

**V.F.W. AUXILIARY – DEPARTMENT OF ALABAMA  
MINUTES OF CONVENTION – JUNE 2-5, 2016**

June Convention was called to order by President Kathy Rowe. President Rowe called for the roll call given by Secretary Sandy Germany. Officers took their stations by way of the officer's march. President Rowe opened the meeting according to the ritual which included the placement of the POW/MIA Flag and the Pledge to the American Flag and the singing of the National Anthem. National Representative, NDCM#8, was escorted into the meeting room with the colors. Also escorted in were National Musician Patsy Cole and Southern Conference Vice Chairman, Denise Redden.

President called for the adoption of the June 2015 convention minutes. Motion was made by Sandy Germany, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sandra Brunton that the minutes be accepted as printed and distributed. Motion carried.

The Convention Rules Chairman Beverly Mize and member Jackie Harding talked about the Convention Rules and these rules were made a part of the Convention packet and distributed to all in attendance. Motion by Sandy Germany, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dist. #3 President Anita Sanders to accept the rules as presented and distributed. Motion carried.

There were no Bylaws changes submitted by the committee. (Glenda Daniels was present)

Credentials Chairman Hicks gave instructions on how members can register their credentials and that the credentials desk was now open.

Recess was called for the purpose of the joint opening session.

**The UAB Representative** was present for our presentation which had to be done at this time since he had to return, Mr. Turner was presented and spoke to the delegation and accepted a check from the auxiliary in the amount of \$3,363.00. At this time he talked in brief about the Cancer Center and what it does.

**VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT:** Chairman Reeder presented \$300 in awards to the winners in Div 1=#4388; Div 3=#5173; Div 4=# 6073-; Div 5=#4850; Div #6-2702 . National Home award to #2214.

**AMERICANISM** – Chairman Tammy Kunkel. A certificate to each aux in each Dist who reported on a Patriotic Event: Dist #1- 4919, 4765, 4190,4543; Dist #2- 5173, 2760, 6073, 8600; Dist #3 – 4850, 1762, 668; Dist #5 – 4572,1349; Dist #6 – 5106; Dist #7- 4388; Dist #8 – 5658, 7016. A certificate and a black ribbon to each Dist. For reporting a POW/MIA event. Dist #1- 2214,10774,4919,4765,4190,4543,8640; Dist. #2 – 6073,5173,6837; Dist #3 – 6173,1762,4850,668; Dist #4 – 4758, 6652, 3193, 4261; Dist #5 – 5732,4572,1349,5035; Dist #6- 3016, 5106; Dist #7- 5850,4388; Dist #8 – 7320,5658,7016. A certificate and Pewter Eagle Pin for reporting a Veterans Day event; Dist #1 – 4765, 10774,4190,2214; Dist #2 – 2760, 5173,8600,6073; Dist #3 – 4850, 668, 1762, 6173; Dist #4 – 4758,3193; Dist #5 – 1349,5404,4572; Dist #6 – 3223, 5106, 3016; Dist #7 – 4388; Dist #8 – 7016-5658. A certificate for reporting a Pearl Harbor Day event. Dist #1 – 4190,2702; Dist #3 – 4850,1762 Dist #6 – 3016 Dist #8 – 5658, 7016 First Aux. to report a Pearl Harbor event to - #1762 gets an autograph book signed by a WWII Veterans who served at Pearl Harbor. Plaque to 1<sup>st</sup> Aux to report a POW/MIA event #6073. Plaque to 1<sup>st</sup> Aux to report on participating in a Veterans Day

event =#4190. For going beyond the call of duty to honor & remember America's POW/MIA's received a plaque and a book.

**HOSPITAL** - Chairman, Sherry Jiles. Program is #104.54%. Sneakers and socks to the VA facilities donated by different auxiliaries received token of appreciation. Citation and trophy to all auxiliaries making a financial donation and completing 1 other hospital goal. Districts #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 8 are 100%. Dist #7 auxiliaries are 3073, 4388, 6020 and 6683. 24 auxiliaries completed all 6 goals; Auxiliaries are:2214,2702,4190,8640,2760, 5173,6073,6837,668,1762,4850,6173,4572,5035,5180,5404,5732,3016,3073,6020,3568,5658, 7016,7320. Special gift to Gayle Johnson #7016 for a monthly newsletter. Recognition to the ladies who are assigned to the VAMC's and clinics in this Department. 4 Volunteers were submitted for outstanding volunteer who were Barbara Usrey, Pat Roden, Patty Mosier and Lucy Ann Granstaff. Lucy Granstaff was submitted to National. 2 pins to present at this conference, Holly Bishop and Charlotte Latta. 2 other pins were mailed earlier. Token of appreciation presented to each who donated to UAB

**EXTENSION** – Sandra Brunton, Chairman 1<sup>st</sup> Award- Working together as a team- Monetary award to Karen VanCleave and Mary Ann Dial. 2<sup>nd</sup> Award - Deputy who demonstrated the most interest – Monetary award goes to Glenda Daniels and Mary Thornton. DISTRICT AWARDS: 1<sup>st</sup> Award- A citation to the Dist President and a cash award to the Dist. That recognizes member with the most "Good Job" certificates. The monetary award goes to Dist #2 and a certificate to Jack St. John. 2<sup>nd</sup> Award – A monetary award to the Dist. That has 100% Auxiliary attendance at any District meeting and reported to me by District Secretary with attendance records. The monetary award goes to Dist #2. 3<sup>rd</sup> Award – A monetary award to the Dist. President that has all her inspections done between 8-1 and 12-31 with copies sent to all that she should send them to. The monetary award goes to Jack St. John and Dist. 2 President.

**SCHOLARSHIP** – Bunny Murray, Chairman. Awards in VOD and Patriot's Pen. Dist 1 – 100% in both= 2214, 2702, 4190,4543,4765,4919,8640,10774; Dist 2 – 100% in both – 2760, 3128, 5173, 6073, 6837, 8600; Dist. #3 – 100% in both = 668, 1762,4850,6173; Dist #4 = 3193, 4758, 6652, 4261; Dist #5 = VOD credit -1349, 100% in both = 4572, 5180, 5404,5732; Dist #6 = 100% in both = 3016 , 6022, - VOD 3223, 5106, 5355, 5377; Dist #7 = 100% in both 3073, 4388, 6020, 6683, 5850; Dist #8 = 100% in both = 49, 3568, 5658, 7016, 7320. Most Pat Pen entries; 1<sup>st</sup> place 2760; 2<sup>nd</sup> place 4850; 3<sup>rd</sup> place 3128. Most VOD entries; 1<sup>st</sup> Place 6073, 2760, 3128. Winners in VOD – 6073; Winner in Pat Pen – 2760. First to report – 4850.

**WAYS & MEANS** – Sandra Brunton, Chairman. Total raised \$24,306.00 for next years budget. 1<sup>st</sup> winner was a router - \$25.00 winner CJ. 2<sup>nd</sup> winner was a drill - \$25.00to Inez McRae.

**PRESIDENTS SPECIAL PROJECT** – Jack St. John Chairman. Most hours reported – 6020 Daleville; Places reported in Dist #8 – 7026 Atmore; Number of members in District 1 – 2214; Number of BOGO in Dist #3 - #4850 Jasper; Number of PR in District 2 – 6073 Scottsboro.

**INTRODUCTION OF PAGES** – Paulette Murray, Chairman. All pages were introduced and given a personal gift.

**NOMINATION OF OFFICERS** – Nominations were as follows: President – Sandra Brunton; SV President – Donna Howell; JV President – Nancy Connelly; Treasurer, Sandy

Germany; Chaplain – Paulette Murray; Conductress – Donna Woerner; Guard – Mary Ann Dial; NDCM #8 – Patsy Cole and Denise Redden. Nominations will remain open until Saturday.

### **RECESS**

Auxiliary Business Session resumed.

Draping of the Charter and the Memorial Service were according to the ritual.

President Rowe retired from the room at the end of the service.

President Rowe entered the room escorted by the colors.

Resolution of Appreciation was presented by Jackie Harding, Resolution Chairman and Cheryl Culp, member.

\$14,205.38 was donated to the Youth Fund by Sandy Germany which was money left over from her campaign fund.

Credential Chairman Edna Hicks gave an update on the ones registered so far.

Buddy Poppy Awards were presented.

Dir of Dept. Chairman chairmen, Elaine Gabel – Dir of District Presidents, Joni Dougherty and Dir. Of Auxiliary Presidents, Patsy Cole will present their awards at the banquet.

**HISTORIAN** – Diane Wilt, Chairman. 1<sup>st</sup> Place Dist - \$25.00 Dist. #2; 1<sup>st</sup> Place Auxiliary - \$25.00 Aux. #6073. Recognition certificate to Aux. #4850, #5173 and District #5.  
Credentials Desk closed at 11:30 a.m.

### **RECESS**

The escort of Past National President and Past Dept. Presidents with the colors.

The final credentials report was presented by Chairman Hicks.

The national representative Carol Coggins, NDCM#8 offered her remarks. She thanked everyone for allowing her to come and also the gifts that were presented during her visit.

**MEMBERSHIP** - Donna Howell, Chairman. She presented a \$25.00 check to the following; Group 1 - #6683; Group 2 - #5180; Group 3 - #6837; Group 4 - #2214; Group #5 – #3016; Group #6 - #4190.

**RECRUITER TRAINER** – Donna Howell, Trainer. She spoke on her program.

The Department Presidents Presentation was held in the meeting room due to changes in the banquet. Many presentations were made.

Department President Rowe gave her thank you remarks.

President Rowe reopened the nomination and election of officers.

All of the following were elected by acclamation; President-Sandra Brunton; SV President – Donna Howell; JV President – Nancy Connolly; Treasurer – Sandy Germany; Chaplain – Paulette Murray; Conductress – Donna Woerner; Guard – Mary Ann Dial; Elected by majority vote for NDCM#8 – Patsy Cole.

### **RECESS**

President Rowe reopened her meeting.

Dir of State Chairman, Elaine Gabel announced her winner and runner-ups. From awards at the banquet.

Dir. Of Dist. President, Joni Dougherty was absent.

Dir of Aux. Presidents, Patsy Cole announced her winners from the banquet. Elaine Gabel, Jack St. John, Jackie Kirkland, Tammy Kunkle, Beverly Mize, Pam Smith. Captain of the team; Bunny Murray.

All of the SV President's family was present so a short recess was called for to get prepared for the installation.

Installing Officer was Sandy Germany and presented to the podium.

All to be installed were presented to altar.

President Rowe was presented her Past President's Pin as well as her guard. She thanked all for all they had done and will continue to do.

All officers present resumed their station and the meeting resumed as normal.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed according to the ritual.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Germany  
Dept. Secretary