

Ladies Auxiliary  
To the Royal Canadian Legion  
Alberta-NWT Command  
44th Biennial & 2nd Convention  
Calgary, Alberta  
June 8, 2024

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:12 AM by Immediate Past President Madame Margaret Koenig.
- II. Land Acknowledgment: Past President Madame Gloria Rogers.
- III. Statement of Equality: 2nd Vice-President Madame Jackie Hyshka.
- IV. Auxiliary Prayer: Madame Alice Graham - Padre for Kingsway Auxiliary.
- V. Additions to Agenda
  1. Membership Dues
  2. Sports
  3. Policy and Procedures
  4. Constitution
  5. LA excess Funds
  6. Combining Districts
  7. LA Forms
  8. Website
  9. Next Convention

Moved by District 4 Commander Madame Dana Cherniak and seconded by District Madam Lynda Bly to accept the agenda with additions.
- VI. Opening Remarks: Given by Madame President Susan MacAulay. Thanks to MP Gregg McLean for attending. Thanks to Command President Rosalind Larose for attending today. Thanks for the support of the membership over the past 2 years. Thanks to the Council for support.
- VII. Address of Welcome: AB-NWT Command Ladies Auxiliary President
- VIII. Introduction of Officers, Past Presidents, District Commanders and Guests
  1. 1st Vice-President Madame Barbara Burnett
  2. 2nd Vice-President Madame Jackie Hyshka
  3. Past Presidents
    - (1) Madame Gloria Rogers
    - (2) Madame Marlene Ferguson
    - (3) Madame Wendy Peavoy
  4. Honoured guests Royal Canadian Legion Alberta-NWT President Rosalind Larose and MP Gregg McLean
- IX. Chairpersons Remarks: Immediate Past President Madame Margaret Koenig.
- X. Call for Nominations for Co-Chairperson
  1. Madame President Susan MacAulay asked Madame Kelsea Bly if she would accept the position of Co-Chairperson. Madame Kelsea Bly accepted the position.
- XI. Remarks from Royal Canadian Legion Alberta-NWT Command President Larose.
- XII. Speakers - Honoured guests:

1. MP Mr Greg McLean Calgary Center. Welcoming remarks. The Royal Canadian Legion has part of Canada for 100 years. Thank you for all the work that has been done. DD Day Juno Beach June 6, 1944 with 381 dead and 715 wounded or taken prisoner in one day. We celebrate their courageous efforts and their bravery for our freedom. Their sacrifice should not be taken for granted. The Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion took on the task of caring for returning veterans and are still making sure that our veterans are never forgotten.
2. Alderman Chabot: Not in attendance.
3. AB-NWT Command

XIII.Resolution to the King: 1st Vice-President Madame Barbara Burnett.

XIV.Greetings:

1. District #5/9 Commander Madame Lori Graham: Welcoming remarks
2. LA President Forest Lawn #275 Madame Tracy Tanner: Introduced by Madame President Susan MacAulay. Madame Tracy Tanner thanked the ladies of #275 for their hard work. Thanks to all ladies for coming and hope all have a great weekend.

XV. Credential Report

1. 53 Voting delegates and 26 observers.

XVI.Nominations and Elections

1. 1st Call for Nominations
  - (1) Ladies Auxiliary Alberta-NWT Command President
    - i) Madame President Susan Macaulay nominated Madame Barbara Burnett.
  - (2) 1st Vice-President
    - i) Madame Wendy Peavoy nominated Madame Jackie Hyshka
  - (3) 2nd Vice-President
    - i) Madame Jackie Hyshka nominated Madame Janice Drader
    - ii) Madame President Susan MacAulay nominated Madame Lynda Bly

Nominations closed.

XVII.Recognition and acknowledgements:

1. Queen's Platinum Jubilee medal: In 2024, Madame Jackie Hyshka and Madame Barbara Burnett, received the Queen's Platinum medal.
2. Madame Noreen Farren traveled to Dominion for cribbage. Their team came in fourth.

XVIII.Credential Report 2:

1. 53 Voting delegates. 23 Observers

XIX.Announcements:

1. 2nd Vice-President Madame Jackie Hyshka and District 2 District Commander Madame Kim Earles received notice on May 30, 2024 that Madam eAldene Baskerville is to be awarded the Palm Leaf Award. The ceremony to recognize Madame Aldene Baskerville was conducted by 2nd Vice-President Madame Jackie Hyshka.
2. Note: The King's Coronation Medal is now available and can be applied for by Ladies Auxiliaries for deserving members.
3. Long serving certificates:
  - (1) Spruce Grove - 50 years
  - (2) Fort Saskatchewan - 75 years

- (3) Spirit River - 75 years
- (4) St Albert- 65 years
- (5) Stony Plain - 65 years
- (6) Oyen - 65 years
- (7) Sundre - 75 years
- (8) Bellevue - 90 years
- (9) Sylvan Lake - 75 years
- (10) Gibbons - 75 years
- (11) Evansburg - 75 years
- (12) Fort McLeod - 75 years
- (13) Vegreville - 80 years
- (14) Forest lawn - 55 years
- (15) Valley View - 60 years
- (16) Leduc - 55 years
- (17) Chapelhow (Calgary) - 55 years

XX. Resolutions Committee:

a) Resolution #1 **Eligibility for service as Command President.**

**WHEREAS** nominated candidates for President must be a member of an active, current Ladies Auxiliary to an Alberta Branch: and

**WHEREAS** nominated candidates for President are required to have communication and leadership skills in order to perform the duties and obligations of the position; and

**WHEREAS** nominated candidates for President are expected to have learned the required communication and leadership skills in their progression through serving as table officers;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that nominated candidates for Ladies Auxiliary Command President must have served at least one full term as a Command Table Officer of Alberta-NWT Ladies Auxiliary.

- i) This resolution is fully supported by the Full Council. Discussion and questions.
- ii) Moved by 2nd Vice-President Madam Jackie Hyshka and seconded Madam Sylvia Westgard that this resolution be accepted. 75 yea 1 nay. Carried. This resolution will be sent to Command.

b) Resolution #2 **Must give money to help support the Branch.**

**WHEREAS** Alberta Ladies Auxiliaries were created in order to support their Branches in any way necessary, including financially; and

**WHEREAS** Alberta Ladies Auxiliaries are normally very active in implementing successful activities that earn funds - funds held in the Ladies Auxiliary's bank account; and

**WHEREAS** the Ladies Auxiliary has little or no requirements to pay staff, pay for lottery prizes or for bake/white elephant/other sale goods, there is no need for a Ladies Auxiliary to have excess funds in the bank account;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that if a Branch should ask their Ladies Auxiliary for money for whatever reason, the Ladies Auxiliary are required to turn over that amount, unless the requested amount would leave less than the minimum amount of \$2000.00 in the Ladies Auxiliary bank account. The minimum amount would differ with prior mutual agreement of the Branch and the Ladies Auxiliary, and a previously documented in the By-laws.

- i) This resolution is fully supported by the Full Council. Discussion and questions.

- ii) A vote was held and the full membership determined that this resolution should be discarded, revisited and rewritten with different wording.
- c) Resolution #3 **Uniform Update**.

**WHEREAS** current uniform includes the navy beret as in Section 8.

**WHEREAS** in the event of appealing to younger members as well as updating the uniform

**WHEREAS** the bowler hat has a greater appeal to younger generations.

**WHEREAS** the following edits to the constitution have been proposed.

#### **CURRENT**

##### 8. UNIFORM

- (a) The Auxiliary uniform - white dress or white blouse and skirt (dress or blouse must have a collar), white ankle length straight legged slacks, white shoes, Kentucky bow tie, navy blazer with crest, **navy beret with crest**, white gloves and white shoes. **The beret to be worn with the crest over the left eye.** (Optional - small Auxiliary crest earrings.) Colour party should wear low heeled white shoes.
- (b) **Berets** will be worn during opening and closing ceremonies and Parades. Officer presiding at official functions, such as Installations and may also include those who are being installed; or at the call or the Senior Officiating Officer.
- (c) For official ceremonies and parades, all members of the colour party must wear all white skirts or all white slacks.
- (d) The summer dress code will be comprised of white dress, or white blouse and white skirt (dress or blouse must have a collar and sleeves), or white ankle length straight legged slacks, Kentucky bow tie, white shoes, and navy vest with L.A. crest (recognized vest sold by L.A. Command Office). The vest will have the Ladies' Auxiliary shirt crest on left hand breast. Optional: Small Auxiliary crest earrings. The Summer dress will be worn from the Victoria Day weekend through to the last day in September in accordance with climatic conditions. Summer dress should be worn on occasions where; in the opinion of the body issuing the invitation or instructions the wearing of summer dress would be appropriate. Summer dress is the same as for standard Ladies' Auxiliary dress except that blazers and **berets** are not worn. No shoulder badges or medals are to be worn.

#### **PROPOSED**

##### 8. UNIFORM

- (a) The Auxiliary uniform - white dress or white blouse and skirt (dress or blouse must have a collar), white ankle length straight legged slacks, white shoes, Kentucky bow tie, navy blazer with crest, **bowler hat with crest**, white gloves and white shoes,, white gloves and white shoes. **The bowler hat to be worn with the crest centred.** (Optional - small Auxiliary crest earrings.) Colour party should wear low heeled white shoes.
- (b) **Bowler hats** will be worn during opening and closing ceremonies and Parades. Officers presiding at official functions, such as Installations and may also include those who are being installed; or at the call or the Senior Officiating Officer.
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- i) Council does not support this resolution.
  - ii) Discussion and questions.
  - iii) A vote was held. This resolution was defeated.
- d) Resolution #4 **Indigenous Ribbon Skirts.**
- (a) Madame Gloria Rogers presented to the floor of the convention. See attached.
  - (b) Discussion and questions.
  - (c) Vote Nay - 41. Yea - 26. Resolution will not be passed.
- e) Due to controversy on the Indigenous Ribbon Skirts resolution this resolution will be voted on by secret ballot by voting delegates only.
- (a) 57 voting delegates 21 observers.
  - (b) Ballots collected. Yes - 19, No - 34, 1 spoiled ballot, 1 abstention with a total of 55 votes. Resolution defeated.
- f) Resolution #5 **Kentucky Bow Tie.**
- (a) See Convention Book pg 23.
  - (b) This does not follow the criteria for a resolution. This resolution cannot be brought forward at this convention. It was recommended to resend this resolution in two years.

#### XXI.Reports:

1. LA Command President: Madame President Susan MacAulay. See Convention Book.
2. 1st Vice-President: Madame Barbara Burnett. See Convention Book.
3. 2nd Vice-President: Madame Jackie Hyshka. See Convention Book.
4. Command Immediate Past President: Madame Margaret Koenig. See Convention Book.
5. District Commanders
  - (1) 1 - See Convention Book
  - (2) 2 - See Convention Book
  - (3) 3/4 - See Convention Book
  - (4) 5/9: Not in Convention Book. District Commander Madame Lori Graham read her report to the members present.
  - (5) 6 - See Convention Book
  - (6) 7 - See Convention Book
  - (7) 8: Not in Convention Book. District Commander Madame Noreen Farren read her report to the members present.

#### XXII.Nominations and Elections

1. 2nd Call for Nominations
    - (1) Ladies Auxiliary Alberta-NWT Command President: No more nominations
    - (2) 1st Vice President: No more nominations
    - (3) 2nd Vice President: No more nominations
- Nominations closed.

XXIII. General Business:

1. 2022 Financial Statement: Presented by Madame Barbara Burnett. See attached. There were 3 raffles held:
  - (1) #1:
    - (a) Prizes:
      - i) Quilt
      - ii) \$100.00
      - iii) \$50.00
    - (b) Income: \$2500.00
    - (c) Expenses: \$300.48
    - (d) Profit: \$2199.52
  - (2) #2:
    - (a) Prizes:
      - i) \$200.00
      - ii) \$100.00
      - iii) \$50.00
    - (b) Income: \$2300.00
    - (c) Expenses: \$350.00
    - (d) Profit: \$1950.00
  - (3) #3:
    - (a) Prizes:
      - i) \$300.00
      - ii) \$200.00
      - iii) \$100.00
    - (b) Income: \$2000.00
    - (c) Expenses: \$600.00
    - (d) Profit: \$1400.00
  - (4) Total raffle monies brought into Command was \$5549.52.
  - (5) Continue with this endeavour to help fund Command expenses.
2. 2023 Financial Statement: As presented.
3. Ladies' Auxiliary Future: Madame President Susan MacAulay. The number of members and Ladies Auxiliaries are decreasing in numbers. Some Ladies Auxiliaries are surrendering their charters while others are re-opening. We will readdress this issue in two years. Financially we are in a good position. We must remember to treat each other with respect and dignity. Discussion.
4. Membership Dues: Madame Barbara Burnett presented. The full Council has recommended keeping the per capita tax at \$20 and the free memberships for the first year. With the free membership program we have had 183 new members.

5. Sports:

- (1) The Full Council recommends to the members attending this convention that if a member plays sports at the Command level and under the Ladies Auxiliary card, the Ladies Auxiliary Command will cover cost of registration, 2 nights accommodation, and gas with receipts. If a member plays sports at the District level and under the Ladies Auxiliary card, the Ladies Auxiliary Command will cover the cost of registration.
  - (2) Moved by Madame Kim Earles and seconded by Madame Sylvia Westgard that Ladies Auxiliary Alberta-NWT Command pay for 2 nights accommodation, gas for trip, and registration with all receipts required when playing sports under the Ladies Auxiliary card. Discussion. Yeas - 77 Nays - 1. Carried.
  - (3) Moved by Madame Kim Earles and seconded by Madame Kelsey Bly that this last motion be reviewed in 2 years. Carried.
  - (4) District Commanders must attend sports if a Ladies Auxiliary member is playing.
6. Policy and Procedures: Madame Barbara Burnett presented. The Policy and Procedure Manual and the Constitution are being revised. It was recommended that Auxiliaries do not order any right now until new ones are printed. Those who received misprinted Policy and Procedure Manuals within the last year will be receiving new ones at no charge.
7. Constitution: See 6.Policy and Procedures.
8. LA Excess funds: See resolution number 2.
9. Combining Districts: Madame President Susan MacAulay presented. The reason for the combining of districts is the decreasing numbers. Districts to be combined are 1 and 7, 3 and 4, and 5 and 9. Districts remaining alone will be 2, 6, and 8. This will be reviewed in 2 years. Discussion.
10. LA Forms: All forms are being revised. Information will remain the same but be reformatted. A letter from Ladies Auxiliary Alberta-NWT Command will be sent to Madame Sherry Koenig and Madame Jackie Hyshka requesting that they revise and redesign the current forms.
11. Website: Madame Jackie Hyshka is looking into someone who can update the website. The full council suggested that the website needs to be updated but to wait on approval of the Constitution and the Policy and Procedure Manual.
12. Next Convention: This convention will be on the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion. Wetaskiwin Auxiliary volunteered for 2026.

XXIV.Nominations and Elections

1. 3rd Call for Nominations

- (1) Ladies Auxiliary Alberta-NWT Command President: No more nominations
- (2) 1st Vice President: No more nominations
- (3) 2nd Vice President: No more nominations

Nominations ceased.

XXV.Elections:

1. Madame Barbara Burnett acclaimed to Ladies Auxiliary Alberta-NWT President.
2. Madame Jackie Hyshka acclaimed to 1st Vice-President.
3. Madame Lynda Bly declined the nomination to 2nd Vice-President.
4. Madame Janice Drader acclaimed to 2nd Vice-President.

XXVI.Motion to Destroy Ballots: Moved by Madame Winnie Gjerde and seconded by Madame Kristie Gamble that all ballots be destroyed. Carried.

XXVII.Closing remarks by Madame President Susan MacAulay and Royal Canadian Legion Alberta-NWT President Rosalind Larose.

XXVIII.Meeting dismissed to reconvene Sunday June 9, 2024 at 9:00AM.

June 9, 2024

I. Auxiliary Prayer: Madame Alice Graham.

II. Madame Kim Earles:

1. Suggested to the members in attendance that volunteer hours be submitted to the Branch in order to facilitate grant applications.
2. Posters - judging of poster contests - make sure that all boxes are checked off, all applications completed correctly - so that all pieces can be accepted for the contest.

III. Statement of monies raised for at this convention: Madame Linda Avery -

1. Clothes donations: \$121.00.
2. Auction: \$1413.00.
3. Vests sold: \$1190.00.
4. Registrations: \$2225.00.
5. Donation from Grand Prairie Auxiliary: \$100.00

IV. Questions Box:

1. Why the cost of \$4000 for the sound system? The sound equipment must be brought into the venue, the person operating the sound system must be in attendance the entire conference, the company is local. This cost was lower than others quoted.
2. Why are there no minutes from 2022 convention. New council to deal with the issue of the secretary/treasurer not performing up to expectations.
3. What is the procedure to change hospital passes? This issue is not able to be addressed by the Ladies Auxiliary as it is the jurisdiction of the Royal Canadian Legion.
4. Page 23 of the Convention Book shows the tie as being burgundy/silver. Is this correct? The tie of the Ladies Auxiliary Alberta-NWT is blue/yellow.
5. Why are the Ladies Auxiliary and Branch conventions not together. We have separated our conventions. There has been nothing for Ladies Auxiliaries at these joint conventions. We are now getting more registrants. There had been higher costs when a joint convention had been held. The Ladies Auxiliary had no part in any decision making. There is the opportunity to attend both if dual membership is held.
6. Would it be possible to hold workshops in conjunction with convention? Yes.
7. Why are we still using the poppies at our memorials instead of the maple leaf? As the Ladies Auxiliary is part of the Royal Canadian Legion we are honouring, at these memorials, the Auxiliaries who lost members not individuals. When individual memorials are held, the maple leaf is used.
8. Will the free membership for the first year remain in place? Yes, as it has been found to be the best way to encourage new members.
9. The Constitution, when completed, will it have changes from the last convention? The Constitution will be updated.
10. Remembrance ceremony for all members who died with memorial cards at each convention.

V. Oldest and Youngest Members in Attendance:

1. Oldest Member in Attendance - Madame Alice Graham of the Kingsway Auxiliary #175. Presentation from Madam President Susan MacAulay.
2. Youngest Member in Attendance - Madame Kelsea Bly Lethbridge Auxiliary #4 - Presentation from Madam President Susan MacAulay.

VI. Most new members for 2022 and 2023: Plaques were presented to individual auxiliaries and name plates to be attached to the plaque in the Command office.

1. 2022 - Inuvik Auxiliary #220 - Accepted by Madame Wendy Peavoy
2. 2023 - Centennial Auxiliary #285 - Accepted by Madame Wanda Bellafontaine



VII. Presentation by Madame Gendelynn McCutcheon of Chocolate Flower Baskets gifted by Jubilee Legion Branch to Madame Celina Rowland of Westskiwin Auxiliary #86 and Madame Kelsea Bly of Lethbridge Auxiliary #6.

VIII. Installations:

1. The new District Commanders were piped into the assembly.

(1) District Commanders installed by Immediate Past President Madame Margaret Koenig:

- i) Madame Noreen Farren - District 8
- ii) Madame Lynda Bly - District 6
- iii) Madame Gwendelynn McCutcheon - District 3 and District 4
- iv) Madame Lori Graham - District 5 and District 9
- v) Madame Kim Earles - District 2
- vi) Madame Betty Giesbrecht - District 1 and District 7

2. The new Executive was piped into the assembly.

(1) Installed by Madame Margaret Koenig

- i) 1st Vice-President Madame Jackie Hyshka
- ii) Immediate Past President Madame Susan MacAulay
- iii) Madame President Barbara Burnett

3. 2nd Vice-President Madame Janice Drader, not in attendance, will be installed at Westskiwin Auxiliary at a later date.

IX. Presentation

X. Closing Remarks - Senior Executive Officers:

- 1. Thanks to all ladies from Madame Margaret Koenig and best wishes to the incoming executive.
- 2. Thanks to all ladies from Madame Susan MacAulay and best wishes to the incoming executive.
- 3. Thanks to all ladies in attendance from Madame President Barbara Burnett and thanks to the Forest Lawn Auxiliary for all of their hard work in bringing success to this convention.
- 4. Thanks to Comrade Dave Purdy for all his work during this convention
- 5. Madam Margaret Koenig thanked the photographer Comrade Dave Beattie for his work.

XI. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Madame Lynda Bly at 11:07 AM.

XII. Closing Ceremony

A. TD Canada Trust Branch #8068 for account numbers:

- i) 0864-0318618
- ii) 0864-5223486
- iii) 0864-5223494
- iv) 0864-5223389