



**American Legion Auxiliary
Department of California
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From: Dee Ann Graham, Department President
To: Department Executive Committee (DEC)
Sub: CALL-IN FOR DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (DEC)

The Department Executive Committee will be held on Saturday, January 15, 2022, through Sunday; January 16, 2022, at the Long Beach Marriott Hotel, Long Beach, CA. The meeting will begin at 9:00 am each morning. Western Division National Vice President Toni Gimpel will be our most distinguished guest and keynote speaker.

Hotel Reservations can be made directly to the **Long Beach Marriott 1-562-425-5210** or go to the link on our website at www.calegionaux.org not later than December 28, 2021.

Those who are called to this meeting are the following: Department President, Department Vice President, Department Secretary/Treasurer, Department Junior Past President, Department Past National President, District Presidents and Department Chairmen of all standing committees, Members of the Department Finance Committee, Department Parliamentarian, and the Girl State Director, (Article VII).

The members who are called at the request of the Department President are: Department Sergeant-at-Arms, Department Asst. Sgt-at-Arms, Department Historian, Department Musician, Department Chaplain, Department Advisory Committee, Department Distinguished Guest Chairman, Pages, Department Resolution Chairman, Junior Conference Director, Members of the Personnel Committee, Members of the Tax Team and Members of the Membership Support Team. These members are eligible to a voice but no vote at this meeting.

Members called to this meeting will be allowed travel expenses as authorized in the Department Bylaws, Article V. The enclosed expense sheet must be completed and mailed to reach the department Office no later than December 17, 2021, to ensure that your expense check will be ready at the close of business on Sunday, January 16, 2022. The Department will calculate the mileage.

Everyone is asked to please check-in at the registration desk that will be available in the foyer at the meeting rooms of the Long Beach Marriott on Thursday 2-4 pm and 7-9 pm; Friday from 8-11 am, and 5-7 pm; and Saturday 7-8:30 am.

All other members are invited and strongly encouraged to attend. This is a great time to hear from all of the Department Surf City businesses and the great accomplishments of our California Surfer Girls.

The Past Department Presidents, our “Bettys”, are most welcome to attend and offer their expertise and knowledge to the members.

Department Officers and Chairmen: It is requested that you prepare 15 typewritten copies of your oral report that you will give at the Executive Meeting. Keep your report brief but informative. You will be given **three** minutes only. Please check in with the Department Secretary and me upon your arrival. There will be a sign indicating where our rooms are located.

We are having an informational **Surf City Boardwalk Program Fair** featuring our Board Room and Surf City Businesses. The Surf City Businesses may provide materials for handouts. The addresses of resource materials for each respective program are given on the National website: www.alaforveterans.org . Check with the Department Office first to see if they have any of the brochures that you may need. Please bring your codes and information pertaining to Department and National awards that are available. If you have any questions, please contact our Department Secretary, Liz Doidge at 415-861-5092.

District Presidents: You are expected to attend this very important meeting. If you cannot attend, your District First Vice President may serve in your absence. You must also notify the Department Secretary, Liz Doidge if you are not attending and give the name of the person who will be assuming your responsibilities. Please prepare a very short report on your District's accomplishments, goals, and status of your units. All District Presidents or her representative must check in with the Department President.

I will be available Thursday 5-8 pm and Friday 8:30-11am, and 4-5pm. Please be prepared to report on any Units that you have on probation or those that are having issues. If you are placing a Unit on probation, please be prepared to offer an explanation. Hopefully there will be no requests to surrender any charters. All District Presidents are requested to turn in monies from the sale of the president's pins. Please continue to sell the remaining pins until convention. All District Presidents are invited to attend a continental breakfast on Sunday, January 16, 2022, at 7:30 am in my suite.

MPMC will be available on Thursday from 2-4 for any district representative with Sharepoint access to ask questions specifically about Sharepoint.

Hospital Representatives: You will be expected to attend the meeting with the Department Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation Chairman, Glenda Schultz, on Friday, January 14, 2022, 9 am. Glenda will send details to you regarding this meeting. Although you are only called for this one-day meeting, you are invited to stay for the entire session at your expense. Deputies (who are not representing their absent Hospital Representative) are welcome to attend the meeting at their own expense. You will all be the guests of the Department for a luncheon on Friday. Please be sure that you make your reservations for lunch in advance with the VA & R Chairman, Glenda Schultz, by December 13, 2021. A limited number of rooms have been blocked for Thursday arrivals.

Candidates for Department Office will be presented at this meeting. Each candidate should have someone simply announce her candidacy. There will be no speeches.

The Finance Committee will be available to meet with you on Friday, January 14, 2022. Please contact Chairman Linda Workman in advance so that she can schedule an appointment for you.

To the Entire Membership: On Friday, January 14, 2022, from 2-4 pm. Everyone is invited to stroll on the boardwalk of “**SURF CITY.**” Our program chairman will present you with the latest news and brochures. It a great opportunity for ALL members to meet our Surf City business (Department Chairmen) and the Board Room (Department Officers)

Membership Payoff Party: Friday evening 7:30-9:30 pm **Surfing Competition Commissioner,** Susan Baker, will be hosting this party in a designated meeting room at the Long Beach Marriott.

The Membership Support Team will be in attendance and ready to assist Susan. The Surfing Committee of judges will announce the “**TOP SURFER**” awards plus drawings for Units who reached **GOAL** by **December 31, 2021**, did I say **FUN!**

Banquet: A Banquet will be held with a Luau theme on Saturday, January 15, 2022. The flyer has been included with menu options. Please complete and return as instructed. Please adhere to all deadlines! I am looking forward to seeing all of you and re-connecting at our Mid Year Meeting.

“Catch the Wave”

Service to our Veterans Continues

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