

V.F.W. AUXILIARY – DEPARTMENT OF ALABAMA
Minutes of Convention – June 9- 11, 2017

June Convention was called to order by President Sandra Brunton. President Brunton called for the roll call as well as the council roll call, given by Secretary Sandy Germany. President Brunton opened the meeting according to the ritual which included the placement of the POW/MIA flag.

UAB DONATION – Lisa Roth, representative from UAB was escorted in with the colors. Sherry Jiles, chairman for the Auxiliary, presented her with a \$2,280.05 check, which was derived from donations from different auxiliaries around the state.

National Representative, Sandi Kriebel was escorted into the meeting room with the colors. Also escorted in with the colors were MDCM #8 Patsy Cole and Southern Conference President, Denise Redden and Southern Conference Treasurer, Donna Howell. Past National President Sandy Germany opted to be introduced with the PDP's.

Motion by Sherry Jiles, 2nd by Anita Sanders to accept the minutes of the 2016 convention minutes as printed and mailed. Motion carried unanimously.

RULES COMMITTEE – Mary Thornton, Chrmn, Beverly Mize and Pat Pritchard members, began presentation of 2017 convention rules. Presentation was paused by the Department President for consideration of amendments regarding voting.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE – Glenda Daniels, Chrmn, Kathy Rowe and Patsy Cole were present and Chairman Daniels stated that there were no bylaws changes.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE – Edna Hicks, Chrmn Protem, Karen VanCleave and Mary Thornton Protem, were all present and presented how the committee would regulate the credentials desk.

RECESS FOR JOINT OPENING

After Joint Session the auxiliary business session resumed.

The meeting was re-convened by President Brunton. Programs started their presentations.

VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT – Nancy Connolly, Chrmn. Buddy Poppy Display Award: Category 1 1st Place=#5404; Category 2 1st Place= #6226; Category 3 1st place=#6020. NATIONAL GOALS: 1 GOAL - #5106 and #5848; 2 Goals - #5404 and 5377; 3 Goals – 5850 and 8640; 4 Goals - #2760 and 10774

AMERICANISM – Anita Sanders Chrmn. Most celebrated holidays- #7016; Most Flags given out – #3016; Most media used – Tie between #4190 and #7016; Most certificates given out - #668; Most youth Education - #668; Most teacher applications - #4190; Honorable mention - #4919;

HOSPITAL AND VAVS – Sherry Jiles, Chrmn. + donation to UAB. Each Auxiliary received a citation for participation. Recognized the VAVS Rep's and Deputies. 2 nominees for Outstanding Hospital volunteer were Sally Gordon and Kim Kirkwood. Kirkwood was selected as Alabama's nominee. Special award to #6683 for volunteering at the Central Alabama Health Care Center. This Department is recognized as holding the record of being the organization for donating the longest period of time. This year we donated \$2,280.05.

EXTENSION – Kathy Rowe, Chrmn. 1 new auxiliary; Sandy Germany and Kerri Lambert.

SCHOLARSHIP: - Bunny Murray, Chrmn. A citation to auxiliaries who had entries in both VOD and Pat. Pen. Citation to auxiliaries who just had an entry in VOD; Citation to auxiliaries who just had an entry in Pat Pen. A gift to all the auxiliaries sending me the 4 report I asked for. She recognized 9 who sent her a lot of stuff. Pat art gift went to the 1 auxiliary who reported to her. Top 3 winners: 1st Place – Auburn Winner; 2nd Place goes to Pell City Winner; 3rd Place goes to #Elberta Winner. Chairman of the Year is: Paulette Murray

WAYS AND MEANS – Donna Howell Chrmn. The program raised over \$30,000.00

PRESIDENT'S SPEIAL PROJECT – Paulette Murray, Chrmn. The Home of Grace was where the money was raised for. A total of \$6013.00 was raised and donated. The following auxiliaries reported to Paulette: #2214 - #2702 - #4190; #2760-#3128;; #4850-#6173; #4261; #1349; #3016; #3073-#4388-\$5850-#6683; #3568-#7016; District #3 was the only chairman to report for the district. Auxiliaries reaching 100% in all her programs; #2214-#2702-#4190- #4765; #2760-#3128- #6226; #668- #1762-#4850-#6173;(Dist #3 was the only Dist. 100%; #4261; #5404-#5732; #3016-#5106 – 5355; #3073-#5850-#6683; #3568-#5658 - #7016-#7320

YOUTH ACTIVITIES - Donna Woerner, Chrmn. Speedy Award-#3073 and #6683; Our reported first are: #4190-6683 – 5106 – 7016; Our Most Complete Reports: #4190 - #4850- #7016; End of the Year Awards: #2214- #4190 - #4765 - #8640/#668- / #3016- / #3073 & 6683 / #5658. Auxiliary with highest total of RAP cards utilized; #4190; Highest total of Youth Groups supporting Veterans citations; Dist #3; Highest total of Youth involved in Auxiliary programs; Tied #6226 and Dist #3 represented by Paulette Murray. 1st of Auxiliary to reach all National and Department goals gets a plaque - #4190. Chairman who went above and beyond - #4190. Person who works tirelessly with youth gets plaque – Paulette Murray.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS: Sr Vice President – Nancy Connolly; Jr. Vice President – Paulette Murray; Treasurer- Sandy Germany; Chaplain – Donna Woerner; Conductress- Kay Gedling; Guard – Mary Ann Dial.

NOMINATIONS WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL SATURDAY.

RECESS

SATURDAY MORNING

GUARANTEE PROGRAM

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION - Sherry Jiles Chrmn and Jackie Harding member, presented the Resolution

CREDENTIALS REPORT - Jean Reader Chrmn, presented her report and announced that the desk would close at 11:30 a.m.

Admiral Morris of the Veterans Affairs Office Board and Commander Walt Dempster were escorted in.

DIR OF DEPT CHAIRMAN – Sherry Jiles, Chrmn presented the Runner-Up and will announce her winners at the banquet

DIR OF DIST. PRESIDENTS – Jennifer Banbury, Chrmn presented her Runner-Up Mary Ann Dial. And announce her winner at the banquet.

DIR OF AUX. PRESIDENTS – Patsy Cole, Chrmn presented her Runner-Ups and will announce her winners at the banquet.

HISTORIAN – Paddy Bishop, Chrmn announced that the Auxiliary winner was Aux. #6683 Enterprise and the District winner was District #8.

DRAPING OF THE CHARTER – This action was presented by the floor team-conductress and Chaplain.

MEMORIAL SERVICE was presented by the Dept. Chaplain Paulette Murray as well as the individuals who were presented to help with the presentation, the soloist, musician, and members who could perform sign language.

RECESS

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

PAST DEPT. PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON – Was held in the Dept. President's Suite.

11:30 – CREDENTIALS DESK CLOSED

ESCORT PNP AND PDP'S IN WITH THE COLORS –

FINAL CREDENTIALS REPORT - Jean Reader Chairman

NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE'S – Sandi Kribel thanked everyone for their kindnesses and stated that President Sandra had a wonderful convention and that had really enjoyed herself. She donated her love gift back to Sandra's special project.

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS – Sandy Germany, Chrmn. Presented her awards

1. 1st place in each membership group for attaining highest numerical gain: Group 1- #6226; Group 2-#4261; Group 3 - #5180; Group 4;#2214; Group 5;#3073; Group 6; #5658
2. 2nd place in each membership group for attaining 2nd highest numerical gain: Group 1;#4758 and 5850; Group 2;-#5355; Group 3; #6173; Group 4; #6837; Group 5;#3016; Group 6-#4190.
3. Districts who reached 100% in membership: Dist 2-Dist 5- Dist 6-Dist 7- Dist 8
4. 2 Aide De-Camps; Kerri Lambert and Donna Howell
5. Award in each groups for recruiting the most members; Group 1-Kay Gedling; Group 2-Ginger Stabler; Group 3-Sarah Brooks; Group 4- Charlotte Bates; Group 5-Jackie Harding and Tina Torrez; Group 6 – Donna Howell

PRESIDENT WITH THE COLORS – President Brunton was presented with the colors. And gave her closing remarks about how she appreciated everyone and how she was treated during her year and of all everyone did to stand by her during her time of loss.

RECRUITER TRAINER – Donna Howell, stated how she appreciated everyone's help with recruiting and hoped they would continue in the future.

RE-OPENED NOMINATIONS – Elections were by District. Elected were: President- Donna Howell; SV President-Nancy Connolly; JV President- Paulette Murray; Treasurer-Sandy Germany; Chaplain-Donna Woerner; Conductress-Kay Gedling; Guard-Mary Ann Dial. Installation will be on Sunday morning.

RECESS – AWARDS BANQUET LATER THAT EVENING.

SUNDAY MORNING

Joint Memorial Service

Auxiliary Session Resumes – Directors announced the awards that were presented on Saturday evening. **Dir. Of State Chrmn:** Outstanding Dept Chrmn-Paulette Murray; Outstanding Nat program-Nancy Connolly; **Dir. Of Dist Pres:** - Winner – Holly Bishop Dist #8; **Dir. Of Aux Pres:** - Winners – Tina Torrez #3073 and Nancy Rathburn #6683; Captain of the Team – Gayle Johnson #7016.

President Brunton gave her final thank you speech
All were present and ready for installation.

The SV President's family was escorted in with the colors. President-elect Howell was escorted in by her husband. The officers were installed by Past Department Commander George Jones. President Brunton received her PDP pin at the altar and then received her guard for her pin. President-elect Howell thanked everyone and asked for their continued support.

A parade of transmittals for 2017-2018 was held by incoming membership chairman Woerner which resulted in approximately 366.

Incoming President Howell turned the meeting back over to President Brunton.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sandy Germany
Dept. Secretary

THE MEETING WAS CLOSED ACCORDING TO THE RITUAL

Approved on 6- 8 -2018
