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Transmittal  
October 2011

Department Executive Committee

“Rodeo”

January 14 – 15, 2012

Invitation/Call to DEC Meeting

Lodging – Courtyard by Marriott Oxnard

Special Event Schedule

Department Training Friday 1/13/12 – Oxnard Post 48

Mid Year Rodeo Luncheon – At the Marriott

Mid Year Rodeo Dinner – At Oxnard Post 48

Travel Expense Form for DEC Members – These forms must be completed and returned to the Department Office by January 2, 2012. These reimbursement checks will be given out on Sunday January 15, 2012. Travel Expense Forms received after January 2, 2012 will be mailed out after January 18, 2012.

American Legion Auxiliary  Department of California

To: Members of the Department Executive Committee

From: Linda Fercho, Territorial Governor (AKA Department President)  
(805) 890-4602 **NEW E-mail: [lindafercho1@gmail.com](mailto:lindafercho1@gmail.com) (just added the #1)**

Re: Your Invitation to come to the California Territorial Seat – Ft. Friendly.  
For the best **“Rodeo”** in the Territory. (AKA Department Executive Committee Meeting)

The Department Executive Committee meeting **“Rodeo”** will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2012 through Sunday, January 15, 2012 at the Courtyard By Marriott Oxnard, California. The meeting will begin at 8:30am each morning. Western Division Vice President Carmen Metzger from the Department of Idaho, has been invited to be our honored guest and keynote speaker. See “Wanted Poster” for events to be held on Friday, January 13, 2010.

**Those that are called to this meeting are:** Dept. President, Dept. Vice-President, Junior Past Department President, Past National President of the Department of California, Dept. Secretary/Treasurer, District Presidents, Department Chairman of Standing Committees, Members of the Dept. Finance Committee, Dept. Parliamentarian, Girls State Director and Junior Conference Director. The Secretary/Treasurer and Parliamentarian shall be a non-voting member of the Executive Committee and a voting member of the Department Convention. (2007) (Article VII)

**Those members that are called at the request of the Department President are:**

Department: Sgt-at-Arms and Marshall, Historian, Musician, Chaplain, Advisory Committee, Distinguished Guest Chairman and Resolutions Chairman. These members are entitled to a voice but no vote at this meeting.

**All other members are invited and highly encouraged to attend.** This is a great time to hear from the Professionals (Department Chairmen) in the town of Ft. Friendly, Territory of California. They will be going over their Professions and let us all in on what great things are to come in the remainder of the year.

**Members call to this meeting will be allowed expenses as authorized in the Department Bylaws, Article V.** Expense sheets must be completed and mailed to reach the Department Office no later than December 20, 2011 to ensure that you will receive your expense check at the close of business on Sunday, January 15, 2011. These forms, if not enclosed, can be found on the Department of California website under forms/Finance. The Department Office will calculate the mileage allowance.

As always the **“Saloon Girls”** (aka Past Department Presidents) are most welcome to attend and offer their years of experience and knowledge to the members.

**Department “Professionals” (Officers and Chairman):** It is requested you prepare (15) typewritten copies of the oral report that you will be giving at the “Rodeo”. **Please send a copy of this to me, The Governor, no later than December 27, 2011 (E-Mail: [lindafercho1@gmail.com](mailto:lindafercho1@gmail.com) (new)).** Reports should contain information about your designated Profession (program) goals for the remainder of the year and should be brief while being informative. **Remember 3 minutes only.** Please check in with the Department Secretary/Treasurer and myself upon your arrival. **Also, on Saturday** please plan for a program display. You will be given a portion of a table that will be around the perimeter of the room to display information, pamphlets, flyers, etc. about your program that the members can collect and take back to their Units. There will be no opportunity drawings during the “Rodeo”, except ones that I have approved.

**District “Rodeo Queens” (AKA Presidents):** You are expected to attend this very important meeting. If you cannot attend, your District “Rodeo Princesses” (aka First Vice-Presidents) can serve in your absence. If you are unable to attend, you must let the Department Secretary/Treasurer know immediately that you will not be attending and provide her with the name of the person who will be assuming your responsibilities. Please prepare a short 1 minute report on your District accomplishments and goals. **Please send a copy of your oral report to me, Territorial Governor, no later than December 27, 2011 (E-Mail: [lindaferchol@gmail.com](mailto:lindaferchol@gmail.com) (new)).** All “Rodeo Queens” (or your representative) must check in with me, the Territorial Governor. I will be available Friday: 9:30am-11:30am at the Marriott Hotel and 2:00pm-5:00pm at Oxnard Post 48. These times and locations are subject to change so check your packets when you register.

**Hospital Representatives:** You will be expected to attend the meeting with the Department Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R) Chairman Anita Biggs, at the Courtyard Marriott on Friday, January 13, 2012 at 11:30am. Anita will send meeting details to you. Although you are only called for this one-day meeting, you are graciously invited to stay for the entire session at your own expense. Deputies (who are not representing their absent Hospital Representative) are also welcome to attend either of the meetings at their own expense. You will all be the welcome guest of the Department for a luncheon on that Friday. Please be sure that you make your reservations for lunch in advance to the VA&R Chairman Anita Biggs, [acjbiggs@aol.com](mailto:acjbiggs@aol.com) or phone (323) 547-3729 **no later than December 15, 2011.** A limited number of rooms have been blocked off for Thursday arrivals. Please use the enclosed Hotel reservation information to book your room directly with the hotel.

**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 13, 2011. Please let Chairman Susie Tozier [stozier1@yahoo.com](mailto:stozier1@yahoo.com) know in advance so that she can schedule an appointment for you.

**Hotel Reservations** please be sure that you contact the Courtyard Marriott (800) 321-2211 and ask for the “American Legion Auxiliary Mid Year Meeting 2012” rate or “ALA group code. [www.oxnardcourtyard.com](http://www.oxnardcourtyard.com). Guest Rooms are available at \$104.00 per night plus 11.57% Hotel Tax. This includes breakfast for 4, additional guest breakfast \$10.95 each. A limited number of rooms have been set aside as a courtesy block and does not guarantee availability. Please reserve your room by December 30, 2011 to secure the special group rate. Hotel is located at 600 East Esplanade Drive, Oxnard (805) 988-3600.

**Transportation** please email me, The Governor – [lindaferchol@gmail.com](mailto:lindaferchol@gmail.com), your itinerary and we will be working to see if we can provide some affordable shuttles from LAX or Burbank Airport, as well as the local railroad station, to the Hotel.

The Department is putting on a **Luncheon** at the Marriott Hotel on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> (see the attached flyer). We are encouraging everyone to stay and participate. We have arranged a fantastic lunch right in the meeting room that we are using for the “Rodeo” and have scheduled some fantastic entertainment for you. The Hotel does not have a restaurant open for lunch or dinner just breakfast so have lunch with us.

We have enclosed a flyer with **events** that will be happening on Friday, January 13 both at the Marriott Hotel and at Oxnard Post 48. Also a flyer is enclosed for the Mid Year “Rodeo” **Dinner** at Oxnard Post 48 on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.



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