

**MEMORANDUM FROM**  
**Stephanie Martin**  
**National Council Member, Area G**  
**2009 / 2011**

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March 24, 2010

This is a recap of the National Council of Administration Meeting held in Las Vegas, Nevada on March 20, 2010. Please note this is ONLY the Council Meeting – I am sure President Sue will be giving you all an update on the Director's workshop and other items that were addressed.

**DONATIONS** – The following donations have been made out of President Jan's discretionary fund:

- \$25,000 to Jackson Laboratories (Maine) in memory of Past Nat'l Pres. Fran Booth
- \$50,000 to Medical University of South Carolina's Hollings Cancer Center
- \$10,000 to Cherokee County Veterans' Day Organization
- \$5,000 to National Home (for 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bus Project)
- \$10,000 to Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund
- \$2,285 to New York Council of the Navy League and the USS New York
- \$5,000 to Veterans Victory Farm in New Hampshire
- \$2,500 to VFW to assist in catastrophe in Haiti
- \$500 to Frank Monteho, Denver, Colorado (a retired optometrist) to make glasses for veterans.
- \$50,000 to the Nevada Cancer Institute in memory of Past National President JoAnne Ott was made at the banquet March 20, 2010.
- \$5,000 to Florida Veterans Home

**NIGHT ON THE TOWN**

49 out of 51 Department Presidents (including our own President – SUE WELLS) were treated to an exciting evening in Las Vegas. I am sure a thorough report will be given by President Sue. The Night on the Town is part of the National Membership Program – a Department must be at 90% no later than December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**NATIONAL CONVENTION, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA August 20-26, 2010**

LAVFW Headquarters will be at the Hyatt Regency Indianapolis, One South Capitol Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana, (317) 632-1234. All hotels are very close to the convention center as well as a nearby mall. There are many shops and eating places along the route. If you don't want to walk through the connecting passages, you can take the buses that will be provided.

**45+ Members** – Luncheon to be held on Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Convention Center. If you plan on attending, you must get in touch with National before July 10, 2010.

**Monday** – National President Lunch 1:00 p.m. Convention Center. This is open to everyone - if you care to attend this luncheon, the cost is \$40 and all reservations must be received by National no later than July 10, 2010. Registration forms will be online and in the National magazine. If you are on the usual guest list (Dept. President, Council Member, Department Chairmen, Conference Chairmen, etc.) you **DO NOT** have to contact National; you will be receiving information via U.S. mail.

**Tuesday** – Patriotic Rally - this will be outdoors at the baseball field and is set to begin at 6:00 p.m. This year the National Commander In Chief has OK'd up to 15 people in every Department to march with their Commander and President.

**Wednesday** – All Conferences will be outdoors by the War Memorial. This is within walking distance of the hotels (about 6 blocks). This will be the last year for “All Conferences” – next year we will go back to each State having their own hospitality night.

**Thursday** – 2010/2011 National President – Cortina Barnes – all National officers will be installed. Thursday afternoon will be a joint reception

## **REPORTS**

Budget was presented by Past National President Sandy Germany – all in good order.

Advisory Committee (Standing Rules) was presented by Past National President Juanita Crow-Durbino – no change

Audit by BKD CPA's and Advisors was presented by Past National President Virginia Carmen – all in good order.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

National Council Member Mary Miller asked about the National Bylaws not being received in a timely. National President Jan stated that she would have Bob Green from the VFW look into this matter.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The National organization is at 95.98% in membership. There are 7 departments over 100%. This is the year we will make 100% - we must do it for our veterans, we must do it for our organization and we CAN do it.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Information was discussed on the \$3.50 life membership payout for 2008/2009. Actual cost is \$9.26 causing a \$5.76 difference in the negative. This has been made up with investments and other sources such as the Supply Department.

Once again, I am very proud to be representing the LAVFW members of the Dept. of California as National Council Member, Area G. If I can be of any help to you, please do not hesitate to call me at (760) 961-2460.

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