



American Legion Auxiliary

Fall Conference 2024 Spenard Unit 28

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26th, 2024

MINUTES

1130 – Welcome to Fall Conference (President Lori Fruhwirth)

Attending:

CALL TO ORDER President Lori Fruhwirth

OPENING CEREMONIES

Roll Call (Anarene Robinson via sign-in sheets)

ROLL CALL PRESENT

National Officers:

National Executive Committee Member Penny Mazonna

National Membership Chair April Sinclair

Department Officers:

President Lori Fruhwirth

1st Vice President Annette Gwalthney-Jones

2nd Vice President Nina Ketelson

Secretary Anarene Robinson

Treasurer Diana Estrada

Historian Charlene Martin Unit 29

Sgt. At Arms (not present. Chrystie Leigh filled in for her).

Executive Committee Member Brenda Fiddick

Executive Committee Erin Lamothe

Past Department Presidents Present

Anarene Robinson April Sinclair, Jane Larson, Lisa Williamson, Penny Mazonna, Sharon Cherrette, Sue Caswell

UNITS PRESENT

Jack Henry Unit 1, Joseph T. Craig Unit 3, Seward Unit 5, Merlin Elmer Palmer Unit 6,
Dorman H. Baker Unit 11, Unit 16, Kenai Unit 20, Spenard Unit 28, Muldoon Unit 29
Con Miller Unit 30, Peters Creek Unit 33, Chappie James Unit 34, Susitna Valley Unit 35,
C. Russell Huber Unit 57

National Convention 2026 Kentucky Sign-up was explained as to why we have to sign up so early.

Poppy Chair explained President Lori Fruhwirth's Poppy Program which is a poppy clock.

Department of Alaska Member of the Year Jena Artzen was presented with her National Certificate

Lunch 1200 to 1330 (12 – 1:30 pm)

1:30 President Reconvene at Post 28

Girls State Presentation from Department of Alaska National Citizens Anna Kardashyan and Hanna Nelsen shared their Girls State and Girl Nation experience.

Parliamentarian Updates – PNP, Department of Alaska Public Relations Chair Lisa Williamson presented a Parliamentarian training session.

National Membership Chair, PDP April Sinclair, and Department of Alaska 1st VP / Membership Chair Annette Gwalthney Jones presented a Membership ALAMIS Training.

2024 – 2025 National Focus reinvigorate our organization through membership, Service to Veterans and Impact Reporting documents were presented to each unit attending the Fall Conference.

Anarene Robinson moved and it was seconded and passed that the Secretary would complete the corrections necessary in red in our C&B documents so they may be posted online ASAP.

Secretary has presented a yearbook from Lisa Williamson with the request that we consider creating our own yearbook' Anarene Robinson moved, it was seconded and discussed which was passed that we would like to have a yearbook and she requested we turn in reports on April 1st instead of April 15th for this one-time test to see if we could create such a book each year to replace reading all the reports, but rather each unit receive a yearbook with all the reports in it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A special Thank you to Spenard Post 28, especially President Chrysti, for an incredible event, including wonderful meals.

- Dinner tonight and Halloween Party Spenard Post 28
- **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.**
- Department of Alaska Girls State/Board State meeting
- ALA Alaska Girls State Board Meeting
- Department Convention Update
- Event: 66th Silver Tea Location: Jack Henry Unit 1 Saturday, November 2, 2024
Time: 1:00 pm-4:00 pm Theme: Alice in Wonderland Tea Party

Adjourn