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7 CALL TO ORDER  
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9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: This convention  
10 session is now reconvened. I request everyone to have  
11 their cell phones turned off. I hope mine is off. Or  
12 there's another option. Keep your phones on so we can  
13 make a lot of money. Okay. We are ready to begin.

14 At this time Alice Christensen, our Team Spirit  
15 Department Chaplain, will offer the invocation.  
16

17 INVOCATION  
18

19 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: Let us pray. Father, as  
20 this meeting opens, grant our leaders the knowledge that  
21 we as members are thankful for their leadership. The many  
22 hours spent in preparation for various reports and  
23 activities throughout the year we all are appreciative.  
24 As we move towards a better tomorrow in all that we do,  
25 have done, and will continue to do, we ask your blessing.  
26 Guide us as you have in the past toward a better tomorrow.  
27 For our youth, our elders, military, community, family, we  
28 ask this prayer in thy holy name. Amen.

29 ALL PRESENT: Amen.

30 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: May we observe a  
31 moment of silence for our loved ones that have gone on to  
32 be with our heavenly father. Thank you.

33 The Department Americanism Chairman Diane Moreno  
34 will lead us in the pledge of allegiance.  
35

36 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
37

38 ALL PRESENT: I pledge allegiance to the flag of  
39 the United States of America and to the republic for which  
40 it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty  
41 and Justice for all.

42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Please remain  
43 standing as the Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal, with the  
44 Distinguished Guest Chairman, would you please escort one  
45 of our beloved Dream Girls, Past Department President  
46 Mildred Braquet from the years 1972-1973.

47 (Processional.)

48 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you, Mildred.  
49 So nice to see.

50 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BRAQUET: It was nice

1 to be here to see all of you.

2 (Processional.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It is a pleasure to  
4 have Mildred with us this weekend. I would like to  
5 acknowledge some national representatives that are also in  
6 the room that I didn't see yesterday. The National  
7 American Legion Auxiliary Scrapbook Chairman from District  
8 29, Kendall Madsen. Please stand up.

9 (Applause.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Also our own Linda  
11 Workman and Sherry Schneider are National Pages to the  
12 National President. Give them a round of applause.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Also we have more  
15 appointments from our National President. We have  
16 National Pages Val Hardy from District 26 and Tammy  
17 Sollazzo.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I will be calling on  
20 three chairmen at a time, so when I do call you, please be  
21 at the stage and ready to give your reports. I know what  
22 it says in the program, but that does not mean that's the  
23 order of the reporting. We had to move some things  
24 around. So please be sure to have sent notes to the  
25 recipients of your awards so that they are present at the  
26 right of the stage when you give your report.

27 Recipients, when you receive your awards, please  
28 stay at the right of the stage so that an individual or  
29 group photos may be taken over here. Remember to be as  
30 quiet as possible so that everyone can hear the reports  
31 for the following chairmen. Importantly, as I have said  
32 before, you can either keep your cell phones on if you  
33 want to get us some money or turn them off so you won't  
34 disrupt this convention.

35 Our Rules Chairman, Belen Telford will now read  
36 the convention rules. No, we're not going to do that  
37 because you know why? I crossed it out.

38 Before I go to the Rules, the Department  
39 Secretary Ruby Kapsalis -- where did she go? She will  
40 call the roll call of officers, chairmen, and district  
41 presidents. I got so excited about Mildred.

42 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good  
43 morning.

44 ALL PRESENT: Good morning.

45 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madam  
46 Department President -- Madam Department President, may I  
47 before I start the roll, may I have everyone give a warm  
48 welcome to Karen Andasola who is our court reporter.

49 (Applause.)

50 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I guess

1 we're not in court, but she's our reporter so that we have  
2 history of all that happens at this convention. And I  
3 thank her for being here.

4  
5 ROLL CALL

6  
7 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Department  
8 President Anita Biggs?

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Here.

10 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Department  
11 Vice President Harriet Clendenin?

12 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Good  
13 morning, Ruby.

14 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Acting --  
15 key word, Acting -- Secretary/Treasurer Ruby Kapsalis?  
16 (Applause.)

17 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: NEC Woman  
18 Terry Mikesell?

19 NEC WOMAN MIKESELL: She's here.

20 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Chaplain  
21 Alice Christensen?

22 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: Present.

23 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Historian  
24 Linda Diebel?

25 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: Here.

26 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
27 Parliamentarian Diane DeLashmit?

28 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: (Blows whistle.)

29 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Musician  
30 Joyce Patton?

31 MUSICIAN PATTON: Present.

32 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
33 Sergeant-at-Arms Cherie Galvan?

34 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS GALVAN: Present.

35 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Marshal  
36 Taadhimeka Stovall?

37 MARSHAL STOVALL: Here.

38 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Finance  
39 Committee Chairman Kathie Martinez?

40 FINANCE CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Good morning.

41 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good  
42 morning, Kathie. I met her at 5:30 this morning. Finance  
43 Committee Senior Member Geri Fitzpatrick?

44 FINANCE SENIOR MEMBER FITZPATRICK: Still here.

45 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Finance  
46 Chairman Junior Member Kathryn Doran?

47 FINANCE JUNIOR MEMBER DORAN: Looking at numbers.

48 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Looking at  
49 numbers. She's probably tired of looking at numbers by  
50 now. Advisory Chairman Madeline Lee?

1           ADVISORY CHAIRMAN LEE: Here.  
2           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Advisory  
3 Committee Member Odette Cuccaro?  
4           ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER CUCCARO: Here.  
5           ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER BURKE: And number two  
6 is here.  
7           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And Willie  
8 is here. Okay. We don't have any past national  
9 presidents yet. She's still got to fulfill her duty, but  
10 next -- soon we'll add her to the list. But we welcome  
11 you, Nancy, home.  
12           NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Thank you.  
13           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
14 Americanism, Diana Moreno?  
15           AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN MORENO: Present.  
16           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Auxiliary  
17 Emergency Fund, Dona Enright?  
18           AEF CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: Shooting rockets for our  
19 members.  
20           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yeah, I  
21 remember those rockets from DEC. Children & Youth, Sherry  
22 Schneider?  
23           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Excused.  
24           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Did I hear  
25 Sherry?  
26           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Excused. She'll be  
27 back.  
28           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Oh,  
29 excused. Community Service Joan Cannon?  
30           COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CANNON: Present and  
31 still rocking and rolling for our veterans. Come and get  
32 your wristbands for \$2. It all goes to Anita's special  
33 project.  
34           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right.  
35 Constitutional & Bylaws Harriet Clendenin?  
36           CONSTITUTIONAL & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN CLENDENIN: I'm  
37 here still.  
38           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Convention  
39 Theresa Jacob?  
40           CONVENTION CHAIRMAN JACOB: Here.  
41           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Convention  
42 Commission Melanie Taylor?  
43           CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Good  
44 morning, Ruby.  
45           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good  
46 morning. Credentials Liz Doidge? She's probably over  
47 there working hard in the registration area.  
48           Distinguished Guest Linda Workman?  
49           DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Bouncing  
50 the balls.

1           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Oh, what  
2 was that? Editor Estella Avina?  
3           EDITOR AVINA: Hear ye! Hear ye! Read all about  
4 it.  
5           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Education  
6 Michelle Soares?  
7           EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: Educating and ready  
8 to report. Can't wait.  
9           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Elections  
10 Carol Fuqua?  
11           ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN FUQUA: My vote is for ALA.  
12           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right.  
13 Mine is too. Girls State Linda Hayes?  
14           GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: I just made that  
15 hoop.  
16           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: She just  
17 made a hoop. Girls State Director Valerie Hardy?  
18           GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR HARDY: Are you from Girls  
19 State?  
20           ALL PRESENT: Yeah, yeah.  
21           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Junior  
22 Activities Stacey Smith?  
23           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Excused. She'll be  
24 here tomorrow.  
25           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Junior  
26 Conference Director Jackie Cleveland?  
27           JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR CLEVELAND: Present.  
28           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Leadership  
29 Wendy O'Brien?  
30           LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN: I'm here.  
31           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Legislative  
32 Terry Mikesell?  
33           LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: She's still here.  
34           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Membership  
35 Gloria Williams?  
36           MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Good morning,  
37 Ruby.  
38           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good  
39 morning, Gloria. National Security Loretta Marsh?  
40           NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN MARSH: We're secure.  
41           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Past  
42 Presidents' Parley Pilar Reyes? Pilar, I know you're  
43 here.  
44           MS. CAPAZZI: She's here. She's talking.  
45           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Tattletale.  
46 Tattletale. Poppy Alzora Carter?  
47           POPPY CHAIRMAN CARTER: Here.  
48           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Public  
49 Relations Tami Bell?  
50           PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BELL: I'm here.

1           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Resolutions  
2 Margaret Quinones?  
3           RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN QUINONES: I'm here.  
4           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I know  
5 you're here. There you are. I see it. Rules Belen  
6 Telford? Belen, I know you're here.  
7           RULES CHAIRMAN TELFORD: Here.  
8           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: There she  
9 is. She's standing up. Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation  
10 Susie Tozier?  
11           VA&R CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Here.  
12           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Ways &  
13 Means Chris De La Rosa?  
14           WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN DE LA ROSA: Here.  
15           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District  
16 Presidents. District 1, Pat Lindley?  
17           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Excused.  
18           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 2,  
19 Barbara Dailey?  
20           DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT DAILEY: Nothing but net.  
21           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Nothing but the net.  
22           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 3,  
23 Lola Ramey?  
24           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I'm sorry, Ruby.  
25 Can you go back to District 1. Is Marialice Clanclini  
26 here? Okay. I don't see anything. Okay. Go ahead.  
27           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 3,  
28 Lola Ramey? Lola was here yesterday.  
29           DISTRICT 3 PRESIDENT RAMEY: I'm here.  
30           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Oh, there  
31 you are. Okay. District 4, Laura Dowden?  
32           DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT DOWDEN: We're here.  
33           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 5,  
34 Wenonah Angier?  
35           DISTRICT 5: Good morning everyone from District  
36 5.  
37           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 6,  
38 Glenda Schultz?  
39           DISTRICT 6: Here we are.  
40           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Number one  
41 front row. District 7, Janie Bandera?  
42           DISTRICT 7: (Whistle blows.)  
43           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Did they  
44 make the basket, Madam President?  
45           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I think they made a  
46 foul. They're already committing fouls.  
47           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 8,  
48 Tammy Manini?  
49           DISTRICT 8 PRESIDENT MANINI: Here.  
50           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 9,



1 Wendelin Geltz? And I believe --  
2 ACTING DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: I'm here.  
3 Wendelin Geltz is here.  
4 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.  
5 That's Dolly Rios sitting in for Wendelin.  
6 I'm sorry, Karen. I'll give you a copy of my  
7 roll call. That's my first strike. District 10, Susan  
8 Peters?  
9 DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT PETERS: Here.  
10 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District  
11 11, Beverly Villines?  
12 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT VILLINES: We are here.  
13 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District  
14 12, Lisa Stuart?  
15 DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT STUART: Here.  
16 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District  
17 13, Mary Hidalgo?  
18 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT HIDALGO: Here.  
19 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District  
20 14, Sandra Urban?  
21 DISTRICT 14: Who let the dogs out?  
22 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Well, I  
23 know they're awake. District 15, Karen Herrera?  
24 DISTRICT 15 PRESIDENT HERRERA: Present.  
25 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District  
26 16, Connie Biggers?  
27 DISTRICT 16: American Eagles, proud and true.  
28 Shooting hoops is what we do. Sweet 16 says hello to you.  
29 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District  
30 18, Laura Bradshaw sitting in for Judy Forrest?  
31 DISTRICT 18: We are proud to be the Auxiliary  
32 and we honor the veterans we serve. [Inaudible] is our  
33 name. Service is our game. We'll give you the help you  
34 deserve. We'll be shooting hoops for our gallant troops  
35 and we will play until we win the game. We are winners  
36 all the times we call. We are the daughters of Auxiliary.  
37 (Applause.)  
38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you.  
39 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District  
40 19, Tammy Sollazzo?  
41 DISTRICT 19: Good morning. [Inaudible].  
42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you.  
43 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District  
44 20, Kathy Goslin?  
45 DISTRICT 20: Good morning, Madam President.  
46 We're small in a group, but we're shooting the hoop.  
47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All right. Good  
48 morning.  
49 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District  
50 21, Jennifer Bieger?

1 DISTRICT 21: Good morning. We are the tigers,  
2 District 21 mighty, mighty tigers.  
3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Good morning.  
4 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District  
5 22, Karen Bobren?  
6 DISTRICT 22: Good morning. Slam dunk.  
7 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District  
8 23, Sharon Moore?  
9 DISTRICT 23: Madam President Anita, it's been a  
10 hoop of a year running the court volunteering for our vets  
11 who we hold dear. Now we're at the finals, a few more  
12 hoops to go. We wish you a great convention. Now go on  
13 and win the show.  
14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Hoops.  
15 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District  
16 24, Rebecca Stewart and Ruth Hackney sitting in for  
17 Rebecca?  
18 DISTRICT 24: Good morning, good morning.  
19 Clippers slept the whole night through. Good morning,  
20 Anita, did you?  
21 (Applause.)  
22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, I did.  
23 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District  
24 25, Debbie Fletcher?  
25 DISTRICT 25: We played your game of basketball  
26 and had a lot of fun. You were a great commissioner and  
27 now your year is done. Good morning, Madam President  
28 Anita.  
29 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Good morning.  
30 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District  
31 26, Louann Johnston?  
32 DISTRICT 26: Good morning.  
33 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: There you  
34 are. District 27, Vella Myers?  
35 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT MYERS: Good morning, Madam  
36 President.  
37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Good morning.  
38 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District  
39 28, Robin Falkenberg?  
40 DISTRICT 28: Good morning, Madam Commissioner.  
41 There's nothing hotter than an otter.  
42 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And I'm one  
43 of those hot otters. I love that saying. I'm nothing  
44 hotter than an otter.  
45 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Me too. Me too.  
46 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.  
47 District 29 Cheryl Neiffer?  
48 DISTRICT 29: Good morning, Madam President.  
49 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District  
50 30, Kim Vincent?

1 DISTRICT 30 PRESIDENT VINCENT: Present.  
2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Good morning.  
3 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Hospital  
4 reps. Fort Miley, Lorraine Sullivan? Sacramento, Wendy  
5 O'Brien?  
6 HOSPITAL REP O'BRIEN: Still here.  
7 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Fresno,  
8 Toni Lopez? Palo Alto, Pat Klang?  
9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: She's in registration.  
10 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Livermore,  
11 Ruth Briggs?  
12 HOSPITAL REP BRIGGS: Good morning.  
13 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good  
14 morning, Ruth. San Diego, Lois Cornish?  
15 HOSPITAL REP CORNISH: I'm here.  
16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You're still here.  
17 Jerry L. Pettis, Mavis Kanka? Mavis.  
18 HOSPITAL REP KANKA: Here.  
19 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: So there  
20 you are. Okay. You know, they say the first thing to go  
21 is the hearing and mine is on its way. Long Beach, Pat  
22 Alvarez?  
23 HOSPITAL REP ALVAREZ: Good morning, Ruby.  
24 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good  
25 morning. Greater LA, Earlean Paige?  
26 HOSPITAL REP PAIGE: Good morning.  
27 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good  
28 morning. Nevada, Mary Lou Warner? Barstow, Angie Costa?  
29 Veterans home Chula Vista, Lois?  
30 HOSPITAL REP CORNISH: Still here.  
31 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Fresno,  
32 Rosalie Taylor?  
33 HOSPITAL REP TAYLOR: Fresno is here and strong.  
34 (Applause.)  
35 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Lancaster,  
36 Linda Hayes?  
37 HOSPITAL REP HAYES: Present.  
38 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Redding,  
39 Terry Mikesell?  
40 HOSPITAL REP MIKESELL: (Blows whistle.)  
41 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Are you  
42 using Diane's whistle?  
43 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Yes, she is.  
44 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Ventura,  
45 Madeline Lee.  
46 HOSPITAL REP LEE: Oh, here.  
47 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: West LA,  
48 Ruth Hackney?  
49 HOSPITAL REP HACKNEY: Here.  
50 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And

1 Yountville, Peggy Grabski?

2 HOSPITAL REP GRABSKI: Here.

3 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I think  
4 that concludes it, Madam President.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you very much.  
6 At this time our Rules Chairman, Belen Telford, will now  
7 read the convention rules.

8  
9 CONVENTION RULES

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11 RULES CHAIRMAN TELFORD: Good morning, everyone.  
12 Good morning, Madam President.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Good morning, Belen.

14 RULES CHAIRMAN TELFORD: At this time I will  
15 present the convention rules. Your convention rules can  
16 be found on page 11 of the report.

17 Number 1: All meetings of the convention shall  
18 be called to order at the designated time or as soon  
19 thereafter as a quorum is present.

20 Number 2: A quorum shall exist when one-third of  
21 the units in good standing are partially or wholly  
22 represented by duly elected delegates or alternate.  
23 Article IV, Section 3, Department Constitution.

24 Number 3: The audience shall remain seated until  
25 the business of the convention. The Department President  
26 shall designate certain doors to accommodate the delegates  
27 who find it is necessary to enter or leave the convention  
28 hall during the reports of the committee or when a speaker  
29 has the floor. Cell phones must be turned off or in  
30 vibrate mode.

31 Number 4: The chairman may deviate from the  
32 printed program when necessary or expedient.

33 Number 5: The Credentials Chairman shall report  
34 registration as directed by the Chair.

35 Number 6: The registration of delegates and  
36 alternates shall close at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, June 21st,  
37 2014.

38 7: Only qualified delegates shall have voice and  
39 vote.

40 8: It shall be the responsibility of the  
41 district president to see that only accredited delegates  
42 and alternates serving as delegates are seated in their  
43 district delegation during the business meeting of the  
44 convention.

45 9: If a delegate expected to be absent from the  
46 convention, except for purpose of attending a committee  
47 meeting, she shall relinquish her delegate card to her  
48 alternate. The alternate shall then take her seat in the  
49 voting section. In the event the delegate does not have  
50 the opportunity of reporting to the district president it

1 shall become the duty of the chairman of the unit  
2 delegation to report to the district president the absence  
3 of the delegate and the presence of the alternate or the  
4 absence of both the delegate and the alternate.

5 Number 10: A delegate voting the privilege of  
6 the floor shall rise, address the Chair as Madam  
7 President, give her name, unit, district name -- numbers,  
8 excuse me, pause, and wait to be recognized by the Chair.

9 11: A member speaking in debate on a question  
10 shall be limited to three minutes. No one shall speak  
11 more than twice on the same question without consent of  
12 the assembly.

13 12: Delegates attending called committee  
14 meetings shall be notified when the convention is  
15 considering and voting upon adoption of any changes in  
16 policy or matters affecting finance.

17 13: Reports of committees which do not appear to  
18 be controversial in nature may be adopted by general  
19 consent if there is no objection. If there is objection,  
20 a vote shall be taken. Following the acceptance of a  
21 report of a committee, recommendation or resolving may be  
22 presented for consideration and adoption.

23 14: Any committee whose proposed changes in the  
24 policy might conflict with that of the American Legion  
25 shall confer with the American Legion before presenting  
26 said change to the convention.

27 15: A committee recommending an appropriation of  
28 funds for any purpose shall consult with the Department  
29 Finance Committee before presenting the recommendation or  
30 resolving to the convention.

31 16: All resolves to be presented to the  
32 convention shall be in triplicate and properly signed.

33 Number 17: Committees may amend resolving and  
34 recommendation referring to them before favorable  
35 reporting the same. Resolving or recommendation rejected  
36 by a committee shall be marked rejected, signed by the  
37 chairman of the committee, and returned to the department  
38 resolving chairman immediately following the committee  
39 meeting.

40 18: A unit, district, or member presenting a  
41 resolving or recommendation shall have the privilege of  
42 explaining the same to the committee to which it was  
43 referred.

44 19: Committee shall report to the convention all  
45 resolves properly submitted and accepted by a majority of  
46 the convention committee.

47 20: A resolved rejected by a committee may be  
48 brought before the convention by a two-thirds vote.

49 21: Emergency resolving which may arise during  
50 the convention or after the date for submitting resolving

1 may be presented no later than noon of second day of the  
2 convention. Article IV, Section 4b, Department  
3 Constitution.

4 22: Nomination of officers, junior member of  
5 finance, department delegates and alternates to the  
6 national convention shall be held Friday afternoon, June  
7 20th, 2014.

8 23: Endorsement of candidates for national  
9 office shall follow nominations.

10 24: Nomination speeches shall be limited to  
11 three minutes. Here shall be no seconding speeches.

12 25: Election of department officers, junior  
13 member of finance, national candidate, department  
14 delegates, and alternates to the national convention shall  
15 be held on Saturday morning, July 21st, 2014.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: June.

17 RULES CHAIRMAN TELFORD: June. Thank you. 26:  
18 The doors of the convention hall shall be closed during  
19 the entire election procedure and no one shall leave or  
20 enter the hall until the Chair states that election is  
21 concluded. The exception to this shall be that in an  
22 emergency, a member may leave, and if her absence affects  
23 the voting strength, the district president shall  
24 immediately notify the presiding officer.

25 27: When there is but one nominee for all  
26 department officers and but one nominee for junior member  
27 of finance, the nominees shall be elected vice-a-versa.  
28 Article V, Section 3, Department Constitution. Upon roll  
29 call, the district president shall report the number of  
30 units partially or wholly represented by duly elected  
31 delegates or alternates present in the delegation at the  
32 time of roll call. This is to determine that there is a  
33 quorum of units present at the time of the election.

34 28, when there is more than one nominee for the  
35 department officer, junior member of finance, or  
36 endorsement for national office, election shall be by  
37 written ballot. The district president shall, when they  
38 are instructed by the Chair, take a roll call of their  
39 respective delegations and alternate. The wholly  
40 voting -- totally voting strength of their district for  
41 the election reporting the same to Chair.

42 29: When there are three or more nominees for  
43 the office, junior member of office, or endorsement of  
44 national office, unless one nominee receives a majority  
45 note on the first ballot, the nominee receiving the lowest  
46 number of votes shall be automatic dropped before  
47 proceeding with the next ballot.

48 30: When there is a candidate or candidates for  
49 endorsement for the national office, a majority vote shall  
50 be by ballot. Constitution Article V, Section 13.

1           31: Each district president and department  
2 member of election committee shall distribute and collect  
3 the votes casted by the district delegation and deliver  
4 them to the department chairman of elections.

5           32: Department officers, chairmen, committee  
6 members and past department presidents shall vote with  
7 their representative district.

8           33: Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote,  
9 the vote of an absent unit is not represented by the  
10 alternate shall be casted by the majority of the delegate  
11 from the unit. When two delegates represented three  
12 votes, the chairman of the unit delegation shall cast the  
13 third vote.

14           34: A majority of the votes cast shall elect,  
15 except that in the election of national delegates and  
16 alternates, a plurality shall elect.

17           35: These convention rules may be amended during  
18 the convention by two-thirds vote.

19           36: Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised,  
20 shall be the parliamentary authority on all points not  
21 covered by these rules, the department constitution and  
22 bylaws and the convention mandates.

23           Madam Department President, this concludes the  
24 reading of the convention rules. I move that the  
25 convention rules be considered as read and be adopted as a  
26 whole.

27           DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Second.

28           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It has been moved  
29 and seconded that the rules be accepted seriatim and  
30 adopted as a whole. Is there any discussion?

31           (No response.)

32           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All those in favor  
33 say aye.

34           ALL PRESENT: Aye.

35           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Those opposed say  
36 no.

37           (No response.)

38           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Motion carried.  
39 Thank you, Belen. Great job.

40           (Applause.)

41           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You can give her a  
42 round of applause. At this time I will designate the  
43 doors for entering and exiting the hall as these doors on  
44 the sides, unless there is an emergency and you need to  
45 leave from the rear. But these doors are designated for  
46 exiting and those for entering. The bathrooms are located  
47 on my left and to the right when you exit the door.  
48 They're right there to the right.

49           At this time we will have the Constitution &  
50 Bylaws Chairman Harriet Clendenin.

1           CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN CLENDENIN: Good  
2 morning. We have an emergency before us and this is going  
3 to be the first. Article III -- I'm sorry. Article V,  
4 Section 13 now reads: Endorsement for national office.  
5 All members seeking national office shall be endorsed at a  
6 department convention by a majority vote not more than two  
7 years prior to the date they are to be a candidate for  
8 office. Votes shall be by ballot.

9           If adopted the change will be: Endorsement for  
10 national office. All members seeking national office  
11 shall be endorsed at a department convention by a majority  
12 vote not more than two years prior to the date they are to  
13 be a candidate for office. Vote shall be by viva voce  
14 unless there is more than one candidate. Then election  
15 shall be by ballot. Thank you.

16           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. This is  
17 the first reading of an emergency resolution and it will  
18 be read again tomorrow morning. You will be voting on it  
19 at that time to change the constitution. So did you all  
20 hear and understand what Harriet read?

21           AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Yes.

22           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. The vote  
23 is tomorrow. We're going to move on. Will the Vice  
24 President Harriet Clendenin please assume the Chair so I  
25 can give my report. I will be giving my report as the  
26 Alternate NEC as well as my Department President's report.

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28           ALTERNATE NEC WOMAN REPORT

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30           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Good morning. You  
31 all look wonderful out there. Kind of spread out, but you  
32 look fabulous.

33           It was my honor -- this is my Alternate NEC or  
34 National Executive Committee report. It was my honor to  
35 represent California at the Washington D.C. conference due  
36 to the illness of our NEC Woman Terry Mikesell. Once in  
37 Washington D.C., the spirit of our service is immediately  
38 felt. The National Executive Committee approved the  
39 ambitious five-year centennial strategic plan with five  
40 goals.

41           The vision is by 2019, the American Legion  
42 Auxiliary's million members will be making a difference  
43 for veterans and their families in every neighborhood.

44           (Applause.)

45           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I will tell you the  
46 five goals. Goal 1: Attain a million members by our  
47 100th Anniversary, 2019-2020 year. Goal 2: Create an  
48 internal culture of goodwill. Goal 3: Develop leadership  
49 at all levels. Goal 4: Strengthen department and units.  
50 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.



1 The strategies associated with each goal can be  
2 found at the national website [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org). You  
3 will be hearing much more about this plan and how  
4 important you are to meeting these goals.

5 There were many outstanding presentations,  
6 workshops, and events which included meeting the author of  
7 "Dinner With the Smileys," a beautiful military family,  
8 mother and three sons, who hosted a different person for  
9 dinner each week at their home while Mr. Smiley was  
10 deployed.

11 The highlight of the DC conference was the flash  
12 mob performed by over one hundred members at the Lincoln  
13 Memorial. The surprised look on the tourists' faces was  
14 priceless as they joined in, saluted, and even cried when  
15 we were all joined on the steps singing patriotic songs.  
16 If you missed it, you can still find the video on the  
17 YouTube and the national website. The YouTube. That  
18 sounds so old, huh? YouTube.

19 Thank you to Linda Workman and Sherry Schneider  
20 for sharing your room with me. And a very, very special  
21 thank you to our National President Nancy for all of your  
22 graciousness, hospitality and outstanding leadership.  
23 This concludes my report. Thank you.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. Now the long  
26 report. Exhausting long. I'm not kidding. Because I  
27 want you to know what I did this year. I can't see all of  
28 you because -- I think that's a speaker. I want that  
29 moved.

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31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT REPORT  
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33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: This is the report  
34 of the President. The last six months have been exciting  
35 and some of the most enjoyable times of my life. After a  
36 lively midyear DEC meeting in Long Beach, I was off to the  
37 28th District. I made my way to beautiful Carmel and the  
38 hotter than an otter group of ladies made sure my stay was  
39 wonderful. Thank you, 28.

40 I then made my way to the 24th District Clippers  
41 at Pacific Palisades where I was presented with a  
42 basketball from the post commander, great donations to our  
43 special project, and outstanding hospitality.

44 I then had the pleasure of attending the Chapel  
45 of Four Chaplains memorial ceremony in San Francisco. I  
46 became enamored with our Department Membership Clerk  
47 Janeen who took the time out of her busy Saturday in the  
48 pouring rain to pick me up from the airport. We then met  
49 with bookkeeper Imelda for lunch and a tour of her home.  
50 After lunch, Janeen and I made our way to the magnificent

1 cathedral and the reception hosted by District 10. Janeen  
2 even had a big huge welcome basket of snacks for me that I  
3 really couldn't eat, but what a wonderful day.

4 As some say, there's no rest for the weary. It  
5 was on the 27th District and a fun-filled weekend. I was  
6 invited to their Valentine's Day party along with Mr.  
7 Biggs. Well, he wasn't feeling well so I made the trip on  
8 my own and that was a good thing. You see, I was  
9 serenaded by some guitar-playing gentleman. I don't  
10 remember his name, but, you know, he was playing the  
11 guitar for me and it was very nice. So that was good that  
12 Mr. Biggs wasn't there to see that.

13 The district meeting the next day was a  
14 basketball treat full of outstanding reports, and Linda  
15 will show you what I gave her that they gave me I think  
16 tomorrow during the parade. So you'll get to see them.  
17 I'm not going to say what they are, but you'll know when  
18 you see them. I insisted I had to pass these on to Linda  
19 Workman. Okay? Because she asked for them at midyear.  
20 Anybody who was at midyear will remember what they are.

21 The next day I was off to the Elegant 18th  
22 District and an evening of great reports and amazing  
23 gifts. A couple weeks later I was off to the 14th  
24 District accompanied by the referee Diane in Kerman. We  
25 had a wonderful time having lunch with the Legion and  
26 Auxiliary members followed by an informative meeting.  
27 Diane and I then went on the official visit in Culver City  
28 that evening and we had a wonderful time.

29 The next morning I was off to Hemet to visit the  
30 21st District. What a great day. The reports and  
31 hospitality were outstanding. I had the pleasure of  
32 meeting members from the new Temecula Unit 852. Are they  
33 in here? Unit 852. Give them a great round of applause.

34 (Applause.)

35 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: And a young lady by  
36 the name of Kelly Donnell who recently moved from North  
37 Carolina and transferred to that unit. I also had the  
38 pleasure of meeting J.R., also known as Tinman, and his  
39 wife Dawn. J.R. started Vets Day Out Project, also known  
40 as VDO. Along with other legionnaires at their post, they  
41 have made it their mission to bring hospitalized and  
42 ambulatory veterans to planned outdoor events. They are  
43 actually quite amazing.

44 The next week it was on to the 29th District  
45 which was held in wonderful Seal Beach right next to Long  
46 Beach. Yes, these ladies are -- I got lost, but -- Tammy  
47 Sollazzo can tell you I got lost. These ladies are  
48 from -- I got lost right up the street. There was  
49 construction. Okay. These ladies at Seal Beach are  
50 phenomenal. You don't see them until you go to Seal

1 Beach, but they are great. They embraced the basketball  
2 theme with uniquely beautiful decorations. There were two  
3 female veteran guest speakers. Both had been homeless and  
4 now work at the Long Beach VA Pier Center.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Their stories were  
7 so inspiring, I offered them both a gift membership in the  
8 Auxiliary. I am happy to say they both agreed and now  
9 they belong to Los Alamitos Unit 716. Thank you, Tami  
10 Bell.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: The next week I was  
13 in my back yard visiting the noisy 19th.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: At the Lakewood  
16 Post, which is actually in Long Beach. Okay. I don't get  
17 lost going there. These Hoosier Starfish put on such a  
18 wonderful dinner, meeting, and the District 19  
19 Globetrotters, which you guys seen yesterday, led by Post  
20 Commander Bill Miller, they were a slam dunk all the way.  
21 And the difference from that time and this time was I was  
22 actually in the game. Not blocking shots, but making  
23 dunks.

24 Okay. The end of the month had me travel to  
25 Ceres to visit the District 12. Unit member Elizabeth --  
26 is she here? Is Elizabeth here? Her name is Elizabeth  
27 from District 12. Yeah, there she is. That's my friend.  
28 Hi, Elizabeth. Her mom -- her and her mom were the most  
29 gracious hosts picking me up at the airport, allowing me  
30 to stay in their beautiful home where I was able to see  
31 Elizabeth's creative pin work. She made this poppy  
32 corsage I'm wearing right now. She makes felt poppies, a  
33 lot of them in all different colors and all different  
34 sizes and kind. And she sells them at a craft fair at her  
35 unit. There was such a wide assortment I just had to buy  
36 a few of them. Thank you, Elizabeth.

37 The meeting the next day was very nice and I had  
38 the pleasure of meeting the ladies who are forming a new  
39 unit in Los Banos. Are they here today? No. Okay.  
40 Well, we'll get to see them soon. I look forward to  
41 seeing their progress because they're a very dedicated  
42 group.

43 The next weekend the Teamin' 23rd District hosted  
44 an outstanding homecoming for me. What a day. There were  
45 many surprises, performances, and such a wonderful  
46 outpouring of love. Thank you, Sparks. Love you guys.

47 (Applause.)

48 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I was looking  
49 forward with great excitement to visit District 22.  
50 Unfortunately there was a last-minute conflict of dates

1 and I had to travel to National Headquarters. I want to  
2 thank Vice President of Operations Harriet for stepping in  
3 and delivering my message to the district. I thought I  
4 was going to have to fight her, I mean, actually  
5 physically fight her and Past Department President Terry  
6 for my special autographed basketball I got from the  
7 Harlem Globetrotters. They wanted to keep it. But cooler  
8 heads prevailed. Harriet gave me the ball at Junior  
9 Conference and I gave Harriet a consolation thank you  
10 gift. I hate to think of fighting, you know, but I had to  
11 have that ball.

12 Next up, junior conference. No lions, no tigers,  
13 but bears, oh, my. Yes, we had a scary bear sighting and  
14 a mouse. But the mouse ran across the stage. Okay. And  
15 as Susie Tozier said, "I never saw you jump so high."  
16 Well, although we were in the mountains, we were really  
17 scared of that bear. The junior conference was very well  
18 done with an increase of 14 new junior members which is  
19 fantastic.

20 (Applause.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It was a very  
22 informative fun weekend and the senior members put on a  
23 very spirited poppy fashion show. Then it was off to the  
24 Veep's fundraiser, but first that morning I attended the  
25 Sons of the American Legion super membership making  
26 conference. You all say that; right? That's a lot of  
27 words. They shared some new exciting ways to develop a  
28 membership program. Mr. Biggs, he did get to go on this  
29 trip. We traveled to Bakersfield and we enjoyed a  
30 beautiful evening, even though I did not win any baskets.  
31 Sue Hooker, where are you? I win everything. But Harriet  
32 felt sorry for me and gave me a wonderful centerpiece.  
33 Thank you, Harriet.

34 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: You're  
35 welcome.

36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: The next morning it  
37 was off to Terra Bella for their district meeting, a  
38 somber memorial service, and election of new officers. I  
39 had the pleasure of meeting members from the new Unit 711.

40 (Applause.)

41 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yay! Just love  
42 those numbers and I know the ladies will do a great job.  
43 Memorial Day I was invited to take part in their parade of  
44 plants as they had a heartwarming ceremony honoring the  
45 fallen in the City of Inglewood. That evening it was my  
46 honor to install a new unit, Chinatown Unit 628. And in  
47 one fell swoop, the 17th District has been reborn.

48 (Applause.)

49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We now have 30  
50 districts again, so get ready for that. 17th district is

1 back, all you chairmen that are coming in. If you ever  
2 get the opportunity to go to a meeting or an installation  
3 at the Golden Dragon Restaurant, jump at the chance and go  
4 on an empty stomach. I believe there were eight or nine  
5 courses. Each were so good. Needless to say, we ate a  
6 lot. I want to thank the new president Rachel Yee and our  
7 past first lady Yoko Crooks for the honor of this historic  
8 occasion.

9 With the assistance and organizing of our Past  
10 Department President, my friend Terry Mikesell, I was able  
11 to visit District 4 and 2. Thank you, Terry. Terry drove  
12 an astounding number of miles. Thousands of miles. Was  
13 it thousands or hundreds?

14 NEC CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Hundreds.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It seemed like  
16 thousands. Hundreds of miles and she wouldn't even let me  
17 drive. Picking me up at the Sacramento airport and  
18 driving to Willow where we had lunch with the ladies of  
19 District 4. We had a wonderful time discussing new ways  
20 to work programs and bringing in more members. That  
21 afternoon Terry and I rolled into Weed.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: National president  
24 Nancy knows what I'm talking about. She's done that.  
25 That's right. There's a town called Weed. Where you at,  
26 Weed? Hey, there they go. That was another historic  
27 event as this was the first time Henry Tucker Unit 565  
28 hosted a district meeting. I can't thank them enough. It  
29 was a wonderful way to end my district visit. They held a  
30 moving memorial service and elected new district officers.  
31 Thank you so much. I really enjoyed myself.

32 Throughout these six months I visited the VA  
33 medical centers. The tours are eye opening and we asked  
34 what more can we do? Although there are recent sad  
35 developments within the VA system with veterans not  
36 getting appointments in a reasonable amount of time, once  
37 in the facility, the care in California appears to be  
38 top-notch. But the investigation will prove the truth. I  
39 know our team therapists and hospital volunteers are  
40 providing the best service to our veterans.

41 (Applause.)

42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I have learned  
43 throughout my travels this year that California Auxiliary  
44 members have and always will be at the forefront of  
45 service to our veterans. You are by far the best there is  
46 and it is my prayer that we continue growing, search out  
47 those members, check on them, help them, and keep working  
48 on those renewals. Membership never stops. Let us keep  
49 membership as our main objective as we continue helping  
50 and serving veterans.

1 Thank you so much for a wonderful year full of  
2 unforgettable memories. This concludes my report.

3 (Applause.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. Thank  
5 you, Harriet. That's why I put theirs on the small font  
6 and front and back. I think it was one double sided.  
7 Because if you saw it on six pages long, you would have  
8 lost your mind.

9 NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: We can't read  
10 this.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I know. That's why  
12 I did that way. We will now have the report of the  
13 National Executive Committee Member Terry Mikesell.

14 (Applause.)

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16 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT

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18 NEC CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Ladies, you've heard of a  
19 short and sweet report? This one is going to be short and  
20 sweet. Thank you to Past -- no. Excuse me, Anita. The  
21 current Department President Anita Biggs for attending the  
22 NEC in my place that I wasn't able to attend. Madam  
23 President, that concludes my report.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You told me you had  
26 more to say. That's it? Okay. Well, thank you, Terry,  
27 for letting me have all your time. I appreciate it.

28 Okay. We will now have the reports of the  
29 department officers. So will all officers not already on  
30 the stage please come up quietly and be ready to give your  
31 report. This is just a reminder to all the officers and  
32 chairmen. All reports excluding Americanism, Education,  
33 Membership, Children & Youth, Poppy, Resolutions, and  
34 Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation per the department  
35 policy code are to be limited to five minutes. This  
36 includes your committee report, supplemental, and first  
37 place award presentations. So you will be timed. Who's  
38 going to be timing them? Harriet. The Gong Show.

39 So we'll start off with our vice president of  
40 operations, Harriet Clendenin.

41 (Applause.)

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43 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

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45 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Good  
46 morning, Madam President, distinguished guests, and  
47 members. The second half of this year seemed to go even  
48 faster than the first half. Standing in for President  
49 Anita at Past Department Commander Dan Hetherington's  
50 funeral was bitter-sweet. An honor to stand in, but such

1 a sad occasion to be at the funeral of a very close friend  
2 of mine and mentor to my husband.

3 Then came the request to visit District 22.  
4 Karen and the rest of her team were gracious and  
5 welcoming, and as some of you may recall, Madam  
6 President's gift was the topic of much discussion on  
7 Facebook. Past Department President Terry and Pilar both  
8 had something to say about that very cool gift, but in the  
9 end, I did give it into your hands.

10 Next came junior conference. What a fabulous  
11 time we had being entertained by over 50 juniors. Things  
12 went well for the most part except, of course, seeing the  
13 bear. Ladies, can you imagine what seven women sound like  
14 when they are all screaming at the same time? My ears are  
15 still ringing, although I have to admit I was one of the  
16 seven.

17 Despite that adventure, installing the junior  
18 officers was an honor. Our next honorary junior  
19 president, Maya Novicki from District 24 will do great  
20 things next year and make us all proud.

21 Besides junior conference, in April I attended  
22 Madam President's homecoming. It was nice to be  
23 comfortable in casual clothes, although I didn't even own  
24 any basketball shirts. There were many friends I was able  
25 to visit with, and as they say, a good time was had by  
26 all.

27 In May the trip to Indianapolis where I had the  
28 privilege of meeting many outstanding women from across  
29 the country. Our national leadership team is made up of  
30 very dedicated members who have a vision for the future  
31 and at the same time honoring our history.

32 All in all it was a busy but exciting second half  
33 of the year and I want to thank everyone for this  
34 opportunity to represent the Department of California  
35 shooting H.O.O.P.S. and honoring our opportunity to  
36 provide services to our veterans. Thank you. That  
37 concludes my remarks.

38 (Applause.)

39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Great job. Thank  
40 you, Harriet. Next up, our Secretary/Treasurer Ruby  
41 Kapsalis.

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43 ACTING DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

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45 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madam  
46 Department President, it has been an honor and a privilege  
47 to serve as the Department Acting Secretary/Treasurer for  
48 the past nine months. It has not only been interesting,  
49 but a learning and eye-opening experience. I want  
50 everyone to know that during these past nine months, I now

1 have earned a new nickname, not only by the Legion staff,  
2 but from the hotel where I stayed, and that is Ruby  
3 Tuesday. That's because I arrived on Tuesday and left on  
4 Thursday.

5 On behalf of the staff, Mel Cruz, bookkeeper, and  
6 Janeen Thomas, membership clerk, and myself, I want to  
7 thank all of our members for their outstanding patience  
8 and understanding throughout this transition period. You  
9 are truly an extraordinary group of ladies providing  
10 extraordinary services to our organization and always a  
11 pleasure to work with.

12 As the district presidents serve as the link  
13 between department and our units, I want to commend each  
14 one of them for going above and beyond for answering the  
15 call when their services were required throughout the  
16 year. Thank you for an outstanding job well done.

17 We continue to look for ways to improve our  
18 services to our members and the department and I am very  
19 pleased to report that the office is running very smoothly  
20 with nothing falling behind schedule.

21 (Applause.)

22 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And a big  
23 thanks to a conscientious staff, Mel and Janeen,  
24 membership is now being received and posted within two  
25 days of receipt.

26 (Applause.)

27 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And all  
28 checks are deposited the same week they are received.

29 (Applause.)

30 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: A special  
31 thanks to Terry Mikesell for volunteering and doing a  
32 tremendous job assisting Janeen posting and keeping  
33 membership current. I am sure glad she likes to do it  
34 because I don't know what we would have done without her.

35 Another volunteer I would be remiss if I didn't  
36 mention, the one I owe a deep debt of gratitude to is my  
37 husband, Art, who is always there keeping the information  
38 on the website current and up-to-date. His understanding,  
39 patience, and being a husband without a wife for three  
40 days each week for nine months, never, never complaining  
41 has been phenomenal and greatly appreciated.

42 (Applause.)

43 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Everyone  
44 probably has noticed that the membership on the website is  
45 now being updated and will continue being updated weekly  
46 every Wednesday morning. And he gets up at 3:00 o'clock  
47 in the morning so it will be there when you wake up.

48 (Applause.)

49 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And the  
50 nice thing about this the is Department has -- it's not --



1 we don't have to do anything. It's being downloaded  
2 directly from the National ALAMIS database, so it saves us  
3 a lot of work.

4 We are so fortunate to have such dedicated  
5 volunteers always willing to step up to the plate to do  
6 what they can do for our organization. And Pilar Reyes  
7 exemplifies and sets the example for others to emulate.  
8 Thank you, Pilar.

9 (Applause.)

10 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: It didn't  
11 matter when or why she was needed. She was always there.  
12 Last but not least and by no means -- last but not least  
13 by any means, my deepest appreciation to the American  
14 Legion staff for their help and specially Sarah Etzel for  
15 all of her computer assistance she provided during the  
16 transition.

17 Speaking of the American Legion, I want to  
18 publicly thank them for allowing the Auxiliary to share in  
19 the profits from the sweepstakes program they oversee and  
20 also thank Past Department President Margie Shank who had  
21 the insight and worked this deal out with the Legion. We  
22 received a total of \$9,902 this year to help offset the  
23 expenses of our general fund operating expenses.

24 (Applause.)

25 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: This is our  
26 best fundraising income and I want to encourage all of our  
27 members to participate and buy the tickets when they  
28 receive them. Actually, two sweepstake programs are held,  
29 one in the summer and one in the winter. The more money  
30 earned, the more receipts received for the Auxiliary. And  
31 not only that, our members have a great opportunity to win  
32 some good cash prizes as well. A win/win situation for  
33 all concerned.

34 I'm told California leads the nation in the  
35 number of units who have signed up to the National ALA  
36 Management Information System, better known to many as  
37 ALAMIS or live unit formerly called Test Units. And I've  
38 told this story to a few people, but I have to tell you  
39 when I first got in the office in September, units would  
40 call in and I would -- they were asking questions, and  
41 immediately I would say do you realize if you were a live  
42 unit that you could go to the ALAMIS database and find out  
43 this information. Well, I don't know, she may be in the  
44 room. I don't know who I was talking to, but I said,  
45 "Well, are you a live unit?" And she responded, "Well, of  
46 course we're alive."

47 (Applause.)

48 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: So in  
49 future phone calls I had to -- every time I would start  
50 asking if they were live, and I would have to rethink what

1 I was saying. A test unit or something.

2 Okay. Ninety-five out of 274 units in California  
3 are signed up. This is one of the best membership tools a  
4 unit can have because not only does it allow the unit to  
5 keep track of their membership, they can pull paid and  
6 unpaid membership rosters for the current and past year.  
7 They can export the information into an Excel worksheet  
8 and use it as a database to create letters, mailing  
9 labels, and make address or name changes themselves rather  
10 than sending in a member data form. I have to tell you a  
11 fun -- oh, I already told you that story. That's one of  
12 the funniest stories.

13 This upcoming year all donations to National  
14 Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Spirit of Youth, National  
15 President's Special Project or National President's  
16 Scholarships will be sent directly from the unit to  
17 national with a copy of the report form only. The checks  
18 and a form go -- you will mail it directly to national.  
19 This is a new way of doing business which will alleviate  
20 work for the department office and still allow the  
21 department to keep track of how much our members are  
22 donating to those programs.

23 Along the same note, the department is reducing  
24 the number of donation forms back down to one form for  
25 donations to department.

26 (Applause.)

27 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: We hope  
28 that this change will not only improve our way of doing  
29 business, but will eliminate a lot of confusion and cut  
30 down on the amount of paperwork that our units, districts,  
31 and department have to keep track of. We are always  
32 looking for easier and more efficient ways to operate and  
33 welcome suggestions from all members.

34 Financial aspect of our operations is not where  
35 I'd like it to be yet, but is a work in progress and I  
36 believe we will reach all milestones during the upcoming  
37 year. Madam Department President, \$20,000 was moved from  
38 the general fund checking into a business high-yield  
39 savings account and combined with the \$7,000 that was  
40 previously invested in a CD when the account was opened  
41 and not earning very much interest. We not only get a  
42 better interest rate, but these funds automatically serve  
43 as a backup protection preventing overdrafts and we can  
44 withdraw or add money without any penalties.

45 (Applause.)

46 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: It has been  
47 a real pleasure working with the finance committee this  
48 year and thank them for their patience and understanding  
49 when we were unable to provide reports in a timely manner.  
50 Kathryn Doran was instrumental in getting our accounts

1 cleared up and always willing to step up to the plate to  
2 help. Thank you, Kathryn. Another instance where I don't  
3 know what we would have done without you.

4 (Applause.)

5 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And I have  
6 to tell you, Wells Fargo they have this young gentleman at  
7 our -- we have an account for Wells Fargo for our general  
8 fund. And he is calling me out or sending me emails all  
9 the time. He knows we have money over at US Bank and he  
10 wants us to move it over to his bank. But he's so cute.  
11 He says the more money we put in, the more interest you'll  
12 make.

13 Most of you already met Cassie Mikesell who is  
14 taking care of the department office this year and another  
15 one I don't know what I would do without. If you haven't  
16 already guessed, Cassie is Terry's daughter-in-law and  
17 member of Unit 197 in District 2. I want to publicly  
18 thank her for being here and accepting the job. It's a  
19 job she is very familiar and done a few times before, so  
20 if you need anything, stop by the office and she'll take  
21 good care of you.

22 With your permission, I would like to shoot three  
23 more hoops before I conclude. 2015 membership cards are  
24 here and can be picked up by incoming district presidents  
25 to distribute to the units in her district in the  
26 department office. And if you picked up -- I understand  
27 that several units have already picked up some membership  
28 cards. If you picked your cards up before today, there  
29 were no blank cards in there. You'll need to go to the  
30 office to get some blanks. Okay?

31 The national delegate and alternate packets are  
32 also in the office at the Hyatt -- or no, in the office,  
33 and those can be picked up after elections on Saturday.  
34 All of the 2014 Dream Team needs to ensure they turn in  
35 their procedure books flash drives and get a receipt from  
36 Cassie before they pick up their mileage checks on Sunday.  
37 2015 officers and chairmen need to make sure they pick up  
38 their procedure books no later than Sunday at close of  
39 convention.

40 Madam Department President, thank you for your  
41 vote of confidence and putting your trust in me to carry  
42 out the responsibilities of this position and I hope that  
43 together we have exceeded the expectations in meeting the  
44 needs of our department and its members. And this  
45 concludes my report.

46 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Absolutely.

47 (Applause.)

48 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Oh, my goodness. I  
49 just heard some disparaging news. We did send an email  
50 out. Did anyone bring in membership and transmittals? We

1 offered that. Did anyone get the message? Oh, you did.  
2 Oh, good. We will really -- I think, 23, did you bring  
3 memberships? Okay. I'm getting ready to go see the  
4 Legion. I think they're beating us in membership. Oh,  
5 no. I don't want to be dressing up as Wilt Chamberlain.  
6 He's going to forget my part of the challenge. If I have  
7 any membership on transmittals with the money attached,  
8 please see Ruby. Okay? And if you have any membership  
9 that you know you can transmit, I think we have this  
10 transmittal. If you have the money, see Ruby.

11 At this time I would request that our Vice  
12 President Harriet Clendenin assume the Chair. I will be  
13 going to visit the Legion, and I'll be right back. Thank  
14 you.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: And I'm taking our  
17 National President with me. Thank you.

18 (Processional.)

19 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: We're going  
20 to have the reports of the Chaplain, the Musician, and the  
21 Historian. Could you please come to the stage. And let's  
22 start with the Chaplain, the Team Spirit.

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24 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN REPORT

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26 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: Madam President, the  
27 convention committee on chaplains, for God and Country,  
28 met on June 19th, 2014 in Room 211 of the Santa Clara  
29 Convention Center, Santa Clara, California. The  
30 statistical report of this chairman appears on page 14 of  
31 the Book of Reports. What is lacking there is the number  
32 of units to report; however, I have enough problems with  
33 trying to keep track of 29 districts, let alone 274 units.  
34 So therefore, when you turn to your district report, page  
35 14, cross out units and write in districts 26 reporting.

36 Arlene Barton was appointed secretary from  
37 District 25, Delores Ryan offered prayer from District 15,  
38 and Megan Bell was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms from  
39 District 30. A total of 22 district delegates answered  
40 roll call. There were five visitors present.

41 The committee agreed upon the following report:  
42 The code was read and there were no changes. Certificates  
43 of 100 percent reporting were awarded to 18 district  
44 chaplains, 26 districts reporting. Certificates of  
45 appreciation were presented to each district chaplain for  
46 their year's service as well as a personal thank you card  
47 from this Department Chaplain.

48 Second and third place awards were presented in  
49 committee. A complete listing will be posted in the  
50 office at the end of this report.

1 Various documents were reviewed and  
2 recommendations will be forwarded to the department. This  
3 completes the report of the Chaplain's committee meeting.  
4 By direction of the committee, I move the adoption of this  
5 report.

6 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you.  
7 (Applause.)

8 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: With your permission,  
9 Madam President, may I continue with first place awards  
10 and a short supplemental report?

11 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Yes you  
12 may.

13 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: Thank you. In the  
14 category most cards for various occasions, first place  
15 goes to District No. 10, District Chaplain Emily Magwill  
16 and District 22, District Chaplain Amy Gemmell.

17 (Applause.)

18 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: In the unit category for  
19 most cards, was Unit 258, District 22, Eleanor Flocken.

20 (Applause.)

21 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: The Chapel of Four  
22 Chaplains Largest Donation goes to District 10, Emily  
23 Magwill and District 22, District Chaplain Amy Gemmell.

24 (Applause.)

25 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: And in the unit category,  
26 District 4, Unit 88, Josephine Whitmore.

27 (Applause.)

28 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: And you may hold your  
29 applause because there are many second places. District  
30 18, No. 755, Diane Mitchell.

31 (Applause.)

32 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: Unit 359, District 19,  
33 Chaplain Marie Cowan; Unit 53, District 21, Chaplain Jeri  
34 Johnston; Unit 434, District 22, Chaplain Georgie Charles;  
35 and Unit 31, District 28, Chaplain Sabrina Orozco. Thank  
36 you.

37 (Applause.)

38 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: In Loving Tribute, the  
39 largest donation was cumulative. District 22, District  
40 Chaplain Amy Gemmell.

41 (Applause.)

42 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: And the unit was 6,  
43 District 22, Chaplain Genevieve Lamb.

44 (Applause.)

45 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: The best supplement goes  
46 to District 28, District Chaplain Sherryl Panek.

47 (Applause.)

48 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: And the unit goes to 359,  
49 District 19, Marie Cowan.

50 (Applause.)

1 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: The best prayer book as  
2 you know was judged here at convention. The best prayer  
3 book goes to District 25, District Chaplain Arlene Barton.

4 (Applause.)

5 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: The unit prayer book goes  
6 to Unit 280, District 18, Rev. Dr. Rodica Andreescu. And  
7 the junior, we have a junior prayer book, that goes to  
8 Unit 282, District 22, and the chaplain is Jolina M.  
9 Freeman.

10 (Applause.)

11 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: Thank you, ladies. There  
12 was 100 percent reporting 18 of 29 districts.  
13 Congratulations to each of the unit and district  
14 chaplains.

15 Madam President, I'm going to do my narrative  
16 now. The name given chaplains this year, "Team Spirit,"  
17 not only reflects the concept to make an impact on a team,  
18 not just one, and spirit includes not only the manner in  
19 which we do our work, but includes our God in all things.  
20 Service not self, our motto, was demonstrated in all that  
21 chaplains do.

22 Chaplains, unit and district made contact with  
23 department chaplain, some with phone calls or notes  
24 attached to death notices. Some just shared what was  
25 going on in their life. Some for information as this was  
26 their first time as chaplain, and others shared what  
27 various activities they had involvement. The activities  
28 are considerable in which the Auxiliary chaplains were  
29 asked to be a part of or took the lead in various  
30 circumstances. Chaplains not only supported our warriors  
31 both at home and aboard, but members. So many chaplains  
32 supported new areas of service for our veterans and  
33 members' needs and is nothing short of amazing.

34 To name a few, there was the Shawl Ministry, Tree  
35 People, books and handmade bookmarks that included the  
36 serenity prayer, lap robes for convalescent homes, a  
37 prayer quilt, the start of sending spiritual thoughts to  
38 members, and the giving of clothes and shoes to a post for  
39 distribution to the homeless and needy veterans and  
40 assisting a post in Stand Downs. Many made known to the  
41 public what as volunteers they were trying to accomplish  
42 and received community support.

43 As we Auxiliary members grow older, we don't  
44 retire to the couch, but continue our love of God and  
45 country and support our precious Auxiliary in a different  
46 format as it was done this year. Early in the year forms  
47 were updated and posted online. Direct contact, snail  
48 mail, was made with district chaplains of record giving  
49 them a heads up of what to report and emphasize. As quite  
50 a few of you do not have access to or know how to cruise

1 the ALA website, felt the need to make direct contact so  
2 there would not be any surprises at midyear and end of  
3 year report time. Updated forms were supplied as well as  
4 four bulletins. The bulletins were mainly reminders.

5 As stated at the DEC, it is vital that we do --  
6 we all do our job giving complete information when  
7 requested, replying to requests timely, and when  
8 information is not complete, we have a follow-up plan for  
9 getting complete information to the proper person timely.  
10 Communicate.

11 As ALA Department of California Chaplain, I  
12 attended the workshop held in August at Clovis, Department  
13 Executive Committee meeting held in January at Long Beach,  
14 the Chapel of Four Chaplains program in San Francisco in  
15 February, and made use of the In Loving Tribute on several  
16 occasions. In particular, sent thinking of you cards to  
17 Past Department Presidents that I personally had not seen  
18 at convention in recent years. This year at convention  
19 held a memorial service for deceased members Thursday  
20 afternoon. All districts had the opportunity to  
21 participate. The theme was faith, hope, love.

22 Leaders, both past and present, are to be thanked  
23 for their effort in keeping this great organization in the  
24 forefront of support for veterans, active military,  
25 community, and family. I feel chaplains at all levels did  
26 their utmost in support of the theme H.O.O.P.S., Honoring  
27 Our Opportunity to Provide Services for our veterans.  
28 Madam President, this concludes my report.

29 (Applause.)

30 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you.

31 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: May I approach the podium?

32 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Would you  
33 like to wait until Anita gets back?

34 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: Whatever you wish. Thank  
35 you.

36 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you,  
37 Alice. We now will hear from the Musician Joyce Patton.  
38 She's here.

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40 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN REPORT

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42 MUSICIAN PATTON: Good morning. The convention  
43 committee on music met on June 19th, 2014 in Room 212 of  
44 the Santa Clara Convention Center, Santa Clara,  
45 California. Helen Hines was appointed secretary, Emily  
46 Toufaye offered prayer, and Jean Cooley-Desmeules was  
47 appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. We had a total of eight  
48 district delegates answered roll call. There was one  
49 visitor. And this was a miracle because we didn't even  
50 know we were going to caucus, so there was a miracle.

1 The second and third and honorable mention awards  
2 were announced. At this time I'd like to give my awards.

3 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: You may  
4 continue.

5 MUSICIAN PATTON: Thank you. Certificate of  
6 appreciation presented to Deborah McCulla, District 18,  
7 Unit 75 for participating in the Patriotic Sound Off music  
8 competition.

9 (Applause.)

10 MUSICIAN PATTON: Thank you. And will you stay  
11 right there. Okay. District 18 also received the second  
12 place in our Patriotic Sound Off music competition.

13 Estella Torres and Maria Torres. It was a joint venture  
14 on this song, but they did a beautiful song. I wish you  
15 guys could just sing all these songs, but they were  
16 beautiful. So I would like to present you with that  
17 certificate.

18 (Applause.)

19 MUSICIAN PATTON: And also, since you're here  
20 we're just going to give you all of yours now. 18 was  
21 busy.

22 (Applause.)

23 MUSICIAN PATTON: I appreciate it. Also our  
24 first place in our Patriotic Sound Off music competition  
25 was presented to Diane Mitchell, District 18, Unit 775.

26 (Applause.)

27 MUSICIAN PATTON: I'm going to redo the  
28 certificate. I appreciate it. Oh, don't go. Don't go.  
29 I want to give you -- she wasn't -- Diane wasn't at DEC  
30 and she did get an award. She was awarded a certificate  
31 of appreciation of the recognition for her active  
32 participation in the Department of California music  
33 contest. So I received hers earlier before. At DEC she  
34 did get an award. So thank you. You're welcome. Do you  
35 want me to stay here or -- so District 23, if District 23  
36 will come up. I'd like to present for outstanding music  
37 report. This is the only report I received and I'm glad  
38 it was from our district. Matilda Hayward, District 23,  
39 Unit 639.

40 (Applause.)

41 MUSICIAN PATTON: Also Matilda Haywood, District  
42 23, Unit 639 is awarded third place in the Patriotic Sound  
43 Off music competition.

44 (Applause.)

45 MUSICIAN PATTON: Thank you. Okay. Before I go  
46 on to my report, I would ask -- I know you guys want to  
47 know what the song sounds like. We're going to ask  
48 District 18 to stand. They have a copy of the song. I  
49 wish we could all sing it, but we couldn't make that many  
50 copies. So if District 18 will stand and we will sing



1 this song. One, two, ready, begin.  
2 DISTRICT 18: We're striking --  
3 MUSICIAN PATTON: Okay. Let's start again.  
4 Let's start again. I think just got the words. They just  
5 got the words. Hold on. One, two, ready, begin.  
6 DISTRICT 18: We're striking up the band to honor  
7 veterans everywhere and passing on our winning spirit just  
8 to show we care. The songs we sing, the music played will  
9 echo through the air, our Dream Team's marching on. Let's  
10 all hear for the Auxiliary. Shooting hoops, we're the  
11 Auxiliary. Veterans served by the Auxiliary, our Dream  
12 Team's marching on.  
13 (Applause.)  
14 MUSICIAN PATTON: Thank you so much. Thank you  
15 so much. It was fun to receive these songs and I hope  
16 that they continue this. But there is one -- 18 and Jean.  
17 I'm sorry. Jean, come up. Jean is 19; right? Noisy 19.  
18 (Applause.)  
19 MUSICIAN PATTON: Jean thought we were doing a  
20 music book. Isn't it beautiful? It's beautiful. It's  
21 full of patriotic songs. She even had basketball songs.  
22 She has --  
23 MS. COOLEY-DESMEULES: Starfish.  
24 MUSICIAN PATTON: Holiday songs. And I hope this  
25 is something the new music chairman picks up also.  
26 Because they did so much work on this, I had to do  
27 something for her, and I'd like to present her with this  
28 basketball basket.  
29 (Applause.)  
30 MUSICIAN PATTON: And she's going to put the book  
31 in the back so you guys can look at it. I hope it will be  
32 all right. And, Madam Sergeant-at-Arms, will you do this  
33 because this is the 18th first place award I forgot to  
34 give her. Yes, you should have stayed, thank you. May I  
35 move on to my report?  
36 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Sorry?  
37 MUSICIAN PATTON: To my report?  
38 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: No, let's  
39 wait until we get the president.  
40 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: She needs to finish  
41 her report.  
42 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Oh, she  
43 needs to finish. Okay. Go ahead.  
44 MUSICIAN PATTON: This music band director has  
45 been busy directing the band throughout the department.  
46 We started out by providing music at many installations as  
47 we did in our district for our incoming officers.  
48 September is music month and I know many of you provided  
49 all kinds of musical activities including, but not limited  
50 to, sponsoring, attending and/or participating in music

1 events at churches, schools, posts, VA hospitals, or  
2 perhaps you just listen to music at the mall while working  
3 membership. However, I know that music month was a most  
4 enjoyable month for this band director.

5 This Musician attended the department workshop in  
6 Los Alamitos, California. There were many opportunities  
7 in your units and districts to strike up the band. In one  
8 district, they have been very busy this year and they have  
9 many activities to show for it. This district had a choir  
10 and they performed for Madam President's visit. They also  
11 performed at the veterans Christmas party at the VA. They  
12 also had music at their monthly meeting. They attended a  
13 musical event at local community theaters. They attended  
14 musicals at the schools, many concerts, church musicals,  
15 sang at their memorial service, and had a fundraiser which  
16 one lucky winner won tickets to the Playboy Jazz Festival  
17 and Gladys Knight concerts. Sounds like this -- sorry.  
18 Sounds like this district has been striking up the band.

19 Four bulletins was posted regarding our song  
20 writing contest. I am happy to report that we received  
21 six songs for this competition. I am proud of the  
22 districts and unit musicians who took the time to write  
23 songs for this competition. Thanks to all of you for your  
24 support and dedication this year, and let's continue to  
25 make music a part of our everyday lives because music is  
26 what makes the world go round. Musically and creatively  
27 yours, Joyce Patton, Musician, aka band director.

28 (Applause.)

29 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you.  
30 Will the Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal along with the  
31 Distinguished Guest Chairman please bring back to the  
32 podium our Department President Anita and our National  
33 President Nancy.

34 (Processional.)

35 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you, Harriet.  
36 What did we do? I am supposed to remind them of  
37 five-minute reports. Five-minute reports.

38 We will now hear from our referee, our Department  
39 Parliamentarian Diane DeLashmit.

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41 PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT

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43 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Madam Commissioner,  
44 this has been a very challenging year to say the least.  
45 Penalties were given for fouls, out of bounds, personal  
46 fouls, and various other infractions. This referee has  
47 been blowing the whistle several times this season,  
48 however the last few weeks there has been a need for some  
49 timeouts. We are all volunteers and we try our best.  
50 When errors are made we need to come to a just resolution

1 and move on. We have many rookies and they need to learn,  
2 but it takes time. Sometimes it's the old guard that  
3 needs to adapt to new ways. Rules are needed for  
4 everything in our life and the game of basketball is no  
5 different.

6 Sometimes we forget that there are boundaries to  
7 observe. We are a team and all players are important,  
8 otherwise the team cannot succeed. We were all rookies at  
9 one time and we made our fair share of fouls too.  
10 Personalities need to be left off the court, and the best  
11 interest of the team is what is important.

12 (Applause.)

13 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: When we play by the  
14 same rules there is a lot less conflict. Rules can be  
15 found in the Constitution & Bylaws, Standing Rules, Unit  
16 Handbook, and last but not least Robert's Rules of Order.  
17 To be a positive influence on your team, you owe it to  
18 yourself to become familiar with these documents.

19 Commissioner, it has been a daunting year, but  
20 you have handled every situation with dignity and grace.  
21 I was happy to be able to assist you.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you, Diane.  
24 You left your referee on the podium. Did you want him to  
25 stay over there?

26 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: I'll get it. I might  
27 have to use it.

28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: There may be some  
29 technical fouls, later fouls, thrown out the game.

30 NEC CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Thrown out the game.

31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I didn't say  
32 anything over there at the Legion about the membership. I  
33 said to myself and to Linda Workman and to Nancy -- uh-oh.  
34 The referee is speaking. I will let the Commander bring  
35 it up because we are not in the lead.

36 AUDIENCE MEMBER: How far behind?

37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: They're at 95  
38 percent. We are at 93 percent. Okay. So if the  
39 Commander brings it up, I'll put on my outfit. But if he  
40 doesn't, what membership? Okay. If you all have some  
41 membership, bring it up here and give it to Ruby. We're  
42 taking it at the last minute through our Acting Secretary.

43 Okay. Our Sergeant-at-Arms Cherie Galvan, along  
44 with our Acting Marshal Taadhimeka Stovall.

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46 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT

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48 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS GALVAN: Madam President, you  
49 don't have to worry about the shot clock with me. I am  
50 Cherie Galvan, District 10. Taadhimeka Stovall, District

1 23. President Anita, we thank you for these appointments.  
2 And in the game of basketball, there's a lot of  
3 substitutions. And we have had three marshals this year I  
4 thank you for each of them. I've had a great time with  
5 Kat at the workshop, with Gail at the DEC, and I'm getting  
6 to know Taadhimeka here at Santa Clara.

7 (Applause.)

8 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS GALVAN: This year Anita has  
9 called the Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal equipment  
10 managers. The colors and banners are an important part of  
11 our organization and for each unit and district for  
12 participated in opening ceremonies. Later on we will have  
13 a special gift for you. And I thank the Legion Convention  
14 Corporation for their donation of this gift.

15 In closing, if you have not done so, please  
16 return your gloves to the back of the room. And, pages,  
17 you signed out for your badges. Please remember to return  
18 them on Sunday. Thank you, Madam President.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you so much,  
21 my outstanding equipment managers. Cherie, for being so  
22 gracious for allowing all these substitutions and she's  
23 been teaching them well. Thank you very much.

24 Is Teresa Jacob here? If not, we'll defer her  
25 report when we can find her. Next up is our Girls State  
26 Director, Girls State Chairman, Legislative in that order.  
27 Could you please come to the stage?

28 Before that we will hear from our Historian Linda  
29 Diebel. And I want to thank the juniors that are running  
30 around. In District 10 -- where are the District 10 young  
31 lady, Susan's daughter I think. Where are you? I can't  
32 see. Rosa, wave your hand. Rosa, thank you for the  
33 junior pages. And aren't they cute with their little  
34 purses? Do you call those things? They look fantastic.  
35 Okay, Linda.

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37 HISTORIAN REPORT

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39 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: The Convention Historian  
40 Committee met on June 19th, 2014 in Room 207 of the Santa  
41 Clara Convention Center in Santa Clara, California. The  
42 statistical report of this chairman is on page 20 of the  
43 Book of Reports.

44 Jean Cooley-Desmeules, District 19 served as  
45 secretary, Candace Wilson, District 14 offered prayer, and  
46 Pamela Hicks, District 18 was appointed Sergeant-At-Arms.  
47 A total of 15 district delegates answered roll call and  
48 there were four guests present.

49 The committee agreed upon the following report:  
50 The Historian department code was renewed and no changes

1 were recommended. The following awards were presented in  
2 committee meeting. 100 percent reporting by District 6,  
3 9, 10, 11, 15, 18, 19, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, and 29.  
4 The best statistical report for the district, third place  
5 went to Louann Johnston, District 26.

6 (Applause.)

7 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: Second place went to LuAnn  
8 Capazzi, District 27. Best unit supplemental reports.  
9 Third place went to Sharon Starr, Unit 716.

10 (Applause.)

11 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: District 29. Second place  
12 went to Lori Altman, Unit 359, District 19.

13 (Applause.)

14 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: A certificate of appreciation  
15 will be given to each District Historian for the many  
16 pictures and notes sent to this Historian. It was passed  
17 out on the floor this morning. All first place awards  
18 will be presented on the floor.

19 It was asked if this Historian would accept more  
20 pictures, flyers, mailers from the units and the  
21 districts. I told them they have until August 1st to get  
22 them to me. After that I have to shut it off because I  
23 have too many pictures to deal with as it is and I need to  
24 get the books together to give to Anita at DEC in January,  
25 otherwise, she's not going to get it for another year.

26 I have to tell you that in the Book of Reports I  
27 show that I recorded that I received 200 photos. Well,  
28 the last two weeks I've received another 2,000. I'm glad  
29 to know I'm not the only procrastinator in the group.

30 Madam President, this concludes our committee  
31 report. By the authority of the committee I ask that this  
32 be approved.

33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes.

34 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: And if I may, I'd like to  
35 proceed with my floor presentations.

36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You may.

37 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: I have to tell you that this  
38 Department Historian had a great time following Anita  
39 while she made her inspections of the California Dream  
40 Teams. But I have to tell you the most fun I had was  
41 sitting down in front of my computer trying to figure out  
42 how to get pictures off of Facebook and Twitter. I have  
43 16 grandchildren and nieces and they were all sitting  
44 there watching me and laughing. No help, but a lot of  
45 laughs.

46 I finally got them. That's one of the reasons  
47 why I procrastinated so much it was hard to get them off.  
48 The workshops in Clovis and Los Alamitos were well  
49 attended and great fun. We had a lot of basketball  
50 players in our group and Anita made great use of them in

1 making them play for their money. Playbooks were handed  
2 out and the team coaches were there to run the plays for  
3 our players.

4 Our Dream Team held several holiday parties for  
5 our veterans, their families, and their communities. One  
6 unit held a Thanksgiving party for homeless vets in their  
7 area. Another held a sixth annual Christmas party for an  
8 Army Reserve Command. Several units held Christmas  
9 parties for military children. One district had a grand  
10 ball for military children. Our members are working with  
11 their American Legion Posts to put together food baskets  
12 for families in need in their community. Several units  
13 gave local fire departments and police stations goody  
14 baskets, and let me tell you they ate those up fast.

15 Our team photographers were there to record all  
16 the events. I thank you for all the photographs of all of  
17 these events. I was sorry that I had to miss the DEC, but  
18 our team photographers, our officers, and especially Tami  
19 Bell sent me photos like crazy of everything that went on  
20 at DEC.

21 (Applause.)

22 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: Thank you. Thank you. We are  
23 now at the end of the year. I'm still receiving pictures.  
24 I talked to my sister. She called me and said I got a box  
25 of a hundred photos in the mail yesterday. So I know that  
26 I will receive some great ones, and when I put the books  
27 together, Anita will have a great time looking through  
28 them and remembering her year as our commissioner.

29 Madam President, I thank you for this  
30 appointment. It has been a learning experience, and this  
31 concludes my supplemental. May I please present my first  
32 place winners?

33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Please do. Thank  
34 you.

35 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: I have to tell you it was very  
36 difficult. I had five judges helping me judge and they  
37 had a hard time. We were there for two and a half hours  
38 going through the books. First, I'd like to do the  
39 District Historian. First place winner, Jean  
40 Cooley-Desmeules, District 19.

41 (Applause.)

42 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: Don't go anywhere. Since  
43 you're here, first place district supplement goes to Jean  
44 Cooley-Desmeules, 19th District Historian.

45 (Applause.)

46 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: First place unit supplemental  
47 goes to Susan Romero, Joe Dominguez Unit 742, Historian.  
48 Is she here?

49 (Applause.)

50 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: First place winner for best

1 district picture book goes to Cathy Medina, Unit 496,  
2 District 19.  
3 (Applause.)  
4 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: Madam President, this  
5 concludes my awards. May I please approach your bench or  
6 your station? Your bench.  
7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: My bench. You can  
8 come to my bench any time.  
9 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: Skybox. Okay. This is your  
10 H.O.O.P.S. rule book.  
11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Oh, how beautiful.  
12 Okay. And this is a rule book. Very beautiful.  
13 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: That's the Department  
14 Constitution & Bylaws, all of the standing rules.  
15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Fabulous.  
16 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: Everything we need to run our  
17 business.  
18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I needed that  
19 earlier in the year.  
20 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: This is your H.O.O.P.S.  
21 playbook.  
22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Playbook.  
23 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: And this is all the plan of  
24 actions.  
25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: With all the plan of  
26 actions. Thank you so much. This is beautiful.  
27 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: Okay. This is your  
28 communication book, everything that was sent out and your  
29 reports from today will -- of this meeting will be in  
30 there as well.  
31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: This is absolutely  
32 gorgeous.  
33 (Applause.)  
34 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: Because of all the pictures  
35 that I have gotten, I only brought a sample of the book  
36 because I can't bring them all down here. Will you hand  
37 me the other book that's in there?  
38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: She lives in  
39 Lynwood. That's like right next door to Long Beach. I'll  
40 pick it up. Good. Thank you so much.  
41 (Applause.)  
42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Is Linda Hayes in  
43 the audience?  
44 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: She's in  
45 the office.  
46 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: She's in the office.  
47 Okay. Did Teresa Jacob come back in the room? Not yet.  
48 Okay. I'm going to defer Girls State then until Linda can  
49 show up. And we'll then begin with Terry Mikesell with  
50 Legislative, and then after Terry it will be Community

1 Service, Jackie Cleveland for Junior Conference -- no.  
2 I'm going to move you to tomorrow.

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4 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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6 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: The convention  
7 committee on Legislative met on June 19, 2014 in Room 212  
8 of the Hyatt Hotel Convention Center, Santa Clara. The  
9 statistical report of this chairman appears on page 21 of  
10 the Book of Reports.

11 Harriet Clendenin was appointed secretary,  
12 Florence Perdue offered prayer, and Barbara Ross was  
13 appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 18 district  
14 delegates answered roll call. There were six visitors  
15 present.

16 The committee agreed upon the following report:  
17 The code was read with the following proposed changes.  
18 Code 6 currently reads: "A copy of Legislator's replies  
19 to letters of our members should be sent directly to:  
20 Director, National Legislative Commission, The American  
21 Legion, 1608 K Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20006 with a  
22 copy to the Department Chairman. The unit name and number  
23 shall be indicated on all replies so that California may  
24 receive credit. 1999."

25 They recommended that we remove after  
26 consultation with the National Legislative Chairman.  
27 Renumber remaining 6 through 8.

28 Madam Department President, by direction of the  
29 committee I move the adoption of this code change.

30 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Second.

31 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Have I confused  
32 you?

33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yeah, big time.  
34 Okay. You're just moving to delete this code?

35 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Yes, ma'am.

36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It has been moved  
37 and seconded that we delete code 6 that currently reads:  
38 "A copy of Legislator's replies to letters of our members  
39 should be sent directly to: Director, National  
40 Legislative Commission, The American Legion, 1608 K Street  
41 NW, Washington, D.C. 20006."

42 Is there any discussion?

43 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: No, it's no  
44 longer necessary.

45 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Let me read the  
46 remainder of this code: "With a copy to the Department  
47 Chairman. The unit name and number shall be indicated on  
48 all replies so that California may receive credit." We're  
49 removing that entire section of the code. Did you offer  
50 rationale? I'm sorry. Did I miss it?



1           LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: I beg your  
2     pardon?  
3           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Did you offer  
4     rationale to it?  
5           LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Yes, ma'am.  
6           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Can you repeat it?  
7           LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Because it's no  
8     longer necessary. The plan of action will be sent via  
9     email or some other form I can't remember, but they're no  
10    longer physically sending by snail mail hard copies to  
11    that address. And like I said, I did confer with Melanie  
12    on this code change.  
13          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you very much,  
14    Madam Chairman. Is there any discussion?  
15          (No response.)  
16          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All those in favor,  
17    say aye.  
18          ALL PRESENT: Aye.  
19          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Any opposed say no.  
20          (No response.)  
21          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That motion is  
22    carried. Thank you.  
23          LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Thank you, Anita.  
24    Certificates for second and third place unit and district  
25    supplemental were given in the unit packets. Copy of  
26    these winners has been posted in the department office.  
27    100 percent reporting certificates were presented to  
28    District 4, 6, 7, 9, 19, 23, 27, 28, and 30. There were  
29    no resolutions nor any recommendations. With no further  
30    business, the meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.  
31          Madam President, may I continue with my  
32    supplemental?  
33          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, please do.  
34          LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Thank you. This  
35    has been a very busy year for the Legislative Chairman for  
36    the Department of California. They have been shooting  
37    hoops all over their counties, state, and the nation.  
38    Hundreds of phone calls, letters and emails have been sent  
39    to their respective contacts.  
40          As noted in the statistic information in our Book  
41    of Reports, they have been very busy. I have sent out  
42    hundreds of emails regarding Legislative action items.  
43    Ninety-one Legionnaires and Auxiliary members attended the  
44    Legion Day At the Capitol. Several Auxiliary members  
45    assisted the Legion while they visited their respective  
46    representatives. Being as I was not able to attend this  
47    function, I received the report from this event from  
48    Barbara Ross in District 7.  
49          I was not able to attend the Awareness Assembly  
50    in Washington D.C., but our President Anita Biggs attended

1 in my place. She provided me with a report where she and  
2 National President Nancy Brown-Park visited their  
3 respective representatives along with Linda Workman and  
4 Sherry Schneider. They visited Senator Feinstein's  
5 office. Anita also visited Representative Janice Hahn's  
6 office and each of these visits included passing along the  
7 drop sheet and a discussion about the importance of  
8 veterans' rights.

9 The National Legislative Chairman Melanie Taylor  
10 provided our members with a very informative report at the  
11 NEC meeting. California was well represented at this very  
12 busy and hectic week. A copy of the drop sheet was  
13 included in each district's packet at the Legislative  
14 committee meeting.

15 Madam President Anita, may I continue with my  
16 awards?

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, please do.

18 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Thank you. First  
19 place district supplemental, Linda Farris, Chairman  
20 District 19.

21 (Applause.)

22 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: First place unit  
23 supplement, District 27, Unit 118, Danielle White,  
24 Chairman. And this report was submitted to the National  
25 Western Division Chairman. And to accept on her behalf is  
26 District President Vella Myers.

27 (Applause.)

28 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Danielle is on  
29 her way to Alaska. I'm very pleased to report that I  
30 learned a lot from this chairmanship. Madam President  
31 Anita Biggs, this concludes my report.

32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you very much.  
33 Terry Mikesell, would you please stay at the podium for  
34 the purposes of a presentation by Carol Fuqua. Carol, are  
35 you prepared?

36 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN FUQUA: I'm right here.

37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. Only for  
38 Terry.

39 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Because I told  
40 the ladies in the Legislative meeting, you know, the king  
41 and I were like this. When I was grounded for four  
42 months, the king and I had to have a separation because I  
43 couldn't socialize with him.

44 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Bad food.

45 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN FUQUA: Now, you've got to  
46 have your Burger King hat on.

47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That fits so good.

48 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN FUQUA: Anyway, once upon a  
49 time there was a Grand Wizard named Terry and she traveled  
50 from the Land of Shasta. Terry, it has been such an honor

1 this year working on your Historian book. I do want to  
2 say thank you to all the ladies that helped me, who  
3 answered my phone calls, told me who they were in photos.  
4 And I was thrilled. The Department of California has some  
5 awesome ladies and you do such great work in your  
6 districts. Thank you. Now, Terry.  
7 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Yes, ma'am.  
8 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN FUQUA: You have several  
9 books. You have the best of both worlds. You have the  
10 computer. You have this stuff. You've got photos, but I  
11 put it in a little treasure chest for you over here.  
12 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: A little treasure  
13 chest.  
14 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN FUQUA: Well, the ladies in  
15 California do a lot of work.  
16 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Yeah.  
17 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN FUQUA: And they gave me a lot  
18 of stuff.  
19 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: I've got to tell  
20 you, I was strutting myself because I don't have a program  
21 next year, so I didn't have to take a tub home. Shame on  
22 me.  
23 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN FUQUA: But it's full of  
24 treasures.  
25 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Thank you.  
26 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN FUQUA: And a few other gifts  
27 that you'll enjoy.  
28 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Thank you.  
29 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN FUQUA: And I've learned many  
30 new things. How to use a camera, how to use a computer,  
31 how to get the film down from the camera to the computer.  
32 And I've never scrapbooked in my life.  
33 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: She has now.  
34 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN FUQUA: I am experienced.  
35 Enjoy.  
36 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Thank you, Carol.  
37 Now I would like to make a presentation to Carol with your  
38 permission, Anita.  
39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, you may.  
40 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Thank you. I  
41 wanted to get from Jackson & Perkins a rose. I can't  
42 remember the name of it. Diane?  
43 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Honoring Our  
44 Veterans.  
45 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Honoring Our  
46 Veterans. And when I went to order it, they said it would  
47 be speed delivered at planting time. Well, I couldn't  
48 wait for that. So, Carol, this rose is for you. And its  
49 name is We Salute You. And it's a beautiful orange and  
50 pink rose.

1 (Applause.)  
2 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: And it had a very  
3 tough ride and been in a dark room the last two or three  
4 days.  
5 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN FUQUA: I hope there's  
6 instructions. Yeah, there's instructions. Thank you.  
7 (Applause.)  
8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Wow, that's  
9 fantastic.  
10 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN FUQUA: Yes. Keep the hats.  
11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you.  
12 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN FUQUA: You're welcome.  
13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Is Joan Cannon here?  
14 Okay. Joan Cannon, Community Service Chairman. And then  
15 after that we're going to have our -- I see her -- Girls  
16 State Director Val Hardy and Chairman Linda Hayes. Will  
17 you all come to the stage, please?  
18 And before -- while y'all are coming to the stage  
19 -- that's my southern roots -- will the Distinguished  
20 Guest Chairman please escort the Sons of the American  
21 Legion Detachment Commander Christopher Affolter to the  
22 podium or to the microphone for an announcement.  
23 (Processional.)  
24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Oh, did I say that?  
25 I meant a dribble. You've got to come to the stage.  
26 They've got sad music for you to come to the stage.  
27 DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: Madam President,  
28 with your permission.  
29 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes.  
30 DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: I have two  
31 announcements; one is inviting --  
32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: They're going to  
33 sing that song.  
34 (Singing.)  
35 DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: I won't do that  
36 no more. You know, I didn't know that that was a  
37 tradition in the Auxiliary. I know it is a tradition in  
38 scouting. I will watch that word whenever I come to see  
39 you.  
40 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Perfect.  
41 DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: I have a few  
42 things to share.  
43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay.  
44 DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: How's that? I  
45 have a few things to share. At 3:00 p.m. today there's  
46 going to be a bus or van that will be right outside of the  
47 convention center that will be taking, if you would like,  
48 the juniors, adults, and also youth sons and some adults.  
49 They're going to be going to a water park for free. Okay?  
50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I brought my suit.

1           DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: We have room for  
2 30 participants, whether it's adults or you. The Sons of  
3 the American Legion does this every year to provide for  
4 our youth because we all believe in our youth. Don't we,  
5 ladies?

6           (Applause.)

7           DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: Because we want  
8 them to grow up to be great citizens of this great nation.  
9 Yes, so that's happening. And you love veterans and VA&R;  
10 right?

11          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Very much.

12          DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: Okay. Well, this  
13 evening at 4 -- Post 419, we have a burger fry that the  
14 Detachment of -- well, actually one of the Squadrons from  
15 the 3rd area that is actually putting on a burger fry.  
16 And the proceeds will go for the VA&R Foundation for the  
17 Department of California which is the -- which is my  
18 personal project for this year. I believe that we need to  
19 keep our money right here in California to be able to  
20 provide for our veterans right here.

21          (Applause.)

22          DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: And, of course,  
23 we have been diligently working to get those funds into  
24 place. I made a commitment to the American Legion of  
25 \$10,000. And I don't even know where we stand right now,  
26 but I will by the time that my cap turns to all light  
27 blue, which means that I'll be a junior past and I'll be  
28 presenting a check to the American Legion.

29          And I know that your H.O.O.P.S. program is, you  
30 know, jumping too. So I would just really thank you for  
31 the time to share this information along to you. And I'll  
32 get out of your way with your permission, Madam President.

33          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you very much,  
34 Commander. We appreciate you. That invitation is at  
35 3:00?

36          DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: 3:00 p.m. And,  
37 by the way, hot dogs, chips are provided, you know, so  
38 they have a dinner too.

39          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. We'll let our  
40 Chairman of the Junior Pages coordinate that if they're  
41 able to go. That will disrupt our delivery if we do  
42 without our pages, so we'll have to have the  
43 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal step up. But thank you very  
44 much for the offer.

45          DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: They'll be back  
46 about 7:00, 8:00 o'clock.

47          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: May give somebody a  
48 break.

49          DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: Absolutely.

50          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you so much,

1 Commander. Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal, please escort  
2 our Detachment Commander Mr. Christopher Affolter from the  
3 stage. Thank you.

4 (Processional.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We'll now hear from  
6 our Community Service Chairman Joan Cannon. After that  
7 we'll do Girls State.

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9 COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

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11 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CANNON: The  
12 convention committee on Community Service met on June  
13 19th, 2014 in Room 208 of the Santa Clara Convention  
14 Center, Santa Clara, California. The statistic report of  
15 this Chairman appears on page 17 of the Book of Reports.

16 Susan Baker, District 28 was appointed secretary.  
17 Marge Rye, District 21 offered prayer, and Ann Philcox,  
18 District 20 was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 19  
19 district delegates answered roll call. There were four  
20 visitors present.

21 The committee agreed upon the following report:  
22 The department community service code was read with zero  
23 changes. There were no resolutions and no  
24 recommendations. Certificates for 100 percent reporting.  
25 Walk, Run & Roll participation, and second and third place  
26 awards were handed out.

27 During question and answer session it was noted  
28 that Community Service Chairman did not receive any  
29 applicants for a junior volunteer of the year. It was  
30 requested this upcoming year to really look into our units  
31 and find those very special members, whether a senior or a  
32 junior. Marge Rye District 21 noted that Junior  
33 Activities and Education Chairman should work closely with  
34 the Community Service Chairman to help this be  
35 accomplished.

36 With no further business the meeting of the  
37 membership committee -- Community Service committee  
38 adjourned at 10:42 a.m. Madam President, may I continue  
39 with my supplement?

40 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, you may.

41 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CANNON: Who gives her  
42 time, talents, love, money, understanding, and a  
43 gratefulness for no reward? An American Legion Auxiliary  
44 unit member. Department of California's treasures is our  
45 members who continually step up and take charge to ensure  
46 our military service members, their families, and our  
47 veterans, their families, and our communities are given  
48 what is needed at the time of need. We do not hesitate in  
49 organizing, planning, and delivering our services.

50 Department of California district and units

1 participated in six Walk, Run & Rolls with three of them  
2 benefiting veterans programs. Two members participated in  
3 the Monterey Peninsula Stop Soldier Suicide Motorcycle Run  
4 adding \$3,000 to their fund. Eleven members donated 120  
5 hours and provided full meals for 200 riders in Ride 2  
6 Recovery Wounded Warrior project. The last added \$1200  
7 for veterans projects within their district. The  
8 remaining walks supported various cancer programs.

9 Department of California Auxiliary members are  
10 out in our communities working to support our military and  
11 veterans and their families. Our units are driving many  
12 miles to support veterans that are patients in local VA  
13 hospitals and veterans homes. We are providing  
14 Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners with all the trimmings,  
15 as well as gifts, ornaments, and cards. We are making lap  
16 robes, hats, and scarves, afghans, and providing books and  
17 shoes. But the most special gift we give is ourselves  
18 visiting our veterans and spending time just talking.

19 Some special activities I would like to share.  
20 Several units have adopted veterans that are either  
21 homeless or in veterans homes. A motor home was purchased  
22 and placed on a unit member's property taking a homeless  
23 veteran off the streets and giving him a safe place to  
24 live.

25 Another unit provided a veteran with household  
26 items, furniture, new quarters and gift cards to stock his  
27 pantry, a gift that keeps giving was paying for the  
28 veterans membership dues to the post. Providing him with  
29 a new family and continued support.

30 A female veteran was adopted from Menlo Park VA  
31 facility. The unit provided her with clothing, books,  
32 puzzles, and her favorite chocolates. This veteran is a  
33 gold star mother who lost her son in Iraq and was adopted  
34 by the unit and provided her with an honorary lifetime  
35 membership just to say thank you for your service and your  
36 sacrifices for our country.

37 Numerous units volunteered time at VA hospitals,  
38 VA homes, nursing homes, and veterans -- house veterans.  
39 They provide meals, gifts, their time visiting and singing  
40 with veterans. We send Girl Scout Cookies to our soldiers  
41 in Afghanistan. We have members that are housebound, but  
42 they still volunteer their time doing what they can.

43 We have a unit member that makes baby blankets  
44 for newborn babies at the Ventura County Naval Base. This  
45 unit member has completed 100 blankets and was presented  
46 with a certificate of appreciation for her dedication.

47 Several units do something that seems so simple,  
48 but the effect is life changing. They collect pull tabs  
49 from cans and donate to their local Ronald McDonald House.  
50 Why is this important? Many active duty military members

1 stay at the Ronald McDonald house while their children are  
2 in the hospital receiving treatment. This allows military  
3 families time to support their children in the time of  
4 need. Something so simple, but allows the parents peace  
5 of mind by being able to be there for their children.

6 We are holding Stand Downs supporting our  
7 veterans and bringing them resources and materials needed.  
8 We have unit members serving on our local committees  
9 working on homeless issues and awareness. We have units  
10 bringing veterans into our post, serving them meals,  
11 fellowship, and just listening to their stories. We  
12 gather cans and use this money to buy food for our local  
13 homeless veterans.

14 One of our Auxiliary members had a special moment  
15 when she took an entire family to San Diego to welcome  
16 their son home from a cruise on the USS Coronado. And to  
17 make that trip extra special, they all made their local  
18 news.

19 The Department of California had 3,731 volunteers  
20 who donated \$67,272 and had 81,689 volunteer hours serving  
21 our military, veterans, and our communities. A job well  
22 done. The stories can go on and on. Department of  
23 California Auxiliary members are always searching,  
24 planning, and working for our military veterans, their  
25 families, and our communities.

26 It has been a pleasure working with our 29  
27 districts learning their great works. We, the Auxiliary,  
28 are always ready to serve and lift up those that are  
29 broken, lost, and forgotten.

30 That concludes my report. May I continue with my  
31 first place awards?

32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, you may,  
33 please. Thank you.

34 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CANNON: First place  
35 district supplemental, District 28, Susan Baker.  
36 (Applause.)

37 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CANNON: Our first  
38 place unit supplemental, Unit 741, District 16, Madeline  
39 Lee.

40 (Applause.)

41 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CANNON: Those just  
42 keep on working. My last award is for our volunteer of  
43 the year. She was unable to be here, so in her place  
44 is -- her name is Donna Baker from Unit 26, District 15.  
45 She was unable to be here so -- okay. So her unit  
46 president, Deanne Graham from Unit 26 is here to accept  
47 her award.

48 (Applause.)

49 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CANNON: And this year  
50 I just wanted to note that all of our community service



1 volunteers were called shooting stars, and I was able to  
2 find for Donna -- oops, a shooting star for her great  
3 work.

4 (Applause.)

5 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CANNON: And this  
6 concludes my report and thank you for the great year I  
7 had.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. Are you  
9 going to talk about the walk --

10 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CANNON: Oh, yes.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That little thing we  
12 did yesterday on Wednesday.

13 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CANNON: Yes. We had  
14 our Walk, Run, Roll Wednesday, and thank you for everyone  
15 who came and participated. We still have these lovely  
16 little wristbands over in District 11. And if any  
17 district wants to come and get a bunch and help pass them  
18 out. And we'd like a \$2 donation for Anita's special  
19 project. We are so close, ladies, to \$6,000 raised.

20 (Applause.)

21 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CANNON: If you could  
22 just visit us in District 11, we can make that 6,000 goal  
23 and maybe even break it. So I do appreciate everyone.  
24 And I will ask for a little bit of time. I'm closing out  
25 the donations Saturday at noon and I'll just ask for maybe  
26 a couple seconds to hand out the monetary awards for unit,  
27 district, and individual who donated the most money to  
28 Anita's special project.

29 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you so much,  
30 Joan Cannon.

31 (Applause.)

32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I will not have time  
33 to do Girls State at this time. I will get you  
34 immediately following the nominations this afternoon. I  
35 have to do Past Presidents' Parlay. I have no choice. As  
36 quickly as possible, we'll hear from our Girls State  
37 Director and our Girls State Chairman. I apologize.

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39 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR REPORT

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41 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR HARDY: Okay. I'm really  
42 sorry. I'm getting on a plane to get back to be at Girls  
43 State.

44 Madam President Anita, my good friend Nancy,  
45 distinguished guests and teammates. This is really short.  
46 Thirty-four years ago I had the privilege and the honor to  
47 be selected by District 19, Unit 314 to represent El  
48 Segundo High School at California Girls State. The  
49 experience changed my life.

50 I was able to reinvent myself at Girls State and

1 try things I had never done before. I had always felt  
2 like a good American coming from a military family. My  
3 dad served in the Army Air Corps in World War II and my  
4 brother served in the Marine Corps in the Vietnam  
5 conflict. Girls State lit a fire of patriotism in me  
6 giving me greater pride in our country and a stronger  
7 understanding of democracy.

8 All these years later I am still involved with  
9 Girls State, taking on the role of director.

10 (Applause.)

11 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR HARDY: Thank you. The 2014  
12 session will occur shortly after this convention with 522  
13 delegates slated to attend. And I will be departing this  
14 afternoon so I can ready for tomorrow.

15 I must tell you that the preparation leading up  
16 to this Girls State has been very difficult. As of May  
17 15th, we had 72 reservations without delegate paperwork.  
18 There are still many today with paperwork that is  
19 incomplete. Girls State is a program that requires months  
20 of preparation, careful planning, and hours of work  
21 leading up to the session.

22 Anyone who has attended Girls State in one  
23 capacity or another can attest to that fact. So raise  
24 your hand if you have helped at Girls State or are a Girls  
25 State Chairman. So you know the number of hours that go  
26 into that.

27 The program we present is one we can all be very  
28 proud of. I know we can accomplish our mission with  
29 almost every young woman who attends. The job of director  
30 is one of preparation prior to and to act as the leader  
31 during the session. I will be on-call 24 hours a day for  
32 our six-day session, and that has certainly been part of  
33 my expectation. What I did not expect was working  
34 eight-hour days teaching kindergarten, followed by an  
35 additional eight hours each day for the last month working  
36 on Girls State. Thank you God I have an understanding  
37 husband in Jack.

38 As I am buried in paperwork, I think about all  
39 the hundreds of hours we could have saved, not to mention  
40 the money in paper, printing and postage by eliminating a  
41 paper registration -- excuse me. A paper registration for  
42 our delegates and alternates.

43 Who are our clients at Girls State? They are 16-  
44 and 17-year-old young women. If we hope to reach these  
45 young women and get them excited about our mission, we  
46 need to meet them where they are. And where they are is  
47 online.

48 (Applause.)

49 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR HARDY: Now you're going to  
50 make me cry. They speak social media. They turn in their

1 homework online. Their college applications are all  
2 online. They Tweet, use Instagram, Facebook, and take  
3 selfies, which I'm hoping Nancy will come and do for me.  
4 They're connected with the world through their  
5 technological literacy. A paper application is as archaic  
6 to them as a ditto machine.

7 We have been charged by the National Organization  
8 to use Girls State as a tool to increase our membership.  
9 How are we to do this you ask? By making our Girls State  
10 Chairmen women who don't have to be paper pushers, but  
11 women who are passionate about our mission for veterans,  
12 their families, and our community. Don't just select your  
13 girls and forget about them. All of these girls are  
14 required to complete volunteer hours prior to graduation.  
15 So why not volunteer with us? With us. With us.

16 Girls State Chairmen shall be the face of our  
17 organization to our young people. They should be inviting  
18 the girls to spaghetti dinners, Memorial Day  
19 commemorations and visits to the VA hospitals and homes.  
20 These girls may already be involved in community  
21 activities in their schools and in their community, but  
22 they are truly looking to make a difference in the world.

23 By meeting them where they are and providing them  
24 with the opportunities for service, we let them see that  
25 the American Legion Auxiliary is as relevant today as it  
26 was 90 years ago. We can and we must change with the  
27 times to improve the Girls State program and increase our  
28 membership. Let's work together to make this dream a  
29 reality.

30 (Applause.)

31 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR HARDY: Thank you, Madam  
32 President. That concludes my report.

33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you, Valerie.  
34 Great job. We'll now hear from our Girls State Chairman  
35 Linda Hayes while they get their selfies in. After that  
36 will be our Past Presidents' Parlay Chairman, and then  
37 we'll move to the luncheon. So we have to get moving,  
38 Linda. Thank you. Get to the podium.

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40 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN REPORT

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42 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Whew, I made it.

43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yeah, I'm glad.

44 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: They're passing out  
45 the reports to go to our ladies.

46 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Don't worry about  
47 the passing out. You can start your report.

48 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Good morning, Madam  
49 President.

50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Good morning.

1 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: The Girls State  
2 pre-convention meeting was held Thursday, June 19th in  
3 Room 206 at the convention center. There were 23  
4 delegates and seven guests present.

5 Secretary was LuAnn Capazzi and the Chaplain was  
6 Elizabeth Tomlin and our Sergeant-at-Arms was Anita Kelly.  
7 The Girls State Director, Valerie Hardy, explained  
8 potential changes to the Girls State application form  
9 which will streamline the entire application process.

10 Afterwards the department code was read and the  
11 changes were voted on and passed. Madam President, may I  
12 read the changes?

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, you may.

14 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Code 12 currently  
15 reads: "Reservation forms for Girls State will be made  
16 available on the department website and mailed by the  
17 Department Chairman annually, naming the school or schools  
18 they desire to sponsor for the next session of Girls  
19 State. Deadline date for the reservations to the  
20 Department Chairman is October 1st. Failure to file a  
21 reservation form by deadline date will indicate the school  
22 is being dropped and thus creating a numerical vacancy.  
23 The Department Chairman shall fill such vacancies by  
24 advising units who have letters on file requesting an  
25 opening in their area. The application packet shall be  
26 mailed and made available on the department website by the  
27 department office or chairman the first week of November."  
28 And that was done in 2008.

29 The proposed change will read: "Reservation  
30 forms for Girls State will be made" --

31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Excuse me, Linda.

32 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Yes.

33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You must read the  
34 code as it is -- as it is written, and Code 12 is  
35 different in our code. So it has to be read exactly as  
36 it's written in the code now. Do you have a copy of your  
37 code?

38 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: No.

39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I have a copy. I've  
40 got a copy right here.

41 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Thank you. Okay.  
42 Currently reads: "Reservation forms for Girls State will  
43 be made available on the department website and mailed by  
44 the department office by September 30th."

45 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: September 1st.

46 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: I meant September  
47 1st. Well, September 1st. I'm sorry. I left that out.  
48 "Unit shall file a reservation with the Department  
49 Chairman annually naming the school or schools they desire  
50 to sponsor for the next session of Girls State. Deadline

1 date for reservations to the Department Chair is October  
2 1st. Failure to file a reservation form by deadline date  
3 will indicate the school is being dropped and thus  
4 creating a numerical vacancy. The Department Chairman  
5 shall fill such vacancies by advising units who have  
6 letters on file requesting an opening in their area. The  
7 application packet shall be mailed and made available on  
8 the department website by the department office or  
9 chairman the first week of November. After November 30th  
10 the cost of duplicate mailing of packets will be \$5," and  
11 then five dollars written out. This was passed in 2008.

12 The proposed change will read: "Reservation  
13 forms for Girls State will be made available on the  
14 department website and mailed by the Department Chairman  
15 annually, naming the school or schools they desire to  
16 sponsor for the next session of Girls State." In there it  
17 should say mailed -- no, it shouldn't.

18 Okay. "Deadline date for the reservations to the  
19 Department Chairman is October 1st. Failure to file a  
20 reservation form by deadline date will indicate the school  
21 is being dropped and thus creating a numerical vacancy.  
22 The Department Chairman shall fill such vacancy by  
23 advising units who have letters on file requesting an  
24 opening in their area. The application" -- we're deleting  
25 "mail" and inserting "packet," "shall be made available on  
26 the department website by the department office or  
27 chairman the first week of November." We are deleting the  
28 last sentence. It ends there. In 2014. May I have a  
29 motion to have this code change accepted?

30 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: There's no motion  
31 moved. This was approved in committee; right? All right.  
32 It's been recommended. The motion was made and seconded  
33 that the proposed change for Code 12 will read:  
34 "Reservation forms are for Girls State will be made  
35 available on the department website and mailed by the  
36 Department Chairman annually naming the school or schools  
37 they desire to sponsor for the next session of Girls  
38 State. Deadline date for the reservations to the  
39 Department Chairman is October 1st. Failure to file a  
40 reservation form by deadline date will indicate the school  
41 is being dropped and thus creating a numerical vacancy.  
42 The Department Chairman shall fill such vacancy by  
43 advising units who have letters on file requesting an  
44 opening in their area. The application packet shall be  
45 made available on the department website by the department  
46 office or chairman the first week of November."

47 Are there any questions?

48 (No response.)

49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Are you ready for  
50 the question? All those in favor, say aye.

1 ALL PRESENT: Aye.  
2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All opposed, say no.  
3 (No response.)  
4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: The motion carried.  
5 You can continue.  
6 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Okay. Code 14A  
7 currently reads under eligibility requirements: "Limited  
8 to girls who are 11th grade students for the current  
9 school year, (public private or home schooled). Each  
10 candidate must plan to continue high school and attend one  
11 or more semesters immediately following the Girls State  
12 session."  
13 The proposed change is to read -- is housekeeping  
14 only. We're deleting one comma and adding two. "Limited  
15 to girls who are 11th grade students for the current year"  
16 take out that comma, (public, private, or home schooled).  
17 Each candidate must plan to continue high school and  
18 attend one or more semesters immediately following the  
19 Girls State session."  
20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. That  
21 housekeeping code change is accepted.  
22 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Code 14C currently  
23 reads as follows: "Candidates shall be selected on the  
24 basis of outstanding leadership, scholastic merit,  
25 interest in community and government, character, honesty,  
26 and cooperativeness. Candidates should be independent in  
27 the physical requirements of daily living; if not; they  
28 must provide an attendant at their own expense. This  
29 attendant shall be a minimum of 21 years of age, female  
30 and must be able to attend the entire session."  
31 The proposed change is housekeeping only: Delete  
32 the comma after "living" and the semicolon after "not,"  
33 and replace by commas. And that already was wrong. Let's  
34 see. The comma after "living" stays. It's the semicolon  
35 that we're removing and inserting a comma after "if not."  
36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. That  
37 housekeeping change has been accepted. You can continue.  
38 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Code 16C currently  
39 reads: "Shall provide the campus rules, Girls State  
40 constitution and bylaws, (bound in the program book) to  
41 the citizens upon registration."  
42 Proposed change is to be: "Shall provide the  
43 campus rules, Girls State constitution and bylaws to the  
44 citizens upon registration." We're removing "bound in the  
45 program book."  
46 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: So by the direction  
47 of your committee, they have approved or moved and  
48 seconded that we accept the change to Code 16C to read:  
49 "Shall provide the campus rules, Girls State constitution  
50 and bylaws to the citizens upon registration."

1 Is there any discussion?  
2 (No response.)  
3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All those in favor,  
4 say aye.  
5 ALL PRESENT: Aye.  
6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Any opposed say no.  
7 (No response.)  
8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That motion carried.  
9 Thank you.  
10 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: 16D currently reads:  
11 "Shall file with the department office a complete set of  
12 all materials given to the candidates, including the  
13 roster for future references after the close of Girls  
14 State Sessions."  
15 The proposed change again is housekeeping only.  
16 To remove the "S" on "sessions." "Shall file with the  
17 department office a complete set of all materials given to  
18 the candidates, including the roster for future references  
19 after the close of Girls State Session."  
20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. That  
21 housekeeping change has been accepted.  
22 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Code 17 currently  
23 reads: "Unit procedures for selecting of candidates. All  
24 materials and necessary information relative to the  
25 qualifications and methods of selection shall be presented  
26 to the school representative by the unit chairman or her  
27 substitute. The recommendation of candidates and  
28 alternates shall be made by the school faculty and  
29 provided to the sponsoring units. Only the unit shall  
30 have final approval of the recommendations, subject to  
31 acceptance by the Department Chairman. Last year's Girls  
32 State Citizen may provide guidance in selection of the  
33 current candidate and may be included as part of the  
34 committee when interviews are scheduled. When the unit  
35 has chosen the candidate, the fee and supporting papers  
36 shall be forwarded no later than March 12th as provided in  
37 the instructions."  
38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It says March 31st.  
39 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Does it?  
40 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: In the code it  
41 states not later than March 31st.  
42 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Okay. This is a  
43 little bit old then. "As provided in the instructions.  
44 Publicity may be released indicating that the candidate  
45 has been chosen. If selected delegate and alternate, due  
46 to circumstances beyond control, cannot attend the Girls  
47 State Session, a second alternate selected in the same  
48 manner shall attend to prevent forfeit of the unit fee.  
49 2004. Each application must be signed by the candidate,  
50 the unit chairman, and the school representative. When

1 two or more units sponsored one candidate, only one  
2 application form shall be" --

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Hold on, Linda. We  
4 don't know where you are. You're reading Code 17? I  
5 don't know what old book you have. It's old. Did you  
6 move on to 18?

7 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: No, I am reading  
8 here what I have for 17.

9 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: That was the end of  
10 18.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: No, that was  
12 actually 18. The end of 17 is "second alternate selected  
13 in the same manner shall attend to prevent forfeit of the  
14 unit fee." That's the end.

15 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Then this book is --

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I know we're getting  
17 close to 12:00, but we were told that it may take a while  
18 for our Past Presidents' luncheon. So if you can be  
19 patient we'll just do the preconvention meeting for Girls  
20 State and we'll pick up her report supplemental report  
21 after lunch. Is that good? Okay. But we have to have  
22 the Past Presidents' Parlay speak so, if you can finish  
23 these code changes as soon as possible. What are you  
24 changing in code 17?

25 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Code 17 changes:  
26 "Unit procedures for selection of candidates," we're  
27 removing "selecting" and inserting "selection." "All  
28 materials and necessary information relative to the  
29 qualifications and methods of selection shall be presented  
30 to the school representative by the unit chairman or her  
31 substitute. The recommendation of candidates and  
32 alternates shall be made by the school faculty and  
33 provided to the sponsoring unit. Only the unit shall have  
34 final approval of the recommendations, subject to  
35 acceptance by the Department Chairman. Last year's Girls  
36 State Citizen may provide guidance in selection of the  
37 current candidate and may be included as part of the  
38 committee when interviews are scheduled. When the unit  
39 has chosen the candidate, the fee and supporting" --  
40 inserting "documents," removing "papers" -- "shall be  
41 forwarded no later than March 31st as provided in the  
42 instructions. Publicity may be released indicating that  
43 the candidate has been chosen. If selected delegate and  
44 alternate, due to circumstances beyond control, cannot  
45 attend the Girls State Session, a second alternate  
46 selected in the same manner shall attend to prevent  
47 forfeiture of the unit fee."

48 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: By direction of the  
49 Girls State committee, they are presenting the following  
50 code change to 17: "Unit procedures for selection of



1 candidates. All materials and necessary information  
2 relative to the qualifications and methods of selection  
3 shall be presented to the school representative by the  
4 unit chairman or her substitute. The recommendation of  
5 candidates and alternates shall be made by the school  
6 faculty and provided to the sponsoring unit. Only the  
7 unit shall have final approval of the recommendations,  
8 subject to acceptance by the Department Chairman. Last  
9 year's Girls State Citizen may provide guidance in  
10 selection of the current candidate and may be included as  
11 part of the committee when interviews are scheduled.  
12 When the unit has chosen the candidate, the fee and  
13 supporting documents shall be forwarded no later than  
14 March 31st as provided in the instructions. Publicity may  
15 be released indicating that the candidate has been chosen.  
16 If selected delegate and alternate, due to circumstances  
17 beyond control, cannot attend the Girls State Session, a  
18 second alternate selected in the same manner shall attend  
19 to prevent forfeiture of the unit fee."

20 Are you ready for the question? Is there any  
21 discussion?

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All those in favor,  
24 say aye.

25 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

26 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Any opposed say no.

27 (No response.)

28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That motion has  
29 carried.

30 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Code 18 reads as  
31 follows: "Each application must be signed by the  
32 candidate, the unit chairman, and the school  
33 representative. When two or more units sponsor one  
34 candidate, only one application form shall be  
35 forwarded" -- I see what you mean now. I went on it --

36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yeah.

37 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: I'm sorry. "The  
38 unit responsible for processing the application shall sign  
39 the forms and the co-sponsoring unit or units shall attach  
40 their name, number, and signature on a separate sheet so  
41 that proper recognition may be given."

42 The proposed changes shall read: "The contact  
43 sheet must be signed by the candidate, the unit chairman,  
44 and the school representative. When two or more units  
45 sponsor one candidate, only" -- oh, that's right. We  
46 changed "contact sheet" to say "signature page."

47 "The signature page must be signed by the  
48 candidate, the unit chairman, and the school  
49 representative. When two or more units sponsor one  
50 candidate, only one signature page shall be forwarded.

1 The unit responsible for processing the signature page  
2 shall sign the form and the co-sponsoring unit or student  
3 shall be attached their name, number, and signature on a  
4 separate sheet so that proper recognition may be given."

5 "Each application" is removed to say "signature  
6 sheet page."

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: By the direction of  
8 the Girls State committee, they have approved a code  
9 change, Code 18 to state: "The signature page must be  
10 signed by the candidate, the unit chairman, and the school  
11 representative. When two or more units sponsor one  
12 candidate, only one signature page shall be forwarded.  
13 The unit responsible for processing the signature page  
14 shall sign the form and the co-sponsoring unit or student  
15 shall be attached their name, number, and signature on a  
16 separate sheet so that proper recognition may be given."

17 Is there any discussion?

18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All those in favor,  
20 say aye.

21 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Any opposed say no.

23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. Motion  
25 carried.

26 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Code 20A of --

27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Linda, due to time  
28 and we have to go to lunch and we must have report by the  
29 Past Presidents' Parlay Chairman, would you please  
30 continue your report after the nominations this afternoon?

31 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Sure.

32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you very much.  
33 You all hold that thought for Girls State and we'll finish  
34 with the code changes and her supplemental report. Thank  
35 you, Linda.

36 (Applause.)

37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Now I'll call on our  
38 Past Presidents' Parlay Chairman Pilar Reyes. And we are  
39 okay because they needed a short delay anyway for us for  
40 lunch. So we're on time. Our secretary will drive  
41 provide a dribble after the report to tell us where we're  
42 going. If Sandy or Teresa Jacob is in the room, we need  
43 to see you as soon as possible.

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45 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY REPORT

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47 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: Madam  
48 Commissioner, the Convention Committee on Past Presidents'  
49 Parley Program met on June 19th, 2014 in Room 208 of the  
50 Santa Clara Convention Center, Santa Clara, California.

1 The statistical report of this chairman appears on page 23  
2 of the Book of Reports.

3 Joan Cannon of District 11 was appointed  
4 secretary, Vella Myers of District 27 offered prayer, and  
5 Emily Magwili of District 10 was appointed  
6 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 20 delegates answered roll  
7 call and there was one visitor present.

8 The committee agreed upon the following report:  
9 The meeting started with the opening ceremonies in the  
10 prepared agenda. The department code was read and the  
11 attached proposed change was made. Madam Department  
12 President, I would like to read the proposed change.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Please go ahead.

14 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: "The  
15 department" -- the current code reads: "The department  
16 Chairman will send out rules for Auxiliary Member of the  
17 Year competition. Entries will be submitted to the  
18 Department President for judging by the first Friday in  
19 May. The Department President shall notify the recipient  
20 by letter and send a copy of the letter and nomination to  
21 the Department Chairman. The Department Chairman shall  
22 notify the National Chairman, National Secretary, and  
23 Department Office prior to June 1st. The recipient will  
24 be honored at an appropriate function during the  
25 Department Convention. The Department Chairman will send  
26 an invitation to the recipient for the event where she  
27 will be honored and will notify her unit and district  
28 presidents of the honor extended their member as soon as  
29 possible. The Department Office will supply the recipient  
30 with housing forms and agenda for the National Convention  
31 where she will be honored. The recipient will be given  
32 mileage for attendance at the department function where  
33 she will be honored. She shall be given a ribbon similar  
34 to page's ribbon inscribed 'California' in the year she is  
35 honored. The ribbon shall be given to her whether or not  
36 she is able to attend a department function."

37 The proposed change to this code is -- it's only  
38 a simple one. A change in "Auxiliary" the to word "Unit."  
39 With the adoption, the first sentence of Past Presidents'  
40 Parley Article 13 will now read -- Madam President, for  
41 the essence of time? May I request that I will just read  
42 the first statement that's in bold.

43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That's acceptable.  
44 That's fine.

45 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: It's  
46 okay?

47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That's okay.

48 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN: "The  
49 Department Chairman will send out rules for Unit Member of  
50 the Year competition." That is the only change, changing

1 "Auxiliary" to "Unit." And God bless you.

2 The rationale is we need to make this change for  
3 consistency and to confirm with the eligibility  
4 requirement specified in the rules that the applicant  
5 should not have achieved any elected or appointed  
6 leadership role beyond that of a Unit President.  
7 Auxiliary Member of the Year can be any member of  
8 different levels and may have achieved a leadership role  
9 beyond that of a Unit President which negates the  
10 eligibility requirement.

11 Madam President, I move the adoption of this  
12 change.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you, Pilar.

14 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: By  
15 direction of the committee.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yeah. Thank you.

17 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: I move  
18 for the adoption of this code.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. It has  
20 been moved by the Girls -- I mean Girls State. I'm sorry.  
21 They're going to drive me crazy. By direction of the Past  
22 Presidents' Parley committee, the adoption for the change  
23 to Code 13 will read: "The Department Chairman will send  
24 out rules for Unit Member of the Year competition.  
25 Entries will be submitted to the Department President for  
26 judging by the first Friday in May. The Department  
27 President shall notify the recipient by letter and send a  
28 copy of the letter and nomination to the Department  
29 Chairman. The Department Chairman shall notify the  
30 National Chairman, National Secretary, and Department  
31 Office prior to June 1st. The recipient will be honored  
32 at an appropriate function during the Department  
33 Convention. The Department Chairman will send an  
34 invitation to the recipient for the event where she will  
35 be honored and will notify her unit and district  
36 presidents of the honor extended their member as soon as  
37 possible. The Department Office will supply the recipient  
38 with housing forms and agenda for the National Convention  
39 where she will be honored. The recipient will be given  
40 mileage for attendance at the department function where  
41 she will be honored. She shall be given a ribbon similar  
42 to page's ribbon inscribed 'California' in the year she is  
43 honored. The ribbon shall be given to her whether or not  
44 she is able to attend a department function."

45 Is there any discussion?

46 (No response.)

47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All those in favor,  
48 say aye.

49 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Those opposed say

1 no.

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Motion carried for  
4 this code change to code 13. You can continue, Pilar.

5 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: Thank  
6 you, Madam Commissioner.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Motion carried.

8 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: It has  
9 been a pleasure and an enriching experience to serve under  
10 your command as the Department of California Past  
11 Presidents' Parley chairman.

12 The reports of all the 29 districts reflected the  
13 continuance of the Past Presidents' Parley in 54 units  
14 with a total of 1,379 members and formation of two new  
15 parleys. This chairman is very positive that there are  
16 more unreported parleys in our department with members  
17 doing outstanding jobs in the promotion of this program.  
18 Eighty-six units had Past Presidents' Parlay leaders who  
19 trained and encouraged new and seasoned members.

20 Congratulations to all our units and district  
21 Past Presidents' Parley chairmen for your unselfish  
22 support and for all you do in carrying out your  
23 responsibilities, mentorship, and encouragement to our  
24 Auxiliary members and recognition of our women veterans.

25 Nurse's scholarship: 110 units donated a total  
26 of \$5,380 -- ignore this number because it has changed --  
27 to the Nurse's -- that's the minimum -- to the Nurse's  
28 Scholarship Fund reflecting strong support by units and  
29 members, but disappointingly, not many units participated  
30 in recruiting the applicants. Two deserving applicants  
31 were awarded \$4,000 for the winner and \$2,000 for the  
32 second recipient. Four applications were received, but  
33 two were disqualified. Three judges composed of two past  
34 department presidents and a professional nurse were  
35 appointed and provided with the rules/criteria for the  
36 selection. The decision was unanimous without any of them  
37 conferring with each other. Some units are giving their  
38 own scholarships in their own area -- where am I? Some  
39 units -- oh, okay.

40 Some units are giving their own scholarships in  
41 their area to local students ranging from \$100 to \$1,000.  
42 Units embark on various fundraisings and the proceeds were  
43 donated towards the Nurse's Scholarship Fund.

44 For Unit Member of the Year, 19 units honored and  
45 recognized their own Auxiliary Members of the Year within  
46 their units in so many ways, giving them flowers and  
47 various gifts, honoring them at surprise luncheon or  
48 dinner, reading their great accomplishments, presenting  
49 them with poppy corsages and gave Certificate of  
50 Appreciation at Unit general meetings. Fifteen units sent

1 applicants to the Department President for selection.

2 Now going to active duty servicemen, 61 units  
3 honored and recognized their own women veteran members.  
4 Some units assisted female veterans and their families who  
5 are suffering financially, as many are single mothers.  
6 Some members continue making monthly visits with their  
7 adopted veteran at Menlo Park VA facility, driving  
8 hundreds of miles, giving them clothing, gifts, and  
9 hygenic needs.

10 Forty units sought out active-duty servicewomen  
11 and 23 units celebrated the efforts and accomplishments of  
12 these women. Twenty-nine units adopted a woman veteran  
13 this year and 17 units signed up 25 new members who are  
14 veterans. One event selected a nominee for the Air Force  
15 branch of service and her nomination will be forwarded to  
16 National for judging.

17 The selfless involvement of our past presidents  
18 in all levels has a great impact on the development and  
19 growth of our organization. The support of our members  
20 raising funds in so many ways to enable them to give  
21 donations towards the Nurse's Scholarship and other  
22 projects of the program has been outstanding and will keep  
23 the Past Presidents' Parley growing stronger.

24 Thank you all for your hard work and support and  
25 for your tolerance to my persistence. Oh, I kept bugging  
26 all those districts.

27 (Applause.)

28 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: You know  
29 I was just doing this to squeeze out all the good things  
30 that you do for our organization. Otherwise you will just  
31 put them aside and ignore them. So we have to give you  
32 recognition for your outstanding job.

33 Madam Commissioner, this concludes my report, and  
34 may I present the first place awards?

35 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, please do.

36 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: For  
37 first place district supplemental, the award goes to  
38 Tamara Bell, Chairman, District 29.

39 (Applause.)

40 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: I have  
41 to have a picture.

42 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you very  
43 much.

44 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: Okay.  
45 Thank you. Sorry I have to limp my way through. Okay.  
46 The first place unit supplemental goes to Lakewood Unit  
47 496, District 19, and the winner is Mina Carrasco.

48 (Applause.)

49 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: Oh, she  
50 is accepting for Mina Carrasco. Okay. Sorry, and this is

1 for you and for your unit.  
2 (Applause.)  
3 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: At this  
4 time it is my honor and pleasure to present to you the  
5 unit member of the year. Carol, aka Carrie, Taylor is  
6 sponsored by Los Alamitos Unit 716, District 29.  
7 (Applause.)  
8 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES:  
9 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal and Distinguished Guest  
10 Chairman, please escort our unit member of the year.  
11 (Processional.)  
12 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES:  
13 Unfortunately our scholarship awardee is not here today  
14 and also the active chairman. Oh, she is here already.  
15 Madam President --  
16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes.  
17 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: -- I  
18 present to you and to everyone our Unit Member of the  
19 Year.  
20 (Applause.)  
21 UNIT MEMBER OF THE YEAR TAYLOR: Thank you,  
22 everyone. This is such an honor. I can't even believe  
23 it's happening, but thank you so much to everyone and  
24 thank you especially Unit 716 and District 29 for helping  
25 me get here. Thank you guys.  
26 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Congratulations,  
27 Carrie. We'll hear more from you at our luncheon.  
28 UNIT MEMBER OF THE YEAR TAYLOR: Oh, and thank  
29 you too for being selective.  
30 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, I did. It was  
31 me. I did it. You wouldn't believe how many entries. We  
32 had so many entries. How about a photo opportunity? We  
33 can have a photo opportunity with the President and the  
34 National President here if you don't mind.  
35 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: I heard  
36 that our scholarship -- Madam President.  
37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Excuse me. Would  
38 the Vice President please assume my position for a moment?  
39 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: Okay.  
40 We have another guest, but we have to wait because we are  
41 having picture -- picture session.  
42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Did you finish your  
43 report?  
44 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: Okay.  
45 Because we have another guest, Madam President, if you  
46 have a minute.  
47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes.  
48 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: We have  
49 our scholarship winner here. If the Sergeant-at-Arms and  
50 Marshal and Distinguished Guest Chairman, please escort

1 our unit --  
2 (Processional.)  
3 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: Ladies,  
4 you may sit down. Madam President?  
5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I love past  
6 presidents. They take over.  
7 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: I  
8 present to you our Nurse's Scholarship awardee.  
9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We're so happy.  
10 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: Lindsay  
11 is sponsored by Unit 587 Warren McKeon of District 7.  
12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All right.  
13 (Applause.)  
14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Congratulations.  
15 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: The  
16 other chairman is -- is the other chairman here? She is  
17 meeting us later. The district chairman is Beverly  
18 Chapman and I don't know if she is here either. No, she's  
19 not. Okay. You may hear more from this lady, but she can  
20 say a few words now.  
21 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER TALSO: I would just like to  
22 say thank you. It's an honor.  
23 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: Do you  
24 want to take a photo now or later?  
25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We'll take a photo  
26 opp at the luncheon.  
27 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: Okay.  
28 So we'll see you at the luncheon.  
29 (Applause.)  
30 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: Madam  
31 President, that concludes my report.  
32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you so much  
33 Pilar. Great report.  
34 (Processional.)  
35 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We all wish we were  
36 young again so we could wear that dress. That's cute. We  
37 will now hear from our Secretary Ruby. Do we have any  
38 more dribbles to share for today? And Ruby will let us  
39 know if she knows where the Past Presidents' Parlay  
40 luncheon is. We weretrying to find out where we were  
41 going.  
42 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Someone at  
43 the candidates' night last night, this is an earring, and  
44 I want you to bring the other one up to me because it will  
45 go very nice to an outfit I have so we have a pair.  
46 Our Past Presidents' Parlay luncheon is going to  
47 be held in the Magnolia Room. That's by the escalator in  
48 the convention center. Wait. It's by the hotel? I don't  
49 know. I walk in one or the other. I don't know where I'm  
50 at. So wait a minute. Linda?



1 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Hotel. By  
2 the escalator to the hotel.

3 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Hotel, not  
4 the convention center. Sue's Lighthouses, Willie's  
5 Leaders of the Band, Margie's Chefs, Ronnie's Roses and  
6 Melanie's Balloon Pilots will meet Saturday after  
7 convention in the bar area of the Hyatt Hotel for drinks.  
8 Can I come?

9 The Peachy Performers and Classy Penguins will  
10 meet on Saturday at the lunch recess at the Hyatt Room  
11 1113.

12 Okay. Park's Patriots, Linda Workman -- Linda  
13 Workmen.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It's Linda's  
15 Workmen.

16 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Oh, I know.  
17 It's Workmen, and I'm trying to read Workman, you know.  
18 Okay. Let me start over. Park's Patriots, Linda's  
19 Workmen, Sandy's Colonels, and Bonnie's Princesses will  
20 meet in room 1425 on Saturday at lunch break. Please RSVP  
21 to Bonnie Christner, District 20, so she knows how much  
22 food to order.

23 LuAnn's Ships Captains will meet at the TusCA  
24 restaurant at 7:00 a.m. Saturday morning for breakfast.  
25 LuAnn also has a banquet ticket for sale. They're full,  
26 so if you want to go to the banquet, she has one.

27 I have a flyer. I don't know if everybody  
28 received it. Attention Legion Family on free healthcare  
29 and benefit classes Friday, June 20th Room 209 and then  
30 Saturday, June 21st, they start at 10:00 a.m.

31 And I believe that's all the dribbles I have,  
32 Madam President.

33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Fabulous. Those of  
34 you who are making nominations for an office for the  
35 2014-'15 officers, please be on the stage when we return  
36 from lunch. We shall now recess for lunch and reconvene  
37 at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

38 (Lunch recess taken: 12:21 p.m.)  
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1 AFTERNOON SESSION - 2:26 P.M.  
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3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: This convention is  
4 reconvened. I would like you all -- please, I want to  
5 recognize our Past National President Josie Melgard's  
6 family who happen to be in the room. Bob Melgard, Jolene,  
7 and Diane.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We're so happy to  
10 see you all. Thank you for joining us today. The  
11 chairmen giving reports after the nominations would be  
12 continuing the Girls State report, Education, Auxiliary  
13 Emergency Fund, National Security, Editor, and Membership.  
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15 NOMINATION OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS 2014-2015  
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17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: At this time we will  
18 proceed with the nominations of the Department Officers,  
19 Junior Member of Finance, Delegates, Alternates to the  
20 National Convention and Endorsement of a National Officer.  
21 If there are no objections, the Chair will close the  
22 nominations. Nominations are now open for the office of  
23 the Department President. The Chair recognizes Sue Hooker  
24 from District 15.

25 PAST PRESIDENT HOOKER: Madam President, American  
26 Legion Auxiliary Tehachapi Unit 221 and District 15 are  
27 please and proud to nominate Harriet Clendenin as the  
28 candidate for Department of California President for  
29 2014-'15. Her eligibility is through her husband Norm who  
30 served in the Army during the Vietnam and her daughter  
31 Laura who recently served in the Marines. Harriet has  
32 been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 14  
33 years. She joined Camarillo Unit 471, District 16 in 2000  
34 and in 2005 she and her husband moved to Tehachapi and  
35 transferred to Tehachapi Unit 221, District 15.

36 On the unit and district level she served as Unit  
37 President for six years from 2006 to 2012 and District  
38 President from 2007 to 2008. On both levels she has  
39 chaired numerous programs including Children & Youth,  
40 Education, Junior Activities, Leadership, and Veterans  
41 Affairs & Rehabilitation.

42 On the department level she has served as the  
43 department Musician and chairs Poppies, Education,  
44 Children & Youth, and is currently the Constitution &  
45 Bylaws Chairman.

46 While professionally she has held many retail  
47 positions, she is currently the office manager at The Loop  
48 newspaper where her professionalism has gotten her high  
49 praise in the office. She actively serves within our  
50 community and recently chaired a very successful event,

1 Wall-to-Wall, raising community awareness of the needs of  
2 the veterans and raising \$11,000 to help fund those  
3 wounded warriors.

4 Other community projects including Packages For  
5 Our Troops now in its eighth year, and a food bank for  
6 Veterans attending a six-week school locally.

7 Harriet and Norm have three daughters: Kara and  
8 Hollis Susi and Lora Clendenin who served as the honor  
9 junior president in 2007-2008. And Norm is currently  
10 serving on the National Legislative Council for the  
11 American Legion. They are an American Legion Family  
12 dedicated to service, not self. So we are very pleased to  
13 nominate Harriet for this position.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Are there any  
16 further nominations for Department President?

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Hearing none,  
19 nominations for Department President are now closed.

20 (Applause.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Nominations are now  
22 open for the office of Department Vice President. The  
23 Chair recognizes Karen Bobren from District 22.

24 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT BOBREN: Thank you, Madam  
25 President. On behalf of District 22, I nominate Susie  
26 Tozier for the office of Department Vice President  
27 2014-2015. Susie is a member of the San Diego Unit 6 and  
28 District 22. Her eligibility is through her parents,  
29 Clyde and LaReine Maxey, and also her three brothers Tom,  
30 Dan and Jim.

31 Susie has 35 years of continuous American Legion  
32 Auxiliary membership. She started as a junior in Unit 6,  
33 and after a short break in service she rejoined in El  
34 Cajon Unit 303. When that unit closed, she transferred to  
35 Unit 6.

36 Susie served all chairman positions including  
37 unit president in Unit 6, and she has served as District  
38 22 president for two terms. On the department level she  
39 has served three years on Junior Conference, Finance  
40 Committee, she served as Children & Youth Chair, and  
41 currently the VA&R Chair.

42 It is with great pride and pleasure that I  
43 nominate Susie Tozier.

44 (Applause.)

45 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Are there any  
46 further nominations for the office of Vice President?

47 Hearing none, nominations for the Department Vice  
48 President are now closed.

49 (Applause.)

50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Nominations are now

1 open for the Department Junior Member of Finance. The  
2 Chair recognizes Rosa Wells from District 10.

3 DISTRICT 10 MEMBER WELLS: Good afternoon, ladies  
4 and any gentlemen who are in the crowd here today. I hope  
5 you guys had a wonderful lunch. I know I did. Although I  
6 didn't pay for it, so that's good.

7 All right. I'm glad you all were able to make it  
8 to this year's convention. My name is Rosa Wells and I'm  
9 a member of Unit 837, District 10. I'm pleased and proud  
10 to be here today to endorse my grandma, Susan Peters, to  
11 be Junior Finance for the Department of California.

12 She's eligible to be a part of the American  
13 Legion Auxiliary because of her grandfather who served in  
14 World War II in the Navy and her father who was in the  
15 Korean War.

16 My grandma Susan has been a member of the  
17 American Legion Auxiliary Unit 837, District 10 since  
18 2008. On the unit and district levels she has served as a  
19 unit secretary for two years, unit president for the last  
20 three years, and district president for the last three  
21 years. My grandma has 26 years of restaurant and retail  
22 management experience. She's now retired, but she's an  
23 active volunteer and serves as president of the Fremont  
24 Senior Center Builders Fund where she was treasurer for  
25 three years and is an officer of the Fremont Elks Lodge  
26 No. 2121.

27 Two years ago my grandma put together a spaghetti  
28 fundraiser to help the homeless veterans at the East Bay  
29 Stand Down and raised \$1700 for that. She has already  
30 planned an event also this year, the East Bay Stand Down.  
31 She plans and organizes these events, participating in all  
32 local craft and art fairs.

33 My grandma Sue and my grandpa Doug have five  
34 children, 13 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.  
35 My grandma is not just a talker, she is goal oriented, an  
36 action seeker and is a mover and a shaker and she makes it  
37 happen.

38 So I'm please to nominate my grandma for junior  
39 of finance for the Department of California.

40 (Applause.)

41 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Are there any  
42 further nominations for the office of Department Junior  
43 Member of Finance?

44 (No response.)

45 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Hearing none, the  
46 nominations for the Department Junior Member of Finance  
47 are now closed.

48 (Applause.)

49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Are there any  
50 endorsements for national officer? The Chair recognizes

1 Nancy Brown-Park, National President, from District 26.  
2 NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: It is my great  
3 honor and privilege to nominate Linda Workman for  
4 California's endorsed candidate for Western Division  
5 National Vice President 2015-2016.

6 Linda has been a member for 64 years under the  
7 eligibility of her late father Joe Engstrom. She has  
8 served on all levels of the unit and district in both 7  
9 and District 26. On the department level Linda chaired  
10 the committees of Junior Activities, Credentials, Girls  
11 State; Chairman and Assistance Director, Public Relations,  
12 Community Service, the Department Finance Committee,  
13 Finance Committee Advisor, Education, Constitution &  
14 Bylaws, Children & Youth, Veterans Affairs &  
15 Rehabilitation, Membership, National Security, Past  
16 Presidents' Parley, Leadership, and has served many years  
17 as the Department's Distinguished Guest Chairman and  
18 served as the Department President in the year 1998-1999.

19 On the National level Linda served on the  
20 committees of National Executive Committeewoman,  
21 Membership, Girls State twice; Education twice; Public  
22 Relations; and is currently serving as the National  
23 President's personal page, and most important my campaign  
24 manager.

25 Linda is married to her husband of 35 years,  
26 Lyle, and together they have three children, seven  
27 grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. Linda is  
28 currently employed as the vice president of Post Closing  
29 for First Republic Bank in San Francisco. Linda's  
30 leadership skills have proven her to be an excellent  
31 candidate for this position.

32 On behalf of George Tadlock Unit 472 and the 26th  
33 District, it is my honor to place in nomination the name  
34 of Linda Workman, my dear friend, as California's endorsed  
35 candidate for the office of Western Division National Vice  
36 President for the year 2015-2016. Thank you.

37 (Applause.)

38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Are there any  
39 further endorsements? Okay. Thank you.

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41 NOMINATION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL

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43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We will now proceed  
44 with the nominations for delegates to the national  
45 convention. We are entitled to five delegates for our  
46 charter and 16 for the amount of our membership for a  
47 total of 21 delegates.

48 Department Constitution, Article V, Section 10,  
49 the Department President, Department President Elect,  
50 Department Secretary/Treasurer or the individual called by

1 the Department President to serve as the delegation  
2 secretary to the National Convention and the National  
3 Chairman shall be the first nominated delegates. If they  
4 are attending the national convention, each district will  
5 present the names of the elected delegate and/or alternate  
6 for ratification.

7 Okay. Each district will present the names of  
8 the elected delegates and/or alternate. Forget what I  
9 said previously. The privilege of further nominations  
10 provided the number of delegates and/or alternates is  
11 under the designated number, so it will be given by  
12 district numerical membership strength.

13 So, Ruby, nominations are now open for delegates  
14 to national convention. Will our Secretary Ruby Kapsalis  
15 please read the names of the nominees?

16 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 1,  
17 pass. District 2, pass. District 3, pass. District 4,  
18 pass. District 5, pass. District 6, Wendy O'Brien.  
19 Alternate passed. District 7, Bonnie Bradbury, delegate.  
20 Do you want me to read the alternates too?

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We're going to do  
22 the delegates first.

23 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 7,  
24 Bonnie Bradbury. District 8, pass. District 9, pass.  
25 District 10, pass. District 11, pass. District 12, pass.  
26 District 13, pass. District 14, pass. District 15, pass.  
27 District 16, Linda Fercho. District 18, pass. District  
28 19, pass. District 20, pass. District 21, Marge Rye.  
29 District 22, Susie Tozier. District 23, Gloria Williams.  
30 District 24, Deloris Artis. District 25, Donna Scott.  
31 District 26, Linda Workman. District 27, LuAnn Capazzi.  
32 District 28, pass. District 29, pass. And District 30,  
33 pass.

34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. How many  
35 do --

36 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I have one,  
37 two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten.

38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: So we need 11 more.  
39 So we need six more.

40 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. Hold  
41 on. Is that microphone working? No. Neither one of them  
42 are working?

43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: So you have  
44 membership strength as to which order we're going?

45 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yes, yes, I  
46 do.

47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Who's first up?

48 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Well,  
49 these -- I think there may be some -- there may be --  
50 these are districts.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That you didn't get?  
2 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Well, Madam  
3 President, I'm sorry but these forms were coming in as of  
4 the day before convention and there may be some that may  
5 have already been submitted but I did not receive for this  
6 list. So I think --  
7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You're going to run  
8 through the districts that have passed first.  
9 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yes.  
10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. Go ahead.  
11 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Cheryl  
12 Neiffer District 29?  
13 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: Cheryl Neiffer,  
14 District 29. We should have Tami Bell down as a delegate.  
15 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Alternate?  
16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Do that next.  
17 Unless she has that information, and then you can write it  
18 down. Who's your --  
19 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: And Kendall  
20 Madsen as an alternate.  
21 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank you.  
22 District 14. That one is not working. Go over here,  
23 Tammy, please.  
24 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT URBAN: Sandra Urban,  
25 District 14. I have Gloria Sinopoli.  
26 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Can't hear  
27 you.  
28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Talk into the mic.  
29 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT URBAN: Sandra Urban. I  
30 have Gloria Sinopoli.  
31 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: For the  
32 delegate?  
33 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT URBAN: And Mary Leyser for  
34 alternate.  
35 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Just a  
36 moment. My little hands don't write that fast. And the  
37 alternate was who?  
38 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT URBAN: Mary Leyser.  
39 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
40 L-E-Y-S-E-R; right? Thank you, Sandra. Tammy?  
41 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT SOLLAZZO: Tammy Sollazzo,  
42 District 19. I am a delegate and Jean Cooley-Desmeules  
43 will be the alternate. And I have the form all filled out  
44 for you right here.  
45 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank you  
46 very much, Tammy.  
47 Okay. Madam President, did you want me to go  
48 through the delegates again.  
49 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Yeah, a little  
50 slower.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Can you go through  
2 and can you ask -- as you go through these, can you ask if  
3 the district -- we know 1 one passed, but if they brought  
4 in anything. Did you already? Is that --

5 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: The changes  
6 you want?

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: No, I said some of  
8 them you didn't get the paperwork. Did everybody come up  
9 that did not -- that you said passed that you should have  
10 had a delegate? I'm asking because you just had 19 and 29  
11 come up.

12 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yeah, and I  
13 have 14, I had 19, I had 29, Madam President. Are there  
14 any other districts with any delegates, national delegates  
15 or alternates that the paperwork was not received or you  
16 need to add? District 13, Mary Hidalgo.

17 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT HIDALGO: Madam Department  
18 President, we would like to place Sandy Jacob's name.

19 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: As a  
20 delegate?

21 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT HIDALGO: As a delegate.

22 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Do you have  
23 an alternate?

24 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT HIDALGO: No, we don't.

25 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right.  
26 Thank you. Okay. You want the changes or you want all of  
27 them?

28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All of them.

29 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. All  
30 right. We're going to do this quicker. Districts 1  
31 through 5 passed. District 6, Wendy O'Brien, delegate.  
32 District 7, Bonnie Bradbury, delegate. Districts 8  
33 through 12 pass. District 13, Sandy Jacob. District 14,  
34 Gloria Sinopoli. District 15, pass. District 16, Linda  
35 Fercho. District 18, pass. District 19, Tammy Sollazzo.  
36 District 20, pass. District 21, Marge Rye. District 22,  
37 Susie Tozier. District 23, Gloria Williams. District 24,  
38 Deloris Artis. District 25, Donna Scott. District 26,  
39 Linda Workman. District 27, LuAnn Capazzi. District 28,  
40 pass. District 29, Tami Bell. And District 30, pass.

41 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. What's our  
42 number?

43 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Fourteen,  
44 Madam President.

45 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We need two more  
46 delegates. So by membership strength we would elect or  
47 nominate the additional delegates.

48 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.  
49 Madam President --

50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Excuse me, Ruby.



1 I'm sorry. Would you please name the -- I said the  
2 delegates in their own right, but would you name the  
3 delegates that are in the top five per our constitution  
4 that I read.  
5 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.  
6 Based upon the delegates added before, it goes into  
7 numerical strength according to our constitution and  
8 bylaws are President Anita Biggs, President Elect Harriet  
9 Clendenin. National Convention Secretary Diane DeLashmit,  
10 and National Chairman Melanie Taylor.  
11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. Thank you.  
12 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: You're not  
13 included kid. I'm sorry. You're a delegate in your own  
14 right.  
15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We need three  
16 additional delegates.  
17 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. By  
18 numerical strength, District 29 is the -- 3,128 members  
19 with 108.46 percent.  
20 (Applause.)  
21 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Would be  
22 the first one.  
23 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: District 29,  
24 Cheryl Neiffer. Cynthia Mayfield, second alternate.  
25 NEC CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: You moved Kendall up from  
26 an alternate to --  
27 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: Okay. Kendall is  
28 moving up to delegate. Cynthia Mayfield will move to  
29 alternate.  
30 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I'm sorry.  
31 And who's moving to the alternate?  
32 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: Cynthia Mayfield.  
33 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Cynthia  
34 Mayfield. Thank you.  
35 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: And if you need  
36 another one, I've got another one for you.  
37 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Honey,  
38 you've got to wait your turn for the second time. Okay.  
39 District 6 with 101.5 percent. Are we going numerical.  
40 I've got -- I'm sorry. It actually should have been  
41 District 25 is the first district there.  
42 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: No, no.  
43 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. Then  
44 it's District 25 now.  
45 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: It's 29, 22, 25, 21,  
46 and somewhere I have the rest of them.  
47 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: This is as  
48 of close of books figures.  
49 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: It's numerical  
50 strength.

1           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yes,  
2 numerical strength, not the delegate strength. Okay.  
3 I've got it in numerical. Yeah, give me your -- okay. So  
4 it's 29. All right. 22?  
5           DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT BOBREN: Karen Bobren,  
6 District 22 president. Our -- it would be June Coatney.  
7           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: As a  
8 delegate?  
9           DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT BOBREN: I stand corrected.  
10 It would be Virgie Goffney.  
11           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Could you  
12 repeat that last name?  
13           DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT BOBREN: Goffney,  
14 G-O-F-F-N-E-Y. First name Virgie.  
15           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
16 V-I-R-G-I-E.  
17           DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT BOBREN: Yes, that's  
18 correct.  
19           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank you.  
20 District 25?  
21           DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT FLETCHER: Debbie Fletcher,  
22 District 25. We pass.  
23           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: You pass.  
24 District 21?  
25           DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT BIEGER: Jennifer Bieger,  
26 District 21. We'd like to add the name of Monica Toman,  
27 T-O-M-A-N, Unit 289.  
28           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Monica,  
29 M-O-N-I-C-A.  
30           DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT BIEGER: Yes. T-O-M-A-N.  
31           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.  
32 T-O-M-A-N. Thank you.  
33           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Is that enough?  
34           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I've got  
35 one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten,  
36 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17. No. I've got those included.  
37 One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten,  
38 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17.  
39           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: What about the four?  
40 Did you add those?  
41           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: No, I  
42 didn't include those.  
43           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Include those.  
44           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.  
45 That's 21, Madam President.  
46           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. We have  
47 enough delegates to -- nominated to the national  
48 convention. Nominations are now closed.  
49           Nominations are now open for alternates to the  
50 national convention. Secretary Ruby, would you please

1 read the names of the nominees we have so far?  
2 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: You want me  
3 to tell you which districts pass?  
4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You can do the  
5 districts and if they pass first.  
6 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.  
7 Districts 1 through 5 pass. District 6, pass. District  
8 7, Linda Harmon. Districts 8 through 12, pass. District  
9 13, pass. District 14, Mary Leyser. District 15, pass.  
10 District 16, Madeline Lee. District 18, pass. District  
11 19, Jean Cooley-Desmeules. District 20, pass. District  
12 21, Estella Avina. District 22, Virgie Goffney.  
13 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Wait.  
14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Virgie has now been  
15 moved up to a delegate.  
16 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. So  
17 -- all right.  
18 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: You need to go back  
19 to Stella Avina. She's District 21 and we took another  
20 nominee from District 21. She should have moved over.  
21 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: We could  
22 have gotten an alternate.  
23 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: She just nominated  
24 Monica Toman, but Stella Avina is on the alternate list.  
25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yeah. If Estella  
26 Avina was already nominated as alternate, she needs to be  
27 moved up to a delegate, Madam President Bieger?  
28 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Instead --  
29 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT BIEGER: Estella has  
30 decided not to go, so --  
31 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: So we're  
32 removing Estella as an alternate.  
33 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT BIEGER: Yes, and I would  
34 like to put Joanne Evans in her place from Unit 595.  
35 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank you,  
36 Jennifer.  
37 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT BIEGER: Thank you.  
38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you.  
39 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.  
40 Backing out here. 1 through 6 pass. 7, Linda Harmon. 8  
41 through 13 pass. 14 is Mary Leyser. District 15 is Zana  
42 Chaney. District 16, Madeline Lee. District 18, pass.  
43 District 19, Jean Cooley-Desmeules. District 20, pass.  
44 District 21, Joanne Evans. District 22, they didn't  
45 have --  
46 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: They can place  
47 another name. Madam President -- where is the president?  
48 Here comes the president. Do you have your hand up,  
49 Susie?  
50 VA&R CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Yeah, the first name you

1 read Leyser, wasn't she moved up to a delegate?  
2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: No.  
3 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: No.  
4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Gloria Sinopoli is  
5 the delegate. I recognize the president from 22.  
6 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT BOBREN: Karen Bobren,  
7 District 22. June Coatney.  
8 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.  
9 District 22 alternate June Coatney. Okay. District 23,  
10 Jackie Cleveland. District 24, Ruth Hackey. District 25,  
11 pass. District 26, Sherry Schneider. District 27, pass.  
12 District 28, pass. District 19, Cynthia Mayfield.  
13 District 30, pass. Eleven. I have a total of 11, Madam  
14 President.  
15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. We'll have to  
16 start with the -- hold on one second. We're going to take  
17 just a few seconds. The Parliamentarian needs to discuss  
18 something with the National President. Go ahead.  
19 DISTRICT 23 PRESIDENT MOORE: Madam President,  
20 Sharon Moore, 23rd District. I made a mistake and I sent  
21 in Jackie Cleveland as the alternate and it should have  
22 been Alzora Carter and Jackie should have been the second  
23 alternate.  
24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Right. Actually,  
25 she was after Wantu was the last one.  
26 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: So I'm  
27 changing District 22 alternate to Alzora Carter. I know  
28 you guys are just testing me.  
29 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: They're making you  
30 really work for this volunteer job you're doing.  
31 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: You  
32 remember this is "Acting," ladies.  
33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: She doesn't get  
34 paid, ladies.  
35 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.  
36 District 23 changed from Jackie Cleveland to Alzora  
37 Carter. Okay. Back to 29 for the alternates.  
38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. District 29,  
39 President Neiffer.  
40 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: Yes, ma'am. I'm  
41 going to stop getting up --  
42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Neiffer, Neiffer.  
43 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: -- if you don't  
44 get my name. Cheryl Neiffer, District 29. Second  
45 alternate is Jan Spriggs. Janice Spriggs, Unit 291.  
46 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank you,  
47 Cheryl. District 22, Karen? Where did district -- oh,  
48 she's --  
49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: She's coming.  
50 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT BOBREN: I'm sorry. We

1 were having a discussion and we couldn't come to anything.  
2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That's called  
3 caucusing.  
4 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT BOBREN: Regretfully we  
5 must pass.  
6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you.  
7 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.  
8 District 25? You pass?  
9 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT FLETCHER: Yes.  
10 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 25  
11 passes. District 21?  
12 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT BIEGER: Pass.  
13 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Pass.  
14 District 19?  
15 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT SOLLAZZO: Tammy Sollazzo.  
16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Do you know how many  
17 we need, Ruby?  
18 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT SOLLAZZO: Tammy Sollazzo,  
19 District 19. We'd like to add Sherry Greene. Greene with  
20 a following E.  
21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Sherry Greene.  
22 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT SOLLAZZO: Sherry Greene.  
23 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
24 G-R-E-E-N-E?  
25 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT SOLLAZZO: Uh-huh.  
26 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. We  
27 have got one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight,  
28 nine, ten, 11, 12, 13, 14, Madam President. All right.  
29 District 18?  
30 ACTING DISTRICT 18 PRESIDENT FORREST: District  
31 18 passes.  
32 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District  
33 28? I'm sure they passed at the beginning, they're going  
34 to pass again. Okay. District 23. Okay. This is Jackie  
35 Cleveland. I know that. Oh, see how smart I am. I do  
36 remember some things. Although I forget a lot more than I  
37 remember. Okay. District 5? District 5?  
38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You pass. Okay.  
39 Wenonah passes.  
40 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District  
41 13?  
42 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT HIDALGO: Just to get the  
43 show on the road, Cherie Whitaker, C-H-E-R-I.  
44 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: What was  
45 her last name?  
46 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT HIDALGO: Whitaker,  
47 W-I-T-A-K-E-R.  
48 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: No H in  
49 there? It's not W-H-I-T-A-K-E-R?  
50 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT HIDALGO: Could be.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We'll take the  
2 common spelling.  
3 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT HIDALGO: She scribbled it.  
4 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Is she  
5 here?  
6 DELEGATE WHITAKER: Yes. W-H-I-T-A-K-E-R.  
7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you, Cherie.  
8 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: The reason  
9 I ask is when you start searching for the membership,  
10 leaving off that H is critical. Okay. We have one, two,  
11 three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, 11, 12,  
12 13, 14, 15. Right? Okay. Fifteen. We go to District  
13 14.  
14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Did you fix the  
15 microphone, sir?  
16 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: In other  
17 words, get close Sandra.  
18 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT URBAN: I --  
19 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: You're  
20 going to have to get close. Make pretend you love it.  
21 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT URBAN: I love it. Baby, I  
22 love it. Okay. I will add Ellen McClure.  
23 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.  
24 Ellen McClurg.  
25 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT URBAN: Ellen McClurg.  
26 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: M-C cap  
27 C-L-U-R-E?  
28 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT URBAN: No. G.  
29 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: McClurg.  
30 And the first name is Ellen?  
31 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT URBAN: Yes.  
32 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
33 M-C-C-L-U-R-G. Thank you, Sandra. District 6?  
34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Glenda, that's you,  
35 ladies.  
36 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: District 6 passes.  
37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you.  
38 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District  
39 20?  
40 DISTRICT 20 PRESIDENT GOSLIN: Pass.  
41 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District  
42 15?  
43 DISTRICT 15 PRESIDENT HERRERA: We pass.  
44 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District  
45 27?  
46 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT MYERS: Pass.  
47 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District --  
48 yeah, District 12?  
49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Ladies? Madam  
50 President, do you pass?

1 DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT STUART: Yes.  
2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you.  
3 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District  
4 26?  
5 DISTRICT 26 PRESIDENT JOHNSTON: Pass.  
6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: District 7? You  
7 have one?  
8 DISTRICT 7 PRESIDENT BANDERA: Madam President.  
9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That works.  
10 DISTRICT 7 PRESIDENT BANDERA: I don't have to  
11 get close to this one. We already have Linda Harmon as  
12 our alternate.  
13 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Linda  
14 Harmon, but you have an opportunity to put another name in  
15 at this point.  
16 NEC WOMAN MIKESELL: Maybe Linda wants a  
17 roommate.  
18 DISTRICT 7 PRESIDENT BANDERA: We pass.  
19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you.  
20 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.  
21 District 30?  
22 DISTRICT 30 PRESIDENT VINCENT: Pass.  
23 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: 16 was in  
24 there before 18. Back it up, ladies. I'm on 30, but hang  
25 on just a moment. Let me pass up to 16. I missed them.  
26 They should have been after 18. These old eyes are  
27 skipping lines again.  
28 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT BIGGERS: District 16,  
29 Connie Biggers. We do have a candidate. This is Darlene  
30 Duncan.  
31 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
32 D-U-N-K-I-N?  
33 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT BIGGERS: Not like Dunkin'  
34 Donuts. D-U-N-C-A-N.  
35 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Pardon me?  
36 What is it.  
37 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT BIGGERS: D-U-N-C-A-N.  
38 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
39 D-U-N-C-A-N. Her first name was Darlene?  
40 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT BIGGERS: Yes.  
41 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank you  
42 very much. Okay. That's 17. Back down to 30.  
43 DISTRICT 30 PRESIDENT VINCENT: We pass.  
44 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Pass.  
45 District 2?  
46 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You're going to have  
47 to go to come to the microphone, District 2.  
48 DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT DAILEY: Pass.  
49 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 4?  
50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You pass?

1 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT DOWDEN: I didn't hear  
2 what's going on.  
3 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 4,  
4 you have the opportunity to put an alternate into the  
5 national convention, the name for an alternate.  
6 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT DOWDEN: Pass.  
7 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Pass.  
8 District 13? Wait a minute. How come 13 is down here  
9 twice?  
10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You said 13 already.  
11 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I don't  
12 know why they're on the list then. Okay. We go to 24  
13 then.  
14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: 24?  
15 ACTING DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT HACKNEY: District  
16 24, Nancy Niles. Niles.  
17 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Niles.  
18 N-I-L-E-S.  
19 ACTING DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT HACKNEY: Niles.  
20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you.  
21 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank you.  
22 That's 18.  
23 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Three more.  
24 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District  
25 10?  
26 DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT PETERS: Pass.  
27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: They pass.  
28 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 10  
29 passes. District 1?  
30 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: They are not here.  
31 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 9?  
32 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: Pass.  
33 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 3?  
34 DISTRICT 3 PRESIDENT RAMEY: Pass.  
35 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 8?  
36 They're not here either. We're at District 17. We're not  
37 going to do 17?  
38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: No, they didn't  
39 assign.  
40 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Do you want  
41 to go back to 29?  
42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yeah, to the ones  
43 who haven't passed.  
44 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right.  
45 District 29.  
46 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: I'm not jumping.  
47 People think I'm crazy. Cheryl Neiffer, District 29  
48 President. Melveta Mason, M-E-L-V-E-T-A M-A-S-O-N.  
49 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank you,  
50 Cheryl. That's 19. Okay.



1 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: And that's it.  
2 I'm running out of people.  
3 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yeah, with  
4 a unit of 3,000 members you should be able to come up with  
5 a lot of members.  
6 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: They're not here.  
7 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 22  
8 just put their names down whether they're going to go or  
9 not.  
10 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT BOBREN: District 22, Karen  
11 Bobren. We have Lois Cornish.  
12 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Lois  
13 Cornish. All right. Lois, you're a lifesaver. That's  
14 19. Let's go to 25.  
15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: They've already  
16 passed.  
17 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yeah, don't  
18 go through the ones that passed already. Yeah, I didn't  
19 write them down.  
20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You're going to  
21 pass; right?  
22 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: I've got one more  
23 just in case.  
24 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. 29,  
25 for your information you have a Past Department President,  
26 Judy Lowe who doesn't live in the state anymore who is  
27 still a member of your unit. And that's a possibility of  
28 an additional name because I guess Diane --  
29 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: We have another  
30 name for you.  
31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: She's trying to make  
32 a statement.  
33 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: Yeah, I know.  
34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. She sent a  
35 letter in.  
36 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: Yeah, I know.  
37 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And now  
38 we're down to 25. You've already passed. 21?  
39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: They passed.  
40 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: 19 passed;  
41 right? No. Okay. 19, come on. Come on, Tammy.  
42 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT SOLLAZZO: We would like to  
43 have Gayle Stewart. And it's G-A-Y-L-E.  
44 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Stewart;  
45 right?  
46 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT SOLLAZZO: Correct.  
47 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: That's 20.  
48 One more, ladies. Okay. 16?  
49 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT BIGGERS: Connie Biggers,  
50 District 16. Vicki Crow.

1           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Vicki Crow.  
2 I don't need to have her spell that, but I might need it  
3 for the Crow, C-R-O-W. Madam President, I believe that is  
4 21. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine,  
5 ten, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21.

6           (Applause.)

7           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And I need  
8 for you to nominate --

9           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Nominations are now  
10 closed for alternates to the national convention.

11           (Applause.)

12           ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Will the  
13 candidates for the department office please come to the  
14 stage. At this time it is my pleasure to present your  
15 Department Candidates for the year 2014-2015 and our  
16 Endorsed National Candidate for 2015-2016. For Department  
17 President, Harriet Clendenin.

18           (Applause.)

19           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: For Department Vice  
20 President, Susie Tozier.

21           (Applause.)

22           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: For Junior Member of  
23 Finance, Susan Peters.

24           (Applause.)

25           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: And for Western  
26 Division National Vice President, Linda Workman.

27           (Applause.)

28           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Congratulations on  
29 your nominations. Will you please go in front of the  
30 flags for a better picture with the background. Well, you  
31 know what Linda Workman looks like. Congratulate her.

32           We will now continue with our Department Chair  
33 reports. We need to have the Girls State chairman to the  
34 stage so we can complete your report. After Girls State  
35 we will have Education, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, and  
36 National Security. Can you please come to the stage and  
37 be ready for your report. Is Linda Hayes here? Linda,  
38 just come through. You're going to have to just disrupt  
39 their photo. Thank you. Per my notes, it looks like we  
40 left off at Code 20A.

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42           GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN REPORT (Resumed)

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44           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Before you go on,  
45 there was a beautiful Auxiliary piece of jewelry that  
46 someone left in the Past Presidents' Parlay luncheon. But  
47 it's really beautiful. Somebody lost this. Yeah, I'll  
48 take it home. Anyway, I have it up here.

49           Go ahead, Linda.

50           GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Code 20E currently

1 reads: "Has the responsibility of carefully checking  
2 parent's release, application form and ensure that all  
3 questions are completely answered and the required  
4 signatures have been obtained before forwarding papers to  
5 the Department Chairman and the fee to Department Office."

6 Proposed change: "Has the responsibility of  
7 carefully checking to ensure that all questions are  
8 completely answered and the required signatures have been  
9 obtained by receiving the signature page from the  
10 candidate before forwarding fees to the Department  
11 Office."

12 Madam Department President, by direction of the  
13 committee I move acceptance of this code change.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Code change 20E of  
15 Girls State code changed to: "Has the responsibility of  
16 carefully checking to ensure that all questions are  
17 completely answered and the required signatures have been  
18 obtained by receiving the signature page from the  
19 candidate before forwarding fees to the Department  
20 Office."

21 This is referring to the responsibility of the  
22 unit and sponsors. Is there any discussion on this page?  
23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All those in favor,  
25 say aye.

26 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Those opposed say  
28 no.

29 (No response.)

30 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Motion is carried.

31 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Code 21 currently  
32 reads: "After arrival of the session, if the delegate is  
33 not willing to comply with the rules and requirements  
34 previously agreed upon or if a situation arises which  
35 could be counterproductive to the sessions, the director  
36 at her discretion shall have the right to return the  
37 delegate to her home immediately. The director shall be  
38 required to notify the unit of a required delegate --  
39 returned delegate in writing within ten days after the  
40 close of session providing complete details of the above  
41 situation."

42 The proposed changes are housekeeping only.  
43 Remove the "S" from "sessions," add commas before and  
44 after "at her discretion," and remove the "S" from  
45 "sessions" near the end of the paragraph.

46 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We accept this  
47 housekeeping change.

48 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Code 26 currently  
49 reads: "Applications must be submitted from the units to  
50 the Department Chairman by deadline date of March 12th.

1 All fees to be sent to the department office."  
2 Proposed change: Remove -- no. I'm sorry.  
3 Proposed change: "Applications must be submitted to the  
4 Department Chairman by deadline date of March 31st. All  
5 fees to be sent to the department office."  
6 Madam Department President, by direction of the  
7 committee I move acceptance of this code change.  
8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: The -- if you have a  
9 discussion, you have to wait until I announce this. It  
10 has been moved that Code 26 be changed: "Applications  
11 must be submitted to the Department Chairman by deadline  
12 date of March 31. All fees to be sent to the department  
13 office."  
14 Is there a discussion? The Chair recognizes  
15 LuAnn Capazzi.  
16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAPAZZI: I believe we  
17 also said to add March 31st to that sentence, that all the  
18 fees need to be in by March 31st.  
19 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: We did. Thank you.  
20 LuAnn is right. All fees to be sent to the department  
21 office by March 31st needs to be added.  
22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. So with that  
23 direction, the last sentence: "All fees to be sent to the  
24 department office by March 31st." Are there any  
25 questions?  
26 (No response.)  
27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All those in favor,  
28 say aye.  
29 ALL PRESENT: Aye.  
30 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Those opposed, say  
31 no.  
32 (No response.)  
33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Motion carried.  
34 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Madam President,  
35 that concludes the department code changes.  
36 (Applause.)  
37 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Madam President, may  
38 I continue with the supplemental report?  
39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You could, but our  
40 Acting Secretary would like to amend the last code change  
41 because it's too redundant.  
42 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madam  
43 President, I would like to amend that last code change to  
44 read, and it's just merely getting March 31st in there one  
45 time rather than repeating it twice. And the proposed  
46 change would read: "Applications must be submitted to the  
47 Department Chairman and the fees to the -- all fees to the  
48 Department Office by deadline date of March 31st." We're  
49 putting too much 31st in there.  
50 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: No, I understand.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We understand.  
2 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Let's make it  
3 application and fees.  
4 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yeah, it's  
5 just poorly worded. "Applications and fees must be  
6 submitted to the Department Chairman" --  
7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: No, because the fees  
8 go to the office. You were right the first time.  
9 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.  
10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay.  
11 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Is this my  
12 third strike or what.  
13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You can't strike  
14 out.  
15 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Please make  
16 it my third strike. "Applications must be submitted" --  
17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: To the department.  
18 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: -- "to the  
19 Department Chairman and all fees sent to the Department  
20 Office by March 31st." Thank you.  
21 (Applause.)  
22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: So it's been moved  
23 and seconded to change Girls State Code 26 to read:  
24 "Applications must be submitted to the Department Chairman  
25 and all fees to be sent to the Department Office by  
26 deadline date of March 31st."  
27 Any discussion? Chair recognizes Liz Tomlin.  
28 DELEGATE TOMLIN: Hi. Alyssa Tomlin, District  
29 29. It's more of a question to Linda. Which code change  
30 was it that we were changing to the electronic  
31 application? I thought Anita said we were finished and I  
32 don't remember discussing it. No, it's not the signature  
33 page.  
34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Excuse me, ladies.  
35 Let me hear from the Chairman, Linda.  
36 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: The word  
37 "electronic" doesn't appear in that. It says -- if I can  
38 find it. I believe it says website.  
39 DELEGATE TOMLIN: That we submit it to the  
40 website. I just don't remember us discussing that change.  
41 That's all -- that was my question. And I don't remember  
42 which code.  
43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It's not pertaining  
44 to the motion we have.  
45 DELEGATE TOMLIN: Okay. I'm sorry.  
46 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. Are there any  
47 questions to the Code 26? Do you have a question?  
48 DELEGATE KELLEY: Not on Code 26.  
49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. Are there any  
50 questions to the motion for Code 26?

1 (No response.)  
2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: If there are none,  
3 all those in favor say aye.  
4 ALL PRESENT: Aye  
5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Those opposed say  
6 no.  
7 (No response.)  
8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That motion carried.  
9 So now if you want to entertain another question to the  
10 chairman at this time.  
11 DELEGATE KELLEY: Ann Kelley, District 12, Unit  
12 83. We actually had a change to 20A which you skipped  
13 over and went to 20E. And I'm not sure that 20E -- I'd  
14 like to hear 20E repeated. I think there was an issue  
15 there. And then we haven't done 27 and there was a change  
16 there as well.  
17 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: I'm sorry. I must  
18 have --  
19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We did 20E. 20E we  
20 didn't -- we haven't done 20A yet.  
21 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: I thought we did  
22 read that.  
23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Can you please do --  
24 you did not do 20A. You picked back up with 20E and we  
25 didn't have a vote on 20A.  
26 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: 20A: "All required  
27 forms shall be forwarded with the application form  
28 including a brochure to the unit with instructions that  
29 all forms and applications together with the fee must be  
30 returned as provided in the instructions."  
31 So Code 20A proposed changes. "All required" --  
32 the paragraph is to be deleted. It's to read: "All  
33 required forms and fees must be returned as provided in  
34 the instructions."  
35 Madam Department President, by direction of the  
36 committee I move acceptance of this code change.  
37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: By direction of the  
38 Girls State Committee, Code 20A will read: "All required  
39 forms and fees must be returned and as provided in the  
40 instructions."  
41 Is there any discussion on this code change?  
42 (No response.)  
43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All those in favor,  
44 say aye.  
45 ALL PRESENT: Aye.  
46 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Those opposed say  
47 no.  
48 (No response.)  
49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Motion carried.  
50 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: We did 20E, yes.

1 And I'm trying to see what it was on 27 that was changed.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Ann Kelley, did you  
3 understand Code 20E that was changed?

4 DELEGATE KELLEY: No, I don't understand it. I'd  
5 like you to read it again, please.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. It reads as  
7 follows: "Has the responsibility of carefully checking  
8 and ensure that all questions are completely answered and  
9 required signatures have been obtained" -- I don't think  
10 this was done. This is a different one than what I saw  
11 before.

12 I am going to request that the Girls State  
13 Committee, preconvention committee please meet -- you can  
14 go right outside the door, get together on these codes,  
15 make sure you have them all together correctly as voted in  
16 your meeting, and then chairman can bring back the ones  
17 that we have not taken care of.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you very much,  
20 ladies. Okay. I have education. Michelle Soares, can  
21 you report now?

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23 EDUCATION REPORT  
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25 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: Good afternoon,  
26 everybody. We're in the home stretch. The convention  
27 committee on Education met on June 19th in Room 207 of the  
28 Santa Clara Convention Center, Santa Clara, California.  
29 The statistical report of this chairman appears on page 19  
30 of the Book of Reports. There is one correction to that.  
31 I incorrectly reported the number of districts reporting  
32 instead of units. And so where it says units reporting  
33 28, it's actually districts. So I had 28, actually 29 all  
34 29 actually showed up in the end, so that was good.

35 Wendy O'Brien from District 6 was appointed  
36 secretary, Mary Carolan from District 29 offered prayer,  
37 and Sheila Murray from District 23 was appointed  
38 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 18 district delegates  
39 answered roll call. There were four visitors present.

40 The committee agreed on the following report:  
41 The code was read and some Q and A followed. All second,  
42 third, 100 percent reporting and Give 10 to Education  
43 certificates were passed out in committee. If adopted  
44 there will be one code addition. It will be labeled  
45 number 14. "The Connie Settles Memorial Trust Scholarship  
46 shall be awarded annually to Senior Auxiliary members  
47 attending college whose membership dues are paid for the  
48 current and past three consecutive years. One scholarship  
49 up to \$5,000 shall be awarded annually and may include  
50 book stipends. The application," which I created and we

1 will get to -- "E21S and rules for the scholarship will be  
2 mailed to all units and posted on the department website.  
3 2014."

4 With the addition -- if adopted, with the  
5 addition of this code all other code numbers will be  
6 renumbered accordingly. By the direction of the  
7 committee, I move to accept the following code addition.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: By direction of the  
9 education committee, following code addition. Number 14:  
10 "The Connie Settles Memorial Trust Scholarship shall be  
11 awarded annually to senior Auxiliary members attending  
12 college whose membership dues are paid for current and  
13 past three consecutive years. One scholarship up to  
14 \$5,000 shall be awarded annually and may include book  
15 stipends. The application E21S and rules for the  
16 scholarship will be mailed to all units and posted on the  
17 department website."

18 Are there any questions on this motion?

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All those in favor,  
21 say aye.

22 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Those opposed say  
24 no.

25 (No response.)

26 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. The  
27 motion carried.

28 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: Madam President, this  
29 concludes my committee report. May I continue with my  
30 supplemental?

31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, you may.

32 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: Madam Department  
33 President, the ladies of the Department of California have  
34 done an outstanding job implementing the education program  
35 objectives into their unit activities. Education is the  
36 cornerstone of our future and this chairman believes in  
37 order to be effective we must educate our youth on this  
38 great organization, our programs as a whole, and  
39 membership when it's applicable.

40 In order to achieve these goals, I distributed  
41 bulletins to the district and unit chairmen containing the  
42 national organization's objectives along with scholarship  
43 applications for both National and our department  
44 scholarships available. I also distributed the how-to  
45 guides provided by National on how to implement and be  
46 successful within certain programs such as the Give 10  
47 program and how to find military children within our  
48 schools.

49 Give 10 to Education is very popular. At the  
50 time of the writing of this report it was 78, but it



1 turned out to be 83 units that 10,935 items have been  
2 donated to date at a value of \$19,143.85. It was stated  
3 that this is -- that does deserve applause.

4 (Applause.)

5 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: It was stated that  
6 this is one of the easiest ways to participate within the  
7 Education program especially in the smaller units. Fifty  
8 units also have chosen to make monetary donations directly  
9 to schools ranging in amounts from \$50 to \$2,000. The  
10 total amount donated for the year is \$10,238 to date.  
11 This helps the schools with individual projects they may  
12 not have the money for otherwise.

13 As we all know, teachers are spending their own  
14 money to fund their classrooms and the direct donations  
15 help ease this burden in small and in some cases big ways.  
16 Sixty-three units sought out local opportunities, built  
17 scholarships in 146 schools. Counselors were given  
18 scholarship brochures, Need A Lift CD, and scholarship  
19 applications.

20 California offers two main scholarships under the  
21 Education program. The Educational Assistance For High  
22 School Seniors and that Our Children of Veterans heading  
23 to college within California and continuing reentry  
24 assistance for people continuing their college experience  
25 or who are reentering after a hiatus. The reason I bring  
26 this up is because I had the displeasure of turning away  
27 several applications because the applicants were not the  
28 child of a veteran, but rather a grandchild or great  
29 grandchild. Reading the rules in their entirety is a must  
30 and no exceptions should be made. Rather, asking  
31 questions so that the child can be directed to the proper  
32 scholarship application and not be disappointed or  
33 rejected is an easier alternative than, you know, some  
34 poor simp like me writing a letter.

35 Yeah, and I bring that up because I did have to  
36 do that and because the deadlines had passed for the other  
37 scholarships they found out that they were eligible.

38 So anyway, a total of 28 units participated in  
39 American Education Week doing various things. Several  
40 units reported that they donated fruit baskets and  
41 homemade treats to the staff of local schools. One unit  
42 reported that they read and gave books to students at a  
43 local elementary school. However, most units promoted the  
44 scholarship programs available by handing out brochures  
45 and talking with students directly.

46 The most exciting thing, I think, is that 28  
47 units have gotten excited and involved in the Veterans in  
48 the Classroom Project. These units reported that a  
49 whooping 285 veterans talked with students in 37 schools  
50 from first grade through college. The children and young

1 adults were allowed to interview the veterans after their  
2 initial presentations. Some of these interviews and  
3 assemblies have lasted more than three hours. The list of  
4 age appropriate questions were handed out to teachers as  
5 well as to the children.

6 Twenty-seven units assisted and supported 1,265  
7 veterans pursuing higher or vocational education. This  
8 support came in various ways such as tutoring, providing a  
9 food pantry for those studying away from home and  
10 financial support in undisclosed amounts.

11 Literacy is so important, but surprisingly is  
12 still a problem in American schools. Twenty-three units  
13 participated in literacy programs. We have two women who  
14 volunteer as ESL teachers, many tutor young children and  
15 teenagers in reading and donate books to reading programs.  
16 Excuse me.

17 One unit donates patriotic books and presidential  
18 bookmarks and then holds a contest to see who can remember  
19 the most presidents. They make it fun for the kids while  
20 they're learning. Several women read to young children  
21 and -- sorry. And stress the importance of reading and  
22 understanding what they read. Units have created or  
23 already had in place their own scholarship programs.  
24 Sixty-five units gave out 121 scholarships totaling -- are  
25 you ready for this one? -- \$60,190.

26 (Applause.)

27 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: That -- that is an  
28 average of almost \$500 per student. Plus 22 units gave  
29 out book stipends totaling \$2,814. What a tremendous  
30 accomplishment for the units of California. Eight  
31 districts also reported -- eight districts also reported  
32 that they have their own program and gave \$3,435 in  
33 scholarships this year.

34 One hundred units supported the Education program  
35 by purchasing \$2,226 worth of poppy seals. Of the units  
36 reporting, 127 of them donated a total of \$4820 to the  
37 Department of California Education Fund. That is the  
38 number that I have today anyway.

39 Members are still actively clipping Box Tops For  
40 Education and donating to their own local schools. Those  
41 schools also are very appreciative and many letters saying  
42 -- by the units in California for helping them with their  
43 ongoing commitment to helping the schools. To date, more  
44 than 15,000 Box Tops have been donated this year. One  
45 unit holds a teacher appreciation day in May where the  
46 Auxiliary sends invitations to every teacher and  
47 administrator and holds a reception for them. They feed  
48 them finger foods and drinks and they also take the  
49 opportunity to inform the teachers and administrators  
50 about the scholarships available, find out what the

1 schools need, as well as talk about the Americanism  
2 contest. This unit has been hosting this event for more  
3 than 20 years and the average attendance is approximately  
4 one hundred and many times the attendance has topped 150  
5 teachers and administrators. This is all done free of  
6 charge including drinks, if they so desire, as a way of  
7 thanking them for all they do for our young people.

8 National scholarships were promoted and  
9 applications were read. I'm proud to say that a spirited  
10 young scholarship was won by a young woman from California  
11 named Kyley Warther who was sponsored by Unit 277. She  
12 won a \$5,000 scholarship from National.

13 (Applause.)

14 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: Entries have always  
15 been received for most outstanding American Education Week  
16 and most outstanding literacy program. Winners will be  
17 forwarded to the appropriate committee members and  
18 hopefully California will have one or two more national  
19 winners. But there are no losers as far as I'm concerned.  
20 As true winners are the children of veterans and the  
21 veterans themselves along with all the other students and  
22 teachers our Auxiliary members have helped with their  
23 educational needs along the way.

24 This concludes my report. May I continue with my  
25 first place awards?

26 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Please do.

27 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: Someone is telling me  
28 that they didn't get their Give 10 certificates. I will  
29 say that I have some to get out, but it's because your  
30 districts didn't list the unit numbers on the form. So I  
31 asked at the committee meeting to slip me notes. I hope  
32 everyone got my -- they did get my notes. I can see them  
33 standing over there.

34 The first award I'm going to give and was  
35 forwarded to National for further competition is most  
36 outstanding literacy program. And that went to Inyo Unit  
37 118, Danielle White chairman.

38 (Applause.)

39 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: Danielle is on an  
40 Alaskan cruise, so we have Vella Myers, the district  
41 president. Thank you.

42 (Applause.)

43 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: Most outstanding  
44 American Education Week program goes to Bradley Keffer  
45 Unit 138, Kim Vincent, Chairman, District 30. This report  
46 was also forwarded to National for further competition.

47 (Applause.)

48 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: Best overall district  
49 supplemental report goes to District 29, Carol Grosspoint,  
50 chairman.

1 (Applause.)  
2 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: Cheryl Neiffer is  
3 accepting on her behalf. These ladies worked really hard  
4 and I'll tell you the truth it was really, really  
5 difficult to whittle all of these report supplementals  
6 down to, you know, what was going to get what.  
7 Outstanding best overall unit report I have a little bit  
8 of a problem here because I had two really great ones and  
9 so I broke up the tie in an unusual way, and I'll get to  
10 that in one second.  
11 The best overall unit report standard issue goes  
12 to John M. Armitage Unit 684, LuAnn Capazzi, chairman,  
13 District 27.  
14 (Applause.)  
15 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: The other report it  
16 was -- it was a phenomenal read, I have to tell you, but  
17 it was really -- I created an award because I'm the  
18 chairman and I can do that. It's the best department  
19 themed unit report. And first place goes to Jackie  
20 Robinson Unit 252, Sheila Mary, Chairman. District 23.  
21 (Applause.)  
22 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: A little bird told me  
23 this is your first convention.  
24 DELEGATE MARY: Yes, it is.  
25 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: Now you have to come  
26 back.  
27 DELEGATE MARY: Yes, so I see.  
28 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: You have to defend  
29 your title.  
30 DELEGATE MARY: Okay. Okay. Thank you so much.  
31 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: Madam President,  
32 thank you for this appointment and that concludes my  
33 report.  
34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you so much,  
35 Michelle. Next we'll hear from our Auxiliary Emergency  
36 Fund, little Rhodona Enright.  
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38 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND REPORT  
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40 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT:  
41 Hello. The convention committee on Auxiliary Emergency  
42 Fund met on June 19th, 2014 in Room 201 of the Santa Clara  
43 Convention Center, Santa Clara, California. The  
44 statistical report of the Chair appears in the Book of  
45 Reports.  
46 Barbara Knight, District 18, was appointed  
47 secretary. Earleen Paige, District 23, offered prayer,  
48 and Maria Lopez, District 6 was appointed  
49 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 23 district delegates  
50 answered roll call. There were eight visitors present.

1 The committee agreed on the following report:  
2 The code was read and the following change was  
3 recommended. Code 6 currently reads: "Units wanting to  
4 submit an application for an eligible member shall request  
5 forms from the Department Headquarters."

6 The proposed Code 6 will read: "Units wanting to  
7 submit an application for an eligible member can obtain a  
8 copy of the application on the department or national  
9 website, websites. A copy can also be obtained from the  
10 Department Chairman."

11 Madam Department President, by direction of the  
12 committee I move acceptance of this code change.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: By the direction of  
14 the Auxiliary Emergency Fund committee proposed code  
15 change number 6: "Units wanting to submit an application  
16 for an eligible member can obtain a copy of the  
17 application on the department or national websites. A  
18 copy can also be obtained from the Department Chairman."

19 Is there any questions on this motion?

20 (No response.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All those in favor,  
22 say aye.

23 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Any opposed, say no.

25 (No response.)

26 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Motion carries.

27 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: Thank  
28 you.

29 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You have that right.

30 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT:

31 Certificates for 100 percent reporting were presented in  
32 committee. Second place awards for best supplemental at  
33 district and unit levels were also presented in committee.  
34 A complete list of awards will be posted outside the  
35 secretary's office.

36 Madam President, this concludes the report of the  
37 Auxiliary Emergency Fund Committee meeting and I move for  
38 its acceptance.

39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You may continue.

40 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: You  
41 don't need a motion to accept my report?

42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I don't need a  
43 motion to accept your report.

44 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: Units  
45 and districts got on board to help provide for our members  
46 in need. They held bake sales, offered baskets for  
47 raffles, held luncheons, dinners, and dances. Several  
48 district chairmen collected funds at each district meeting  
49 and held drawings awarding small gifts. Chairmen talked  
50 about the importance of this program and its benefits at

1 their meetings. Many put articles in their unit post  
2 bulletins. Our members filed 13 applications for  
3 assistance at the unit level. I know of at least one  
4 received help from National. Great job, ladies.

5 Our units and districts responded distributing  
6 more than \$8519. That's not bad when you consider that  
7 only about 35 percent of our units actually made a  
8 donation. That is according to the department records.  
9 It is extremely important and I know we did something  
10 earlier to make this code change, but stay with me for a  
11 minute. It is extremely important to make your donations  
12 to the department according to Code 3, the check payable  
13 to National, then mailed to department. Can you imagine  
14 what would happen if every unit donated something? And  
15 remember, every dollar counts.

16 I am very proud of our members for their hard  
17 work and dedication to this most worthwhile program.  
18 Remember, the Auxiliary Emergency Fund is members helping  
19 other members.

20 Now for our first place winners for unit and  
21 district supplementals. And I will apologize. My gifts  
22 are at home but I will be able to get that to you in the  
23 next week. Best unit supplement goes to George Tadlock  
24 Unit 472, Chairman Lou Thompson.

25 (Applause.)

26 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: And  
27 the best district supplemental was for Crystal Romo-Reyes,  
28 District 19.

29 (Applause.)

30 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT:  
31 DISTRICT 19: Go 19.

32 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: Thank  
33 you. Madam Department President Anita, thank you for this  
34 appointment and for the opportunity to continue my  
35 learning experience and thank you for the opportunity to  
36 serve you and our department. Madam Department President,  
37 that concludes my report.

38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you, so much,  
39 Rhodona, for accepting the position. You did a great job.

40 And as Loretta Marsh right now makes her way,  
41 would the Editor Estella Avina and Gloria Williams please  
42 come to the stage for your reports. Is there -- if you  
43 want to make any statement or have a question, any  
44 delegates, you'll have to come to the microphone. You can  
45 go ahead, Loretta.

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47 NATIONAL SECURITY REPORT

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49 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN MARSH: The convention  
50 committee for National Security met on June 19th in Room

1 209 of the Santa Clara Convention Center in Santa Clara.  
2 The statistical report appears on page 22 of the Book of  
3 Reports. Dolores Ryan, District 15 was appointed  
4 secretary. Barbara LaDoucer was appointed Chaplain and  
5 offered prayer from District 4. LuAnn Capazzi from  
6 District 27 was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. We had a  
7 total of 14 district delegates answering roll call and two  
8 visitors.

9 The department code was read and no code changes  
10 were recommended. All certificates and awards were  
11 presented in committee except first place supplements.  
12 Discussion followed to share what units are doing to have  
13 a successful and productive National Security program.

14 This concludes the report of the committee. May  
15 I continue with my supplemental report?

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, you may.

17 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN MARSH: Madam  
18 Department President, I am sorry to say that I cannot  
19 report 100 percent reporting among the districts of the  
20 department, but I can tell you that the reports I did  
21 receive reported countless hours of volunteerism and  
22 dedication to our active military members and their  
23 families, as well as to the security and well-being of  
24 their communities and neighborhoods.

25 They have reported the usual activities such as  
26 gifts and donations to the troops and their families,  
27 parties, fundraisers, coupon clipping, baby showers,  
28 homecomings, parades, USO support, ROTC and JROTC support,  
29 and all the various facets of the National Security  
30 program. Even though we hear of many of the same  
31 activities each year and probably in several different  
32 reports, this proves our units are still working hard to  
33 make these programs a bigger and better success each year.

34 I was pleased to hear of members that attend both  
35 CERT, C-E-R-T, classes to prepare themselves to be much  
36 service to their communities in case of an emergency or  
37 disaster. CPR, first aid, and Red Cross training was also  
38 on their agenda. Local police and fire departments were  
39 also recipients of their generosity.

40 A couple of things especially caught my attention  
41 as I read the reports. One unit reported setting up a  
42 booth at a family day at an Air Force base to keep  
43 children occupied with crafts and activities so their  
44 parents could enjoy the other booths and displays offered  
45 to them. Another unit had someone speak at their meeting  
46 on Internet scams to be aware of, especially those aimed  
47 at seniors. What great ideas to share.

48 The statistical report for National Security can  
49 be found in the Book of Reports. Check it out and be  
50 prepared to be amazed. A list of awards presented in

1 committee has been posted in the department office for  
2 viewing.

3 May I proceed with my first place supplemental  
4 awards?

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, you may.

6 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN MARSH: Okay. First  
7 place district supplemental goes to District 28, Sandy  
8 Patterson, chairman.

9 (Applause.)

10 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN MARSH:

11 Congratulation. If the tissue looks really crumbled it's  
12 not because I threw my shoes on top of it. First place  
13 unit supplemental goes to Unit 496, District 19.

14 (Applause.)

15 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN MARSH: Dolores  
16 Grijalva, Chairman.

17 DISTRICT 19 DELEGATE: I'm accepting it on her  
18 behalf.

19 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN MARSH: This concludes  
20 my report. Oh, no, no, no, it doesn't. Skip that. Madam  
21 President, I thank you for the honor and privilege of  
22 being part of your team this year by serving as Your  
23 National Security Chairman. And I want to thank all of  
24 you that worked so hard for your National Security  
25 program. This concludes my report.

26 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you very much,  
27 Loretta. Good job.

28 (Applause.)

29 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN MARSH: And I would  
30 love it.

31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We'll now hear from  
32 our Editor Estella Avina.

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34 EDITOR REPORT  
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36 EDITOR AVINA: Good afternoon. I'll take off my  
37 glasses so I can see. You know, you get to where you  
38 can't see close and you get to where you can't see far.

39 Okay. The convention committee on Editor met on  
40 June 19th, 2014 in Room 6 of the Santa Clara Convention  
41 Center, Santa Clara, California. There is no statistical  
42 report on Editor. Jennifer Bieger, District 21, was  
43 appointed secretary, Carrie Taylor, District 29, offered  
44 prayer, and Jessica Gustonson, District 16 was appointed  
45 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 16 district delegates  
46 answered roll call and there were five visitors present.

47 The committee agreed upon the following report:  
48 The Auxiliary News code was read and no changes were made.  
49 After a short how to submit articles presentation, the  
50 meeting was turned over to Public Relations. This



1 concludes my committee report. May I proceed with my  
2 supplemental?

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, you may.

4 EDITOR AVINA: I love those short reports, don't  
5 you, Madam President Anita? This year nine issues of the  
6 California Legionnaire were published, six printed and  
7 three online. The American Legion Auxiliary submitted 79  
8 article and six photos. This may sound like a lot of  
9 articles, however, nine of these were repeats.

10 The Department Auxiliary budgets for three  
11 two-page issues per year. A two-page spread can fit at  
12 least 11 articles, but sometimes we only receive about six  
13 to seven articles so that means that we have to fill these  
14 two pages with our quotes from the Legion, the Sons, and  
15 the Legion Riders. I hope that those members who are  
16 accepting department offices and/or chairmanships remember  
17 that this is one way that you can get your program  
18 information out.

19 At this time I do not have the dates for the next  
20 Auxiliary year issue deadlines, however as soon as I  
21 receive them I will have them put on the website.

22 Madam President, this concludes my report and I  
23 thank you for this appointment.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you so much,  
25 Stella. You do a great job.

26 (Applause.)

27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Gloria, are you  
28 ready for your membership report?

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30 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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32 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Yes. Madam  
33 President, may I make a request? I would like a few of  
34 the Membership support team members to come on up. If  
35 Dorothy could come up if she's here. Cheryl, you don't  
36 have to come. And Barbara LaDoucer.

37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Come on, y'all  
38 better wake up now. This is Membership. We'll rock you.

39 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Madam President,  
40 the Convention Committee on Membership met on June 19th,  
41 2014 in the Santa Clara Convention Center, Santa Clara  
42 California. The statistical report of this chairman  
43 appears on page 22. Joyce Patton, District 23, was  
44 appointed secretary, Susan Mar, District 6, offered  
45 prayer, and Diana Livas, District 19, was appointed  
46 Sergeant-at-Arms. There were 16 districts with 100  
47 percent reporting. District 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 19,  
48 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30.

49 (Applause.)

50 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Very good. A

1 total of 26 district delegates answered roll call. There  
2 were 13 visitors present. Madam President Anita Biggs was  
3 our special guest. She presented her February and March  
4 Madness awards.

5 The committee agreed upon the following report:  
6 The code was read and there was one change. Under  
7 National awards, the National President's Citation has not  
8 been recognized by the National organization for many  
9 years. After a brief discussion, the Chair did entertain  
10 a motion. I would like to read at this time the way the  
11 code was written and then you will know what the change  
12 actually is under the National Award. That's page 51.  
13 "The National President's Citation shall be awarded to  
14 units who have reached their membership goals set by the  
15 department and dues have been transmitted by the  
16 department office to National Headquarters prior to  
17 January 31st, provided National makes no changes in the  
18 basis for the National Citation. The deadline date for  
19 the department office to transmit to National shall be  
20 four days earlier than the date set by National, that is  
21 January 27th."

22 It was moved by Joyce Patton, Unit 252, District  
23 23, seconded by Linda Schultz, Unit 21, District 6, and  
24 carried by the delegation to delete under the membership  
25 code national awards National President's Citation.

26 By the direction of the membership convention  
27 committee, I move for the acceptance of this code change.

28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: By the direction of  
29 the Membership committee, they have moved to delete under  
30 the Membership code national awards national citation --  
31 let me read it. National -- it was read by the chairman.  
32 So the motion is to completely delete the code or that  
33 section of the code, that section of the code. And it's  
34 not numbered. There's no number to that code. It's under  
35 national awards and it's regarding the National  
36 President's Citation awarding units. It's obsolete, in  
37 other words.

38 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Yes.

39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Is there any  
40 discussion on this motion?

41 (No response.)

42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All those in favor,  
43 say aye.

44 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

45 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Those opposed say  
46 no.

47 (No response.)

48 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Motion carried.  
49 Thank you.

50 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: 100 percent

1 reporting was given to the districts that were present and  
2 second and three place awards and honorable mention, top  
3 senior recruiter, Pier Warmuth, Unit 328, top Junior  
4 recruiter, Cindy Mayfield, Unit 716, and we had two Silver  
5 Brigade winners, Glenda Schultz, Unit 521, District 6, and  
6 Sheridan Greene, Unit 496, District 19.

7 (Applause.)

8 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Group ABC District  
9 Shoot Out contest winners. Department president "February  
10 Fever." March Madness contest winners received awards  
11 during the meeting. A complete list will be posted in the  
12 department office at the conclusion of this report.

13 Madam Department President, this concludes the  
14 Membership committee meeting report. Closing prayer was  
15 given by acting Chaplain Susan Mar. Meeting adjourned at  
16 11:20 a.m. Madam Department President, may I continue  
17 with my supplemental?

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, you may.

19 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: When it was  
20 declared that California Membership teams were playing for  
21 the gold, it was impossible to know the amount of  
22 creativeness and the tenacity they would bring to the  
23 Membership program. Membership was worked by all units  
24 reporting in conjunction with our Auxiliary major  
25 programs. Eighty-eight units reached 100 percent plus and  
26 51 units will receive the Josie Melgard award. Only 16  
27 units out of 26 reporting had 100 percent reporting. I  
28 would encourage all districts and unit chairmen to read  
29 very carefully the guidelines, instructions, and dates  
30 before submitting year-end reports and supplementals.

31 We are at 23,671 members strong, that's as of  
32 June the 11th, 2014. I hope this increased. We are a  
33 force to be reckoned with and still growing. This game  
34 isn't over, team. National's goals is to have one million  
35 strong Auxiliary members by the year 2019 in celebration  
36 of our centennial.

37 Many districts use pictorial basketball boards at  
38 their meeting to visually track their units and their  
39 percentage ratings. Members delighted in seeing what  
40 units were scoring slam dunks and what units were still  
41 dribbling. Some districts had set up races within their  
42 districts to encourage units in reaching 100 percent goal.  
43 Unit members have used the telephone, the Internet,  
44 personal contact to gather renewals.

45 Some of our units had to find their key shots,  
46 but once they did, they were hitting three pointers and  
47 making goals. Other units hosted welcome teas for its  
48 members. One unit offered a free one-year membership to  
49 members that renewed by a certain date. Another unit  
50 member recruited 328 members. California has two Silver

1 Brigade entries which we have sent to National.

2 Several districts reported providing one-on-one  
3 training to their unit chairmen. To keep the flow of  
4 information moving, they shared all department member  
5 bulletins with units. Units are promoting the ALAMIS with  
6 personal contact to units effectively providing a new  
7 avenue for better communicative techniques. These  
8 chairmen truly understand what it means to pass it on.

9 Another unit held its early bird membership drive  
10 in conjunction with its Post and Sons of the American  
11 Legion last October. This drive was well attended and the  
12 unit collected over \$1,000 in dues. Other units held  
13 joint membership drives with great success. One unit  
14 hosts a dinner each year for its new members and recognize  
15 their senior members. The importance of members feeling  
16 valued is the only way we're going to retain them.

17 Diversity within our units has been encouraged by  
18 the National and Department. One unit who had previously  
19 been on probation was able to turn its unit around by  
20 recruiting female roller derby skaters, wrestlers,  
21 entertainers, and professional women. The unit was on  
22 probation and now has reached 120 percent, holding the  
23 highest unit percentage in its district.

24 Teamwork between units inspire and motivates all  
25 of California's members to play for the gold toward  
26 reaching that one million membership base by 2019. I  
27 would like to thank the Membership support team. Some of  
28 them are behind me now. I have Barbara LaDoucer, Ms.  
29 Dorothy, and there you are, Rosalie. These ladies have  
30 been tremendous.

31 (Applause.)

32 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Madam  
33 Commissioner, this concludes my supplemental report and as  
34 this head coach thanks you for allowing me to serve the  
35 Department of California in shooting H.O.O.P.S. for you.  
36 May I continue with the first place department awards?

37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, you may.

38 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: I need some music.  
39 You have to give me. Thank you, ladies and I thank all of  
40 you for lining up. Many of you will need to remain even  
41 after this award. I'm going to start with the first place  
42 unit supplemental in a group. Group A, which is 10 to 700  
43 members, first place goes to George Tadlock Unit 472,  
44 District 26.

45 (Applause.)

46 NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Here I am.  
47 Sorry. Here I am.

48 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: George Tadlock.

49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You're getting --  
50 the National President is trumping the district.

1 (Applause.)  
2 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay. Group B  
3 this 701 member to 1500, goes to Vernon Jewel Unit 218,  
4 District --  
5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Four.  
6 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: No, no, no, no,  
7 no. Just wait. Just wait. No, no. It's not 4.  
8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That's the District  
9 4 president right next to you.  
10 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: You're right.  
11 You're right. Here it is Vernon Jewel District 4.  
12 (Applause.)  
13 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay. We have the  
14 last one. That's Group C, 1501 plus members, and that is  
15 going to Los Alamitos.  
16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I know that's  
17 District 29.  
18 (Applause.)  
19 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Thank you.  
20 (Applause.)  
21 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay. Now we go  
22 to the district awards. Okay. Group A is District 25,  
23 first place overall best supplemental.  
24 (Applause.)  
25 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay. In Group B,  
26 we have District 27.  
27 (Applause.)  
28 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay.  
29 PAST PRESIDENT CAPAZZI: District 27 did you say?  
30 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Yes. Is the  
31 district president here? Vella.  
32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Come on, Vella,  
33 staying at the back of the line, come on.  
34 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: I think Vella is  
35 tired of walking up here. Here, Vella, this is for your  
36 district.  
37 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT MYERS: Thank you very  
38 much.  
39 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: You're welcome.  
40 Okay. Now if I can go on. Oh, we have one more, this is  
41 for Group C with 1501 plus members, and this goes to  
42 District 23.  
43 (Applause.)  
44 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay. Now we're  
45 going to go on with some very important awards that we  
46 have. We're going to start with the department citations.  
47 I'll let you give them out. How's that? Okay. I'm going  
48 to call you by districts and it is unit. This is units  
49 attaining goal into the department by April 1st. So you  
50 did a great job. Hoopland 529, District 1. There's

1 nobody here for that. So we'll put that aside. Cheula  
2 92, District 2.  
3 NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Rosalie. Thank  
4 you.  
5 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: How do you  
6 pronounce it? Not Cheula, but Cheula. I can get this one  
7 right. This is Thomas Tucker. I got that. 204, District  
8 3. Where is District 3, Thomas Tucker? And is Chico  
9 behind her? Unit 17, District 4.  
10 (Applause.)  
11 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: And stay. Tell  
12 her to stay. And Vernon Jewel, Unit 218, District 4.  
13 Okay. Just stay there. Okay. Next.  
14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Are we all sleeping  
15 over there. Do we need a nap? Wake up.  
16 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Laguna Elk Grove,  
17 Unit 233, District 6.  
18 (Applause.)  
19 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay.  
20 Haggin-Grant, Unit 521, District 6.  
21 (Applause.)  
22 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Warren McKeon,  
23 Unit 587, District 7.  
24 (Applause.)  
25 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Next is  
26 Harding-Noia, Unit 161, District 9.  
27 (Applause.)  
28 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Hayward, Unit 68,  
29 District 10.  
30 (Applause.)  
31 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay. District 11  
32 has three. McFall Christian, Unit 249, Calaveras 376,  
33 Valley Springs 102.  
34 (Applause.)  
35 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Scranton & Qualle  
36 872, District 12, and also Modesto 74 from District 12.  
37 (Applause.)  
38 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay. Willow Glen  
39 318, District 13.  
40 (Applause.)  
41 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Hanford, Unit 3,  
42 District 14 and also District 14, State Center 511 and  
43 Oakhurst 110.  
44 (Applause.)  
45 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Bakersfield 26,  
46 District 15.  
47 (Applause.)  
48 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: San Luis Obispo  
49 66, District 16.  
50 (Applause.)

1 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Pasadena 13,  
2 District 18. San Dimas 475, and Duarte 830.  
3 (Applause.)  
4 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Lakewood 496, 411,  
5 and 359 from Lakewood.  
6 (Applause.)  
7 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Sunland-Tujunga,  
8 Unit 377, District 20.  
9 (Applause.)  
10 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Twenty-one has  
11 two. Carl R. Meairs and Mira Loma 500.  
12 (Applause.)  
13 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: JB Clark 149,  
14 District 22, Oceanside 146, Pacific Beach 552.  
15 (Applause.)  
16 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: 23, Dorie Miller  
17 639, Benj J. Bowie 228, and Sammy Davis, Jr. 384.  
18 (Applause.)  
19 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: District 25.  
20 Okay. We've got quite a few here. Ontario 112, San  
21 Bernardino 14, Richard Arnold Griffith 324, Paul F.  
22 Diekmann 466, Philip -- I don't know how to say that --  
23 Marmolejo 650, Newberry 751.  
24 District 26, George Tadlock Unit 472 and San  
25 Mateo 82.  
26 (Applause.)  
27 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Inyo 118, District  
28 27.  
29 (Applause.)  
30 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: I've got a new one  
31 here. District 28, San Benito 69, Salinas 31, Seaside  
32 591.  
33 (Applause.)  
34 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Laguna Beach,  
35 District -- I was wondering when Ruby was going to say  
36 something.  
37 (Applause.)  
38 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Laguna Beach from  
39 District 29, 222. Newport Harbor 291.  
40 (Applause.)  
41 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: And Bradley Keefer  
42 138, District 30.  
43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That's what I'm  
44 talking about. You've got to be excited about membership.  
45 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay. Thank you  
46 very much. Now we can go sit down. You're too happy.  
47 Take that back over there. Thank you. Thank you very  
48 much.  
49 Okay. Our next special awards. This is the  
50 Ethyl Flynn award. The unit with the greatest numerical

1 increase over goal as of the close of books May 5th, 2014.  
2 And this is going to Newport Harbor, Unit 291.

3 (Applause.)

4 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Now our next award  
5 is the Estella Hannell Memorial award, the district with  
6 the greatest numerical increase from the close of books  
7 May 5th, 2013 to the close of books May 5th, 2014. It's  
8 no -- well, it's no question that it's District 29.

9 (Applause.)

10 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Elizabeth, get up  
11 there. Okay. Here we go. Okay now I have a special  
12 award here. The Colleen award is to promote the program  
13 of education set up by Marjorie McDonald. A citation and  
14 a \$100 is to be presented. And this will be presented by  
15 LuAnn Capazzi, with special thanks to Pat Sweeney for the  
16 issuance of his check.

17 PAST PRESIDENT CAPAZZI: It's my honor and  
18 pleasure to present this award because my dear friend Pat  
19 Sweeney can't be with us today. So it is my honor to  
20 present the Colleen Award to Lakewood, Unit 496.

21 (Applause.)

22 PAST PRESIDENT CAPAZZI: District 19.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Where's the noisy 19  
24 at?

25 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay. Thank you.  
26 Now Dorothy will do this.

27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Excuse me, Gloria.  
28 I would like the vice president to assume the podium so I  
29 can present the slam dunk awards while Nancy is presenting  
30 the Josie Melgard awards.

31 A. MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Sure. Okay.  
32 Josie Melgard awards. District 2, Unit 92. Okay. And  
33 the slam dunk is McCloud, Unit 95 and -- this is Unit 21.

34 (Applause.)

35 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Oh, Unit 565.  
36 They have two.

37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It's Weed and --

38 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Yes. District 2  
39 has two. Okay. District 3, Unit 204, Thomas Tucker. One  
40 for 3. One. Just one. District 4, Unit 17, Chico. One  
41 award. Okay. District 4 has a slam dunk, Unit 17.

42 (Applause.)

43 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay. District 6  
44 for the Josie award has two. It's Laguna Elk Grove, Unit  
45 233 and Unit 521, Haggin-Grant. And then a slam dunk for  
46 Rio Linda Unit 521 and Elk Grove 233.

47 (Applause.)

48 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay. District 7.  
49 It's two for this district. Alyn Butler and Unit 587  
50 Warren McKeon. And they have the slam dunks 169 and 587



1 also has a slam dunk. One for 10. Unit 68 Hayward and a  
2 slam dunk. District 11 --  
3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Wait a minute.  
4 Where's 10?  
5 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Are you ready?  
6 Okay. District 10, Unit 68 Hayward.  
7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That was 10.  
8 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay. 11. Two  
9 for 11. District 11, Valley Springs 102 and Calaveras  
10 276. Slam dunk is Unit 16, 102, and 376.  
11 (Applause.)  
12 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: District 12 has  
13 three for Josie: Unit 74 Modesto, Unit 83 Merced, Unit  
14 872 Scranton & Qualle. Slam dunk is Merced, Modesto, and  
15 872.  
16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Here you go, Kathy.  
17 Thank you. Sorry, crowd, you can't see us.  
18 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Oh, they're going  
19 to stand down there. District 13 is one for Josie.  
20 That's 318 Willow Glen. Same for slam dunk is 318.  
21 Okay. District 14, there's three for Josie.  
22 Unit 3 Hanford, Unit 110 Oakhurst, Unit 511 State Center.  
23 Slam dunk is 509, 03 Hanford, 110 Oakhurst, 511 Fresno.  
24 (Applause.)  
25 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay. District  
26 15, Unit 26 one Josie, two slam dunks, 682 and 26.  
27 (Applause.)  
28 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: District 16 has  
29 two, Unit 741 Camarillo.  
30 (Applause.)  
31 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Unit 66 San Luis  
32 Obispo and slam dunks is 741 and 66 also.  
33 (Applause.)  
34 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: District 18, Unit  
35 13 Pasadena, Unit 475 San Dimas, and slam dunk is Unit 13.  
36 (Applause.)  
37 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Great job, 13.  
38 District 19, are they ready? Let me know if we're going  
39 too fast. I was waiting. I want you to tell me.  
40 District 19 you have one, two, three, four, five. Unit  
41 314, 359, 411, 496, and Unit 833.  
42 (Applause.)  
43 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: And you have 496,  
44 411 Rivera for the slam dunk and 314 Hawthornes for the  
45 slam dunk.  
46 (Applause.)  
47 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay. District 20  
48 has one, Unit 377 Sunland-Tujunga for Josie and the same  
49 for the slam dunk. District 21 for Josie has two: Unit  
50 289 and Unit 500. And for the slam dunk is Unit 595, 519

1 Palm Springs, and 289 Riverside.  
2 District 22 has three for Josie. Unit 146  
3 Oceanside, Unit 149 JB Clark, Unit 552 Pacific Beach. For  
4 the slam dunk, 310, 149. We have two for the slam dunk.  
5 (Applause.)  
6 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay. District 23  
7 for Josie is Unit 252, Unit 578 Chappie James, 639 Dorie  
8 Miller. The slam dunk you have 578, 252, and 639 for the  
9 slam dunk.  
10 (Applause.)  
11 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: District 25.  
12 District 25 has five Josie awards, Unit 14 San Bernardino,  
13 Unit 112 Ontario, Unit 324 Richard Arnold Griffith, Unit  
14 497 Bloomington, Unit 650 Philip Marmolejo. Slam dunk --  
15 slam dunk is Chino 299, 650, 324, 497, 14, and 112.  
16 (Applause.)  
17 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: District 26, Unit  
18 472 George Tadlock.  
19 (Applause.)  
20 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: There was one for  
21 26. Okay. District 28 you have three for the Josie.  
22 Unit 69, Unit 591, Unit 593.  
23 (Applause.)  
24 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Slam dunk you have  
25 Salinas 31, Unit 593 Prunedale, 591 Seaside, and 69  
26 Hollister. District 29 you have Laguna Beach 222 and  
27 Newport Harbor 291, Unit 716 Los Alamitos. The same for  
28 the slam dunk.  
29 District 30. Are you ready for District 30?  
30 They get two Josie awards, and it's Unit 25 and Unit 138.  
31 (Applause.)  
32 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Oh, lord. I'm  
33 waiting for Madam President here. Madam President?  
34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, ma'am.  
35 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: I don't think I  
36 have any more awards.  
37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I think we're done.  
38 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: I think we're  
39 done. Great job. Thank you, Gloria.  
40 (Applause.)  
41 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: I would want to  
42 thank the membership team, Dorothy Davis and Ruby  
43 Kapsalis.  
44 (Applause.)  
45 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Do we have anybody  
46 from Temecula Unit 852 District 21 here? Is someone from  
47 852 here? Well, then will the district president for  
48 District 21 please come to the stage. And how about  
49 anyone from Laguna 231? Anyone from Unit 231 here? If  
50 not, will the district president or representative come to

1 the stage, please. Laguna Niguel? Can you come to the  
2 stage.

3 We happen to have the president of our newly  
4 chartered Laguna Niguel, Unit 281.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It is my pleasure to  
7 present to you your official charter of your unit from  
8 American Legion Auxiliary. And we have our National  
9 President here as well.

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We also don't have  
12 anyone from the unit from Temecula, Unit 852; however,  
13 we'll present this charter to the District President  
14 Jennifer Bieger, Unit 852 Temecula. And actually we are  
15 so proud that they have joined our family.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Congratulations to  
18 those two units. Secretary Ruby, do we have any dribbles?

19 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 22  
20 has one Saturday ticket for sale. I'm assuming that's a  
21 banquet ticket. District presidents, please meet Liz  
22 Doidge, the Credentials Chairman, at 7:00 a.m. here in the  
23 convention hall to verify delegate count. 0700 for you  
24 Navy people.

25 Margaret Quinones would like to meet with Karen  
26 Bobren and Glenda Schultz immediately following this  
27 session, Margaret? Yeah, immediately following in the  
28 back of the room or the front of the room. In the back of  
29 the room.

30 Flowers for the Sunday installation will be  
31 available for pickup tomorrow after 2:30 at the end of the  
32 raffle table near the UPS store.

33 I was asked to read the luncheon and cocktail  
34 powers with the PDPs again because some people weren't  
35 here. The Peachy Performers and Classy Penguins will meet  
36 on Saturday at the lunch recess at the Hyatt Room 1113.

37 Sue's Lighthouses, Willie's Leaders of the Band,  
38 Margie's Chefs, Ronnie's Roses, and Melanie's Balloon  
39 Pilots will meet Saturday after convention in the bar area  
40 of the Hyatt Hotel for drinks.

41 Parks Patriots, Linda's Workmen, Sandy's  
42 Colonels, and Bonnie's Princesses will meet on 425 on  
43 Saturday in lunch break. RSVP to Bonnie Christner,  
44 District 20, so she knows how much food to order.

45 Now I want you to catch ahold of this.  
46 Madeline's Love Princesses, Bev's Stars, Norma's Birds of  
47 Paradise, and Linda's Rodeo Queens, after they heard that  
48 Melanie was meeting in the bar, they're joining them. So  
49 now you ladies are going to have cocktails and forget  
50 about the food. You'll meet in the hotel bar after this

1 session. So enjoy.

2 LuAnn's Ship Captains will meet at the TusCA  
3 restaurant at 7:00 a.m. Saturday morning for breakfast.  
4 LuAnn has sold her banquet ticket.

5 Let's see. Goldie's Golden Links, Jerry's Cards,  
6 Ruby's All Stars, Margaret's Dream Catchers, Shelby's  
7 Actresses and Pilar's Musicians are meeting for lunch --  
8 maybe we'll add some wine to our lunch -- at noon in our  
9 room in 641 in the Hyatt Hotel.

10 Mission City Unit 564 has worked over a year on  
11 this function and they're inviting everybody to come over  
12 tonight hospitality night June 20th 4:00 p.m. until  
13 whenever. No, this is at the post, Post 564. They are  
14 having transportation to and from the hotel and I'm not  
15 sure where -- is that from the front of the hotel? And  
16 you can check with District 13, Unit 564 for the hours.  
17 Yes, it starts today at 4:00. Schedule shuttle service  
18 from convention center to our post and back. So you can  
19 drink all you want.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Before -- thank you  
21 very much. Are you done with your dribbling?

22 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I think so.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I want to  
24 acknowledge a very special young lady in the audience  
25 District 23, her first convention, my mother Rose. Hey,  
26 mom.

27 (Applause.)

28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you, mom, for  
29 hanging in there. I saw you snoozing, but that's okay.

30 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I'm sorry.  
31 District 23 is so kind, they left me some shoes. There's  
32 a bra there too.

33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That's a little  
34 bit --

35 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District --

36 AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's DejaNae's bag.

37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: And also, you know,  
38 there are a lot of Geminis, which means there are a lot of  
39 dual personalities in the room. I'm one of them.

40 However, we did celebrate Norma DuVall's birthday on the  
41 18th and today is our Past Department President LuAnn  
42 Capazzi's birthday.

43 (Applause.)

44 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: What better way to  
45 send her a birthday than with a bunch of beautiful women.  
46 But anyway, let's all sing happy birthday to LuAnn. And  
47 any other Geminis? And Norma DuVall. Let's all sing  
48 happy birthday.

49 (Singing.)

50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yeah, we have dual

1 personalities. That's for sure. Now we want to hear from  
2 NEC Terry Mikesell with a personal privilege.

3 NEC CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Okay. Anita came up to  
4 District 2 and visited and we went to Weed, California.  
5 And our district commander did not have his checkbook. So  
6 a little while ago he very graciously gave me \$100  
7 donation to the VA&R and if you want to put it into Walk,  
8 Run, Roll. So any way you want to use it. So we have a  
9 check from Dave Cockrill for \$100.

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you, Commander  
12 Dave, District 2. Outstanding. Now we're going to give  
13 this information, excuse me on the microphone, to Joan  
14 Cannon. We'll make sure she adds this to the total for  
15 the Walk, Run & Roll.

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17 ADJOURNMENT

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19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. We will be in  
20 recess. The morning session will be at 8:30; we'll have a  
21 little less sleep tonight. We have a little more to do  
22 tomorrow. So this session of the convention will be  
23 recessed until 8:30 tomorrow morning.

24 (The American Legion Auxiliary Convention  
25 was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.)  
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