane Valley, WA

All members of The American Legion Family are cordially invited to attend the upcoming 93rd Annual Department of Washington Convention to be held July 14 - 17, 2011.

Everyone planning to attend the Department Convention banquet, luncheons and state dinner must complete this form. **Delegates should contact their post concerning their registration fee.** Non-Delegates mail this form along with your \$25.00 registration fee and dinner cost / check or credit card to Department Headquarters, PO Box 3917, Lacey, WA 98509. Please note submission of this form does not reserve a room at the hotel.

Everyone must have an official Department Convention Badge to enter the Legion and Auxiliary convention forums, including the General Session.

(Please Print Legibly)

First Name Initial Last Name Membership #

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Street or Rural Route Address City State Zip Code

Home Phone #:

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD

Credit card payment: Master Card: _____ Visa Card: _____ AMEX: _____

Credit Card #

Expiration Date: MM/Year: _____ / _____

Legion Registration: \$25.00 x _____ = _____ (Not Required for Delegates)

Commander's Banquet: \$45.00 x _____ = _____

Beef _____

Salmon _____

Cowboy Barbeque Buffet \$29.00 x _____ = _____

TOTAL A = \$ _____



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90th Department of Washington**

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Circle One: Delegate Alternate Guest

First Name Initial Last Name Membership #

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Street or Rural Route Address City State Zip Code

Home Phone #:

Registration Fee \$ 15.00 x _____ = _____

States Dinner: \$ 40.00 x _____ = _____

VA & R Luncheon: \$ 19.00 x _____ = _____

Children and Youth Luncheon: \$ 22.00 x _____ = _____

TOTAL B = \$ _____

If paying by credit card, please enter information on other side of form.

GRAND TOTAL OF A & B: \$ _____

Must be received by July 6, 2011

No refunds after July 6, 2011

Convention Use Only

Date Received: _____ Check No: _____ Amount: \$ _____ (For all meals and registrations)

CERTIFICATION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES DEPARTMENT CONVENTION 2011

To: Department Secretary
American Legion Auxiliary
PO Box 5867
Lacey, WA 98509-5867

DEADLINE: June 17th, 2011
MUST arrive at Headquarters by above date.

This is to certify that the following named members in good standing have been duly elected as Delegates and Alternates to represent:

Name of Unit _____ Unit # _____ District # _____ at _____ (city)

DELEGATES

ALTERNATES

1. _____
2. _____
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DELEGATES AT LARGE

1. _____
3. _____

2. _____
4. _____

Signed _____

Unit President or Secretary

NOTE: Department Bylaws, Article II Section 4 (d) All delegates and alternates shall be elected at a Unit meeting and certified in writing to the Department Office at least 10 (ten) days before the annual Department Convention or when necessary and circumstances warrant, these delegates may be certified by presenting a credential slip duly signed by a Unit Officer or by the District President who can verify their election. REPRESENTATION OF UNIT - Article VI, Section 2 and 5 of the Department Constitution and Article II, Section 4, (e) and (f) of the Bylaws.

PAID UP MEMBERS	DELEGATES	ALTERNATES
10 TO 50	2	2
51 TO 150	3	3
151 TO 250	4	4
251 TO 350	5	5
351 TO 450	6	6
451 TO 550	7	7

TO BE FILLED OUT AND MAILED IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

Please submit this form to your respective District President
prior Department Convention.

1st District President: Lillian Stevenson 353 NW 81st St. Seattle, WA 98117	7th District President: Please submit to Department Headquarters
2nd District President: Lora Shanahan 1896 E. Pole Rd. Everson, WA 98247	8th District President: Eleanor Chitwood PO Box 35 Cusick, WA 99119
3rd District President: Eva Wallace 14611 64th Ave. SE Snohomish, WA 98296-5243	9th District President: Barb Rutherford 1630 5 th Street Wenatchee, WA 98801-1746
4th District President: Melodie Foster 3223 S. Durango St. Tacoma, WA 98409-3125	10th District President: Susan Patterson PO Box 476 Onalaska, WA 98570
5th District President: Priscilla Ford 515 E. Elm Ave La Center, WA 98629	11th District President: Virginia Harvey 11045 8 th Ave Apt 721 Seattle, WA 98125-6137
6th District President: Gloria Eddy PO Box 343 Naches, WA 98937	12th District President: Lorna Deckert PO Box 985 Benton City, WA 99320

DELEGATES CREDENTIAL

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE BEARER _____ is a member in
good standing of District # _____ Unit # _____ at _____ and has been duly
elected as a Delegate to the Annual Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Washington, to be held
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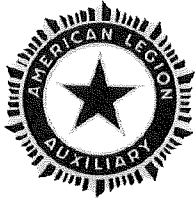
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Endorsements to be voted on at the
90th Annual Department Convention
of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Washington

Candidates for 2011-2012 Department Officers;

Department President – Rose Ring
Department 1st Vice President – Hanny Elston
Department 2nd Vice President –
Chaplain –
Historian –

Hanny Elston

For the position of Department First Vice President

Prosser Unit # 20 of the American Legion Auxiliary proudly presents the name of Hanny Elston for the office of Department First Vice President for the year 2011-2012. Hanny joined the Auxiliary through the eligibility of her Vietnam era husband Wayne L. Elston in 1982.

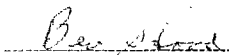
At the Unit level Hanny has served as Sgt At Arms, Chaplain, Historian, First and Second Vice President and two years as Unit President, with several chairmanships and is currently serving as first Vice President.

On the District level Hanny has served as twelfth District President, District Vice President, and Sgt at Arms, Treasure/Secretary, Chaplain and Girl State Chairman.

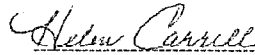
At Department level Hanny has served as Department Chaplain, Department Historian, Sgt At Arms and Chairman of pages. She served on the Department Finance Committee for three years, Membership Chairman for two years, Department Audit Committee for two years. Community Service Chairman, Department Education Chairman, Constitution and Bylaws Chairman, and as the V.A.& R Representative for Walla Walla. She currently serves as the Department Second Vice President and Children & Youth Chairman.

Hanny is a Partner in the 8/40 Salon # 479. She has held every office in her Salon including Le Petit Chapeau and Pouvoir. She currently serves as Le Pouvoir. At the Departemental level Hanny has held every office including that of Departemental Chapeau in 2003-2004.

The members of the Captain Green Unit # 20 unanimously endorsed Hanny at the general meeting on October 18th, 2010 for the office of Department First Vice President 2011-2012 and we are confident in her ability to serve the Department in her tenure of office.



Bev Hood
Unit # 20 President



Helen Carroll
Unit # 20 Secretary

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We the undersigned members of Earl Winehart Unit #96, 2nd District, Snohomish, endorse Rose Ring for the position of Department President for the year 2011/2012.

Rose's eligibility for membership is through her step father, Armon F. Gilliland, deceased, a Korean War Veteran, and her husband, Clint S. Polehna, a Viet Nam Veteran. She has been a member in good standing with the American Legion Auxiliary for 17 years.


Over the course of those years, Rose had held the position of Unit Vice President 4 times and Unit President for 9 years. 2nd District Vice President twice, and as 2nd District President 4 years. She has helped to form and mentor 2 new Units within our District. She had held numerous District and Department level Chairmanships. Rose has attended several Leadership and Field Service Classes, attended National Convention (Phoenix) and has worked as a Senior Counselor at Girls State twice. Rose had held the position of Department Chaplain and Department 2nd Vice President/Children & Youth Chairman, earning the Department of Washington the Meritorious Achievement Award from the Child Welfare Foundation in addition to two other prestigious National Awards. Rose is currently serving as the Department 1st Vice President/Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Chairman.

We feel Rose is well qualified to hold the position of Department President and will do a fine job representing the Department of Washington.

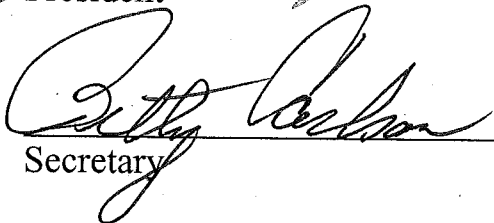
This endorsement is respectfully submitted by the undersigned Auxiliary members, after being read and voted on at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Unit.




President



Date



Secretary



Date

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