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CALL TO ORDER

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: This convention is now reconvened. I request everyone to have their cell phones off. If your phone rings, you will be fined \$5 which will go to my special project.

Estella Avina, Department Chaplain, will please offer the invocation.

INVOCATION

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: Dear Lord. The Lord is not awake this morning. Sorry. That wasn't nice, was it? There. Thank you.

Dear Lord, we thank you for your blessings and may we all be able to do our reports today, I think that personally, and have a great day today. Amen.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Amen.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Amen. May we

1 observe a moment of silence for those who have gone to be  
2 with our Heavenly Father.

3 (Moment of silence.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Department Secretary  
5 will call the roll call of officers, chairmen, and  
6 presidents.

7

8 ROLL CALL

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10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Good morning,  
11 ladies.

12 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Okay. President  
14 Loretta Marsh.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Present.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Vice President  
17 Joan Cannon.

18 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Present.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Secretary Terry.  
20 She's here. Treasurer Ruby.

21 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Here.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: NEC Wendy.

23 NEC WOMAN O'BRIEN: Good morning, Terry.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Good morning.  
25 Chaplain Estella Avina.

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1 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: Here.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Historian Deloris  
3 Artis.

4 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN ARTIS: Here.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Music Donna  
6 Scott.

7 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN SCOTT: (Singing.)

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Parliamentarian  
9 Diane DeLashmit.

10 DEPARTMENT PARLIMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Here.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Past National  
12 President Nancy Brown-Park.

13 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Good  
14 morning.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Good morning.  
16 Sergeant-At-Arms Donna Smith.

17 DEPARTMENT SERGENT-AT-ARMS SMITH: Good morning,  
18 Terry.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Good morning.  
20 Marshal Rosemary Weber.

21 DEPARTMENT MARSHAL WEBER: I'm here.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Finance Chairman  
23 Linda Hayes.

24 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: I'm here.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Senior Member

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1 Brenda Preston.

2 FINANCE SENIOR MEMBER PRESTON: Present.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Junior Member

4 Martha Romano.

5 FINANCE JUNIOR MEMBER ROMANO: Present.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Advisory

7 Committee Linda Fercho.

8 ADVISORY COMMITTEE FERCHO: Present.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Advisory

10 Committee Madeline Lee.

11 ADVISORY COMMITTEE LEE: Here.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Advisory

13 Committee Anita Biggs.

14 ADVISORY COMMITTEE BIGGS: Present.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Americanism

16 Glenda Schultz.

17 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Here.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Auxiliary

19 Emergency Fund Ann Philcox.

20 AEF CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: (Makes noise.)

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Whoa. Children &

22 Youth Dee Ann Graham.

23 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Good morning.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Good morning.

25 Community Service Tracy Varnell.

1           COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN VARNELL: Tiggers are  
2 in the house.

3           DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Constitution &  
4 Bylaws Jean Cooley.

5           CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN COOLEY-DESMULES:  
6 Here.

7           DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Elections  
8 Danielle White.

9           NEC WOMAN O'BRIEN: She's very short so she's  
10 coming.

11           DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Distinguished  
12 Guest Linda Workman.

13           DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: No one is  
14 working today.

15           DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Editor Estella  
16 Avina.

17           EDITOR CHAIRMAN AVINA: Here.

18           DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Education Kim  
19 Vincent.

20           EDUCATION CHAIRMAN VINCENT: I'm way back here.

21           DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Credentials  
22 Yvonne Scott Wright is out in the hallway. Girls State  
23 Chairman Tammy.

24           GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN SOLLAZZO: I'm here.

25           DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Girls State

1 Director Elissa. Junior Activities Liz Doidge.

2 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN DOIDGE: I'm in the  
3 back.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Junior Conference  
5 Director Malinda Sinclair.

6 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR SINCLAIR: Super  
7 Puppies.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Leadership Linda  
9 Fercho.

10 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN FERCHO: I'm still here.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Legislative Wendy  
12 O'Brien.

13 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Oh. Hi. Good  
14 morning.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: She's only  
16 halfway here today.

17 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Yes, ma'am.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Membership Joan  
19 Cannon.

20 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: Present.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Joan, are you  
22 here?

23 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: Yes.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: National Security  
25 Gloria.



1 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Good  
2 morning.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Good morning.  
4 Past Presidents Parley Harriet.

5 PPP CHAIRMAN CLENDENIN: Good morning.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Poppy Tamra  
7 Duron.

8 POPPY CHAIRMAN DURON: Present.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Public Relations  
10 Kathy Smith.

11 PUBLIC RELATIONS SMITH: The Puppies are in the  
12 house.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Whoa.  
14 Resolutions Anita Biggs.

15 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN BIGGS: I am Groot.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Rules Sharon  
17 Moore.

18 RULES CHAIRMAN MOORE: Present.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Veterans Affairs  
20 & Rehab Kathie Martinez.

21 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Ms. Fantastic is here.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Ways & Means  
23 Karen Munch.

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: She's out in the hall.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Page Zana Chaney.

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1 DEPARTMENT PAGE CHANEY: Here.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Page Susie  
3 Morgan.

4 DEPARTMENT PAGE MORGAN: Good morning, Terry.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 1 Pat  
6 Lindley.

7 DISTRICT 1 PRESIDENT LINDLEY: Yes.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 2 Pat  
9 Carey.

10 DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT CAREY: Present.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 3 Lola  
12 Ramey. She's excused. District 4 Jean Edson.

13 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT EDSON: Present.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 5 Sandy  
15 Paxton. District 6 Glenda Schultz.

16 DISTRICT 6: Good morning, Madam President,  
17 Loretta.

18 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Oh, good morning,  
19 good morning.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 7 Joanne  
21 Shope. District 8 Tammy Manini.

22 DISTRICT 8 PRESIDENT MANINI: Here.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 9 Dolly  
24 Rios.

25 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: Here.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 10 Liz  
2 Parshall.

3 DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT PARSHALL: Good morning.  
4 Working hard on our membership way back here.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: You know, we've  
6 all got to work on our membership. District 11 Toni  
7 Domondon.

8 DISTRICT 11: We're here. Whoo-hoo.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 12 Lisa  
10 Stuart.

11 DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT STUART: Good morning,  
12 Terry.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Good morning.  
14 District 13 Cece Harvey.

15 DISTRICT 13: Good morning, Madam President.  
16 District 13 helpers are here still serving the real heroes  
17 with cheer.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 14  
19 Gloria Sinopoli.

20 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT SINOPOLI: I'm way back  
21 here behind Kim.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 15 Zana  
23 Chaney.

24 DISTRICT 15: We're here.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Yeah. You guys

1 have been rooting in the knee too much. District 16  
2 Stephanie Reid.

3 DISTRICT 16: Good morning, Madam President.  
4 District 16, your home, is waiting for you.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 17 Yoko  
6 Parsons-Crooks.

7 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT PARSONS-CROOKS: (Waving.)

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 18 Betty  
9 Ramos.

10 DISTRICT 18: [Inaudible] and will stand by our  
11 superheros again and again. Good morning.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 19 Becky  
13 Bullard.

14 DISTRICT 19: The 19th District Freedom Fighters  
15 are here for your service.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 20 Nancy  
17 Heinsch.

18 DISTRICT 20: Good morning, Madam President.  
19 District 20 says there is no need to worry, the Super Dogs  
20 are here.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 21 Cathy  
22 McCoy.

23 DISTRICT 21: Good morning, Madam President.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 22 Mo  
25 Giacialone.

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1 DISTRICT 22: Up up and away the Mighty 22.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 23  
3 Valerie Hill.

4 DISTRICT 23: Good morning, Madam President. The  
5 23rd District Queens are in the house.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 24  
7 Delores Artis.

8 DISTRICT 24: Good morning, Terry.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Good morning.  
10 District 25 Patty Galatioto.

11 DISTRICT 25: We wore our superhero capes as we  
12 begin another year and begin to spread the word the  
13 Auxiliary is here.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Wow. District 26  
15 Louann Johnston.

16 DISTRICT 26: Here we are. Here we are.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 27 Norma  
18 Billings.

19 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT BILLINGS: Good morning.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 28 Robin  
21 Falkenberg.

22 DISTRICT 28: The Tremendous 28 is ready to roll.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 29 Carol  
24 Borgman.

25 DISTRICT 29: (Singing.)

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1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Wow, that was  
2 fabulous. District 30 Kim Vincent.

3 DISTRICT 30: Good morning to you, good morning  
4 to you. We're all in our places with smiles on our faces,  
5 good morning to you, good morning to you.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Good morning,  
7 ladies. Mather Rep Wendy O'Brien.

8 HOSPITAL REP O'BRIEN: Yes.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Fresno Sandra  
10 Dowell.

11 HOSPITAL REP DOWELL: Yes.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Palo Alto Connie  
13 Raya.

14 HOSPITAL REP RAYA: Way back here.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Livermore Grace  
16 Huston.

17 HOSPITAL REP HUSTON: Here.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: San Diego Susie  
19 Tozier.

20 HOSPITAL REP TOZIER: Present.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Loma Linda Mavis  
22 Kanka. Not here. Pat Alvarez.

23 HOSPITAL REP ALVAREZ: Good morning, Terry.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Los Angeles  
25 Earlean Paige.

1 HOSPITAL REP PAIGE: Good morning.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Good morning.  
3 Angie's not here. Rosalie's not here. Lancaster Linda  
4 Hayes.

5 HOSPITAL REP HAYES: I'm still here.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: He's still here.  
7 Redding Terry Mikesell. She's here. Ventura Madeline  
8 Lee. Madeline, are you here?

9 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: She is here.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: West LA Deloris  
11 Artis. She's here. Yountville Peggy Grabski. Chula  
12 Vista Lois Cornish.

13 HOSPITAL REP CORNISH: I'm here.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Madam President,  
15 that completes your roll call.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. Before  
17 we begin, would all those that met --

18 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: We can't hear you.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Would all those that  
20 met as delegates in the Poppy committee -- does dropping  
21 it have anything to do with it?

22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Testing,  
23 testing.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It tried to get away  
25 from me a while ago and jumped all over. Okay. Before we

1 begin -- I know I'm off. Testing, testing, testing.

2 Okay. Before we begin, will all those that were  
3 delegates in the Poppy Committee yesterday please meet  
4 with Tamra Duron outside. You have a little something to  
5 discuss. So if you met with Tammy yesterday and you were  
6 the delegate, please meet with her outside. Sorry, but  
7 you're going to miss my report.

8 I will be calling three chairmen at a time to  
9 come up, so please be sure that your notes are sent out to  
10 your award recipients. We're trying to try to move this  
11 through as quickly as possible. I know that will  
12 disappoint you because I know you like sitting there  
13 listening to reports.

14 Recipients, when you receive your awards on  
15 stage, please step off to the right to get your picture  
16 taken so that we can move along. And do so as quietly as  
17 possible.

18 At this time we will have our Rules Chairman  
19 Sharon Moore read the convention rules.

20

21 READING OF CONVENTION RULES

22

23 DEPARTMENT RULES CHAIRMAN MOORE: Thank you,  
24 Madam President. The 2018 convention rules can be found  
25 on pages 10 through 12 in the Book of Reports.



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

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

8           Number 3: The audience shall remain seated until  
9 the business of the convention. The Department President  
10 shall designate certain doors to accommodate the delegates  
11 who find it is necessary to enter or leave the convention  
12 hall during the reports of the committee or when a speaker  
13 has the floor. Cell phones must be turned off or in  
14 vibrate mode.

15           Number 4: The Chairman may deviate from the  
16 printed program when necessary or expedient.

17           Number 5: The Credentials Chairman shall report  
18 registration as directed by the Chair.

19           Number 6: The registration of delegates and  
20 alternates shall close at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, June 23rd,  
21 2018.

22           Number 7: Only qualified delegates shall have  
23 voice and vote.

24           Number 8: It shall be the responsibility of the  
25 District Presidents to see that only accredited delegates

1 and alternates serving as delegates are seated in their  
2 district delegation during the business meeting of the  
3 convention.

4           Number 9: If a delegate expects to be absent  
5 from the convention, except for purpose of attending a  
6 committee meeting, she shall relinquish her delegate's  
7 card to her alternate. The alternate shall then take her  
8 seat in the voting section. In the event the delegate  
9 does not have the opportunity of reporting to the District  
10 President, it shall become the duty of the chairman of the  
11 unit delegation to report to the district president the  
12 absence of the delegate and the presence of the alternate  
13 or the absence of both the delegate and the alternate.

14           Number 10: A delegate voting the privilege of  
15 the floor shall rise, address the Chair as Madame  
16 President, give her name, unit, district numbers, pause,  
17 and wait to be recognized by the Chair.

18           Number 11: A member speaking in debate on a  
19 question shall be limited to three minutes. No one shall  
20 speak more than twice on the same question without consent  
21 of the assembly.

22           Number 12: Delegates attending called committee  
23 meetings shall be notified what the convention is  
24 considering and voting upon adoption of any changes in  
25 policy or matters affecting finance.

1           Number 13: Reports of committees which do not  
2 appear to be controversial in nature may be adopted by  
3 general consent if there is no objection. If there is  
4 objection, a vote shall be taken. Following the  
5 acceptance of a report of a committee, recommendation or  
6 resolution may be presented for consideration and  
7 adoption.

8           Number 14: Any committee whose proposed changes  
9 in the policy might conflict with that of the American  
10 Legion shall confer with the American Legion before  
11 presenting said change to the convention.

12           Number 15: A committee recommending an  
13 appropriation of funds for any purpose shall consult with  
14 the Department Finance Committee before presenting the  
15 recommendation or resolution to the convention.

16           Number 16: All resolutions to be presented to  
17 the convention shall be in triplicate and properly signed.

18           Number 17: Committees may amend resolutions and  
19 recommendation referring to them before favorable  
20 reporting the same. Resolutions or recommendation  
21 rejected by a committee shall be marked rejected, signed  
22 by the chairman of the committee, and returned to the  
23 department resolution chairman immediately following the  
24 committee meeting.

25           Number 18: A unit, district, or member

1 presenting a resolution or recommendation shall have the  
2 privilege of explaining the same to the committee to which  
3 it was referred.

4           Number 19: Committee shall report to the  
5 convention all resolutions properly submitted and accepted  
6 by a majority of the convention committee.

7           Number 20: A resolution rejected by a committee  
8 may be brought before the convention by a two-thirds vote.

9           Number 21: Emergency resolution which may arise  
10 during the convention or after the date for submitting  
11 resolution may be presented no later than noon of second  
12 day of the convention. Article IV, Section 4b, Department  
13 Constitution.

14           Number 22: Nomination of officers, junior member  
15 of finance, department delegates and alternates to the  
16 national convention shall be held Friday afternoon, June  
17 22nd, 2018.

18           Number 23: Endorsement of candidates for  
19 national office shall follow nominations.

20           Number 24: Nomination speeches shall be limited  
21 to three minutes. Here shall be no seconding speeches.

22           Number 25: Election of department officers,  
23 junior member of finance, national candidate, department  
24 delegates, and alternates to the national convention shall  
25 be held on Saturday morning, June 23rd, 2018.

1           Number 26: The doors of the convention hall  
2 shall be closed during the entire election procedure and  
3 no one shall leave or enter the hall until the Chair  
4 states that election is concluded. The exception to this  
5 shall be that in an emergency, a member may leave, and if  
6 her absence affects the voting strength, the district  
7 president shall immediately notify the presiding officer.

8           Number 27: When there is but one nominee for all  
9 department officers and but one nominee for junior member  
10 of finance, the nominees shall be elected vice-a-versa.  
11 Article V, Section 3, Department Constitution. Upon roll  
12 call, the district president shall report the number of  
13 units partially or wholly represented by duly elected  
14 delegates or alternates present in the delegation at the  
15 time of roll call. This is to determine that there is a  
16 quorum of units present at the time of the election.

17           Number 28: When there is more than one nominee  
18 for the department officer, junior member of finance, or  
19 endorsement for national office, election shall be by  
20 written ballot. The district president shall, when they  
21 are instructed by the Chair, take a roll call of their  
22 respective delegations to ascertain the total voting  
23 strength of their district for the election reporting the  
24 same to Chair.

25           Number 29: When there are three or more nominees

1 for the office, junior member of office, or endorsement of  
2 national office, unless one nominee receives a majority  
3 note on the first ballot, the nominee receiving the lowest  
4 number of votes shall be automatic dropped before  
5 proceeding with the next ballot.

6 Number 30: When there is a candidate or  
7 candidates for endorsement for the national office, a  
8 majority vote shall be by ballot. Constitution Article V,  
9 Section 13.

10 Number 31: Each district president and district  
11 member of elections committee shall distribute and collect  
12 the votes cast by the district delegation and deliver them  
13 to the department chairman of elections.

14 Number 32: Department officers, chairmen,  
15 committee members and past department presidents shall  
16 vote with their representative district.

17 Number 33: Each delegate shall be entitled to  
18 one vote, the vote of an absent unit is not represented by  
19 the alternate shall be casted by the majority of the  
20 delegate from the unit. When two delegates represented  
21 three votes, the chairman of the unit delegation shall  
22 cast the third vote.

23 Number 34: A majority of the votes cast shall  
24 elect, except that in the election of national delegates  
25 and alternates, a plurality shall elect.

1           Number 35: These convention rules may be amended  
2 during the convention by two-thirds vote.

3           36: Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised,  
4 shall be the parliamentary authority on all points not  
5 covered by these rules, the department constitution and  
6 bylaws and the convention mandates.

7           Madam President, that ends the convention rules.

8           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you.

9           DEPARTMENT RULES CHAIRMAN MOORE: Okay. I move  
10 that we accept the 2018 convention rules.

11           DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Second.

12           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved  
13 and seconded that the rules are accepted and adopted as a  
14 whole. All those in favor?

15           ALL PRESENT: Aye.

16           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Is there any  
17 discussion?

18           PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Madam  
19 President, Anita Biggs, Past Department President. Minor  
20 change. It looks like a correction needed for rule number  
21 24. The second sentence it says, "here." It should be  
22 "There shall be no seconding speeches." Omitted the T.

23           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Minor, but major.  
24 Okay. It has been moved and seconded to accept the rules  
25 and adopt it as a whole with that one change. Is there

1 any discussion?

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor  
4 say aye.

5 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Those opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carries.

9 DEPARTMENT RULES CHAIRMAN MOORE: Thank you,  
10 Madam President.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes, thank you. At  
12 this time I will designate the doors for entering and  
13 exiting the hall. Please use the rear door because this  
14 one up here is disruptive to the body. So please use the  
15 rear doors and be as discrete and courteous as possible.

16 Will Vice President Joan Cannon please assume the  
17 chair for the Department President's report.

18

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT'S CONVENTION REPORT

20

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Oh, my, what a year  
22 to tell you about. We began the year with the devastating  
23 news that our Secretary/Treasurer was ill and needed to  
24 resign her position as secretary, a very sad and  
25 distressful piece of news as she was such a valuable



1 asset. But Terry Mikesell stepped in and worked to the  
2 best of her ability to serve the Auxiliary during this  
3 year. Thank you so much, Terry, for being there for us.

4 So we stumbled a little bit, but picked up and  
5 held the Clovis workshop, the Northern workshop, and the  
6 Southern workshop with the hard work of the many dedicated  
7 ladies in these areas. Thank you all for being  
8 instrumental in carrying out these three workshops.  
9 Couldn't have happened without you.

10 I had my first district visitation in July and  
11 was privileged to attend the Yountville picnic at the end  
12 of the month and be a volunteer participant thanks to the  
13 most gracious members of District 6. We did not want to  
14 drive through the area traffic to a hotel, so we spent the  
15 night sleeping in the back of a SUV we had borrowed for  
16 the weekend. It was great fun and a truly enjoyable  
17 weekend and so good to see all the work put forward to  
18 give the residents of this veterans' home a very special  
19 weekend, although I was surprised to see that more units,  
20 posts, and districts did not participated in this  
21 memorable weekend.

22 Then August was National Convention in Reno. How  
23 can you not have fun in Reno? In spite of all the  
24 convention meetings and riding in the parade sitting on  
25 the back of a Mustang convertible with Wendy O'Brien for

1 the convention parade was an unforgettable experience.

2 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Of course it was.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you, Wendy,  
4 for that experience. My district visitations were  
5 wonderful experiences. The ladies were gracious, kind and  
6 so supportive wherever I went. I was privileged to meet  
7 with most districts with a couple of exceptions due to a  
8 conflict and a very inconvenient fire that closed the  
9 train transportation I was planning to take because at  
10 that time I was still unable to drive long distances. One  
11 district was able to reschedule, but sorry to say  
12 conflicts prevented me from being able to reschedule the  
13 second one. So sorry, District 22, for that great  
14 opportunity I missed.

15 I was privileged to have breakfast with National  
16 Commander Denise Rohan in her tour of California and meet  
17 the Medal of Honor winner that was traveling with her. It  
18 was an honor to shake the hand of a real Medal of Honor  
19 winner and, of course, it didn't hurt that he had his  
20 trustee service dog with him as he was missing a limb. A  
21 whirlwind visit with National Vice President -- with the  
22 National President was an honor and most enjoyable. The  
23 distinguished guest chairman and hostesses at both the  
24 southern and northern visit did us proud and made  
25 everything very enjoyable.

1 I visited individual units whenever I could and  
2 that was well worth my time. People were wonderful. I  
3 attended a veterans' job fair, went to clinics, Stand  
4 Downs, hospitals, cemeteries, memorial services,  
5 dedication ceremonies, funerals and wherever the Auxiliary  
6 presence would be of benefit.

7 I got a little confused, but that's not hard to  
8 do, at the end of the year with all the greetings,  
9 agendas, and reports that needed to be done and who they  
10 should go to, but with a gentle nudge I got them all in on  
11 time. Reminded me of a T-shirt I saw one time that said:  
12 "I told you I would do it and I will. You don't have to  
13 remind me every six months."

14 Seriously it was a great year of my life and you  
15 all made it possible by giving me the honor and privilege  
16 to serve as your president, but, ladies, I would not be  
17 honest if I led you to believe that it's all roses and  
18 honey. We have some serious issues in our Auxiliary.  
19 There are units out there that are hurting and struggling  
20 to survive. We have attitude problems, ego issues, power  
21 struggles, apathy, personal conflicts and an unwillingness  
22 to deal with any of them. We have units that have no idea  
23 what their constitution and bylaws and standing rules are  
24 or where they are. We have posts and units not knowing  
25 where their place is in the scheme of things at the

1 American Legion Family. We have new members that are  
2 begging for help because they have taken a position of  
3 responsibility as a new member and don't know what to do  
4 or how to find help. These are units that do not come to  
5 you as district or department leaders because they're not  
6 aware of the need to do so. So we need to go to them  
7 instead of waiting for them to come to us. When they come  
8 to a workshop, we teach them how to do Children & Youth  
9 program, National Security or be a District President, but  
10 nothing about how to be a good unit president, how to be a  
11 good secretary or treasurer, how to run their unit  
12 meetings and what their responsibilities are. These  
13 problems are reflected in our drastic drop in membership  
14 over the years.

15           Anyway, I'll get off my soapbox now and again  
16 thank you for all the experience I've had this year.  
17 Thank you from the very bottom of my heart for your  
18 generous support to my special project, Paws For Purple  
19 Hearts. You have been super.

20           (Applause.)

21           DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you,  
22 Loretta.

23           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. We will  
24 now have the reports of our department officers. If you  
25 are an officer and not already on stage, please come up

1 quickly to give your report. This is the officers.

2 Just a reminder to department officers and  
3 chairmen. All reports excluding Americanism, Education,  
4 Membership, Children & Youth, Poppy and Resolutions and  
5 VA&R, or Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, per the  
6 Department code are to be limited to five minutes. And  
7 that includes your committee reports and your first place  
8 award presentations. Yeah, in this case Constitution &  
9 Bylaws will fit in there too. Don't let that scare you  
10 off now.

11 Okay. We'll hear from our Vice President, Joan  
12 Cannon, for her report.

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14 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CONVENTION REPORT

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16 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Good morning.

17 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

18 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: That's good.

19 I began my year attending the department workshop at  
20 Clovis, the northern California workshop, and the  
21 leadership workshop that was held in District 6. I also  
22 attended the Girls State committee meeting in Palm Springs  
23 in October 2017. I enjoyed meeting all the members of the  
24 committee and being a small part of Girls State's 75th  
25 anniversary year. I attended junior conference in April

1 and had the privilege of installing the new honorary  
2 junior officers.

3 To support the Department Office, I volunteered  
4 to support the last two mailouts and now I know more than  
5 I need to know about the Department's copy machine and how  
6 to find the local Staples when I need to buy more paper  
7 because I messed up previously the paper.

8 After the two previous trips I actually was able  
9 to navigate the San Francisco traffic all by myself and  
10 attend the budget meeting in May of 2018. I will also be  
11 attending Girls State June 26th and 28th and I'm looking  
12 forward to meeting California's delegates.

13 I thank you, Madam President Loretta, for your  
14 mentorship and advice over this year, and this concludes  
15 my report.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. I didn't  
18 have in my report that I attended junior conference  
19 either, but I can't forget that because it was my 56th  
20 wedding anniversary. And we had a good time even without  
21 my husband, huh?

22 Okay. I have this little supersonic memo here  
23 that needs to be brought up before lunch. If anybody has  
24 an extra ticket for the luncheon, the PPP luncheon today,  
25 please see Betty Ramos in District 18. And since that

1 lunch was coming up today, we needed to announce that.

2           Okay. We'll have the report of the Secretary.  
3 She has that look on her face.

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5           DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CONVENTION REPORT

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7           DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Yeah. Good  
8 morning, ladies.

9           AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

10           DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: This report has  
11 been very hard for me to write. So many things I would  
12 like to say to all of you. This has been a wonderful year  
13 and a very frustrating time in my life. You must adhere  
14 to deadlines. There are reasons for them. Please return  
15 phone calls and emails. They also have a purpose. It's  
16 no wonder Ruby had a stroke. Getting information from  
17 some of you is like pulling teeth.

18           I have talked to so many wonderful members taking  
19 care of veterans and working in their communities. Each  
20 of you can work with anyone for the time it takes to have  
21 a meeting. We are adults. We may not believe it, but we  
22 are.

23           Quit fighting. Work together. You cannot like  
24 everyone, but you can work with anyone. Step up and take  
25 a chairmanship in your unit and district level.

1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Have fun and help  
3 someone while you're doing it. We work hard for every  
4 dollar that we raise. Use it wisely. Make donations,  
5 help someone in need.

6 I need to say something about the Poppy program.  
7 It is really a three-part program. We order Poppies, a  
8 veteran gets a little money, and handing out Poppies is  
9 twofold. It is a veterans memorial poppy. And then it's  
10 nice when we receive a donation for the poppy, but we do  
11 not need a donation for every poppy because of the  
12 remembrance of a veteran when a person wears the poppy.  
13 In other words, order more poppies.

14 I could not have been Secretary this past year  
15 without the help of several people. Mel, the bookkeeper,  
16 who stepped up when our membership clerk, Julie, left for  
17 a great job. We have hired a new lady, Laura Costello.  
18 Ruby is just on the other end of an email or phone call.  
19 Diane DeLashmit, who answers those sticky questions, and  
20 let me tell you this year there has been several sticky  
21 questions.

22 Like I said earlier, quit fighting. On that  
23 note, we have interviewed for a new secretary. I am so  
24 excited, I can hardly contain myself. Thank you -- thank  
25 people for their help. Recognition is important. You do



1 not always have to be the center of attention. Share the  
2 wealth. Let someone else shine.

3 I would also like to thank Pilar Reyes for  
4 stepping into the breach in helping in the office. She  
5 also has been sending out Unit 1000 membership cards. On  
6 another note, a special thank you to Fred and Joan Cannon  
7 for all their copying expertise, helping with the  
8 mailouts, and getting ready for convention. I could not  
9 have done the job this year without all of the help and  
10 support.

11 Next year's dues can be posted July 2nd, 2018.  
12 New members cannot be entered into this system until  
13 September 1st, 2018. Do not enter them into ALAMIS until  
14 September 1st or they will owe 2018 dues. Please fill out  
15 applications completely. Send your transmittals in in a  
16 timely manner.

17 You can all take from Lucy Roche, Unit 211,  
18 District 18. Personal point of privilege, Madam  
19 President? This is for Lucy and I'll tell you why. She  
20 does her transmittals on the typewriter and does not make  
21 mistakes. No credit memos, balance due emails, refunds or  
22 phone call looking for missed any information. For all of  
23 that I thank her. Lucy, will you please stand up?

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Thank you, Lucy.

1           Loretta has been easy to work for. What a  
2 giving, caring lady she is. Thank all of you for giving  
3 me this opportunity to serve you and for generously  
4 pointing out my mistakes. This job is huge and needs lots  
5 of support and help to make it happen. Each of you has  
6 been part of that process. Once again, thank you for  
7 giving me this opportunity.

8           (Applause.)

9           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you, Terry,  
10 for all you've done this year, for stepping in at the  
11 moment's notice. She never hesitated.

12           We'll hear from the Treasurer for her report.

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14           DEPARTMENT TREASURER CONVENTION REPORT

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16           DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: You stole it.  
17 Well, I hope my report is a little bit more pleasant than  
18 what you just heard, but -- we're going to try anyway.

19           Madam Department President, before I begin I  
20 would like to take a moment to thank everyone for all the  
21 kind words and many, many cards that I received. Thank  
22 all of you. I want to thank Imelda Cruz for holding the  
23 office together during the last year and welcome Laura  
24 Castillo as the membership clerk. We will be back to full  
25 staff come July.

1 I would certainly like to thank Terry for  
2 stepping up to the plate and filling in for this past  
3 year. I want to welcome Karen Aufdermaur back with us  
4 again for six, right, six years? Ladies, she's been doing  
5 the job.

6 (Applause.)

7 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Ladies, so far  
8 the costs exceed our income for several items which had to  
9 be raised, and those are the Convention Book of  
10 Proceedings has been increased to \$27 and the veteran  
11 service pin is going up to \$17. I believe this will be  
12 the year of increase because we've been holding down all  
13 the costs for so long that we no longer can do it anymore.

14 When we are trying to balance the budget that  
15 will be presented at this convention, you will note a  
16 deficit of over \$28,744 in the general fund. The finance  
17 committee is going to be proposing that the \$18,725 from  
18 the Auxiliary News be transferred to the general fund and  
19 do away with the newspaper. Even doing so we will still  
20 be up -- we will still need a per capita increase to make  
21 up the remaining deficit of \$10,725. Our costs have  
22 exceeded our income with the mailing of credit memos and  
23 processing checks for units who are due a refund of  
24 over -- under \$10. Unfortunately National required all  
25 membership increases to be to them by May 11th, 2018 as

1 they have locked rate of membership dues until the next  
2 membership change in 2020. So to get around this,  
3 Department can make a membership assessment for all senior  
4 and junior members. No one likes increases, but we have  
5 not raised our dues since 2012 or six years and we need to  
6 be realistic. You will be hearing more on this  
7 recommendation by the Finance Committee later in the  
8 morning.

9 Those of you who haven't had the opportunity to  
10 renew your membership in the President's Club, you have  
11 until Sunday. It's \$25 if you'd like to renew. Simply  
12 pay your \$25 to the Finance Committee.

13 There are a couple of items I'd like to talk  
14 directly to the units about and they are: Donations to  
15 National. We spend a lot of time rerouting your donations  
16 to the National Organization. There's a National form on  
17 the website that is strictly for National donations.  
18 Please fill out that form, send your donations directly to  
19 National and not to the Department office. Please don't  
20 send forms to Department unless the form states that it  
21 should be sent to Department.

22 Constitution & Bylaws changes are mailed directly  
23 to the Department Constitution & Bylaws Chairman. Now  
24 these cost some money. These are 6 and \$7 packets that  
25 we're mailing out. So please do not send Department your

1 Constitution & Bylaws amendments, changes, or whatever.  
2 Send them to the Constitution & Bylaws Department  
3 Chairman.

4 Madam Department President, I would like to  
5 conclude with some corrections to the Book of Reports and  
6 if I might have your permission to do that at this time.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes, ma'am.

8 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 5 should  
9 have three plus 33 delegates and Hospital Deputy Peggy  
10 Grabski should be added. District 11 Hospital Deputy  
11 Grace Huston should be added. District 16 delegates eight  
12 plus -- plus eight equals 53. District 19 delegates plus  
13 three equals 44. District 22 plus five equals 62. You  
14 add Hospital Rep Angie Acosta. District 23 plus five  
15 equals 25, add Gloria Williams 252. District 25 delegates  
16 add Hospital Director Mavis Kanka, six plus 71, total of  
17 delegates is 850.

18 Madam President, this concludes my report and  
19 have a wonderful convention.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: We have a  
23 correction. Ruby, we have a correction.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You listed Angie Acosta in  
25 District 23. She's a District 25 member.

1 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: I said District  
2 23, I meant District 25.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. That was it.  
4 Thank you. Thank you. Will that take a while for that  
5 resolution?

6 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: No.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Do you want to do  
8 that now, call up Linda? Okay. We'll call up Linda for  
9 the Finance Committee, not -- we're not going to do the  
10 budget; don't panic. We're going to deal with this  
11 resolution.

12 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Okay. This is Emergency  
13 Resolution No. 1. Currently reads: "Article IX, Section  
14 2 per capita tax. Per capita tax shall be payable in  
15 advance annually. National senior \$9, department senior  
16 \$7, Auxiliary News assessment \$1, national junior \$1.25,  
17 department junior 75 cents." This is from 2012.

18 Proposed reading: "Article IX, Section 2 per  
19 capita tax. Per capita tax shall be payable in advance  
20 annually. National senior \$12, department senior \$10,  
21 national junior \$2.50, department junior \$1.50. 2018."

22 Justification. It is proposed that the \$1  
23 Auxiliary News assessment be transferred to offset the  
24 general fund budget along with an additional \$2 per capita  
25 raised for senior members and 1.50 for junior members.

1 Total senior dues units will collect from members: For  
2 National per capita \$12, plus Department per capita \$10.  
3 That's \$22 total for National and Department per capita  
4 plus per unit per capita, whatever that amount is.  
5 National -- national junior per capita 2.50 plus 1.50 for  
6 Department per capita for junior members. So it's \$4 per  
7 National and Department per capita plus your unit per  
8 capita.

9 This resolution if passed will become effective  
10 immediately for the current administrative year 2018-2019.  
11 On the authority of the committee, I move the recommended  
12 emergency resolution to transfer \$18,725 from the News  
13 Assessment to the General Fund.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: There's a motion on  
15 the floor to move 18,000 from --

16 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: The News Assessment.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: -- the News  
18 Assessment to the General Fund. Is there a second?

19 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: You don't  
20 need a second.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Oh, you don't need  
22 one for this. Okay. Is there any discussion? \$18,000  
23 from --

24 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Madam  
25 President?

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

2 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Nancy  
3 Brown-Park, Past National President. I had some concerns  
4 about moving the 18,700 plus dollars to the General Fund.  
5 This is restricted money, as I understand it, because we  
6 took the dues -- we took an increase, an assessment to our  
7 members to send the newspaper -- for the newspaper many  
8 years ago when we did that. We now have absolutely no  
9 communication with our members except a dues notice. So  
10 if you are not active, an active member, you get nothing  
11 from the Department of California. In fact, you don't get  
12 a dues notice, it comes from National.

13 My concern is, and I can see that we can help  
14 subsidize this year, but what do we do in the future? How  
15 are we going to communicate with those members? We'll  
16 lose them. Why would I send you dues? Why would I renew  
17 if I had no communication with this organization?

18 We went through this on the National level when  
19 we thought let's get rid of the magazine. But that's the  
20 only communication some people will get. Because you  
21 don't reach out to them in a lot of cases, how are we  
22 going to keep those members? Look at our slide. If you  
23 think about the number of members we're losing, how many  
24 years are we going to be here? Ten?

25 So we need to think of a different way to



1 communicate. And maybe it's with a some kind of  
2 newsletter, but we have to find a way to communicate. We  
3 can do this and I'll agree with it, but in future we have  
4 to find a way. We're losing too many members and we're  
5 losing our organization, ladies. So I -- I guess I'm in  
6 favor, but we've got to have a solution.

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. Any  
9 further discussion? Michelle.

10 DISTRICT 28 DELEGATE SOARES: Yes, madam.  
11 Michelle Soares, Unit 694, District 28. So we have known  
12 about the National increase for close to a year now and  
13 there was a mention of a possible increase at Department  
14 DEC, however to my knowledge no notice was ever sent out  
15 to the members informing anyone of the decision to  
16 actually go with this dollar increase from Department. So  
17 it seems like we're trying to pork barrel, for lack of a  
18 better word, this \$2 in with the \$3 so a vote for one is  
19 actually a vote for the other, which seems like it should  
20 be two separate issues to me. It seems like the National  
21 increase is one issue and the Department increase is a  
22 second issue and we have it all in one resolution, and so  
23 a vote in favor of one is a vote in favor for both.

24 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: A National -- it  
25 was a National mandate that's been approved and

1 automatically approved by the Department of California.

2 DEPARTMENT 29 DELEGATE SOARES: Right. That's  
3 not my issue. I don't have a problem with the National  
4 increase. I don't even have a problem with the Department  
5 increase. I have a problem with them being lumped  
6 together as one resolution when it's two separate issues,  
7 an increase from National and an increase from Department.

8 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: I think it's one  
9 issue honestly. I don't see where you figure it's two  
10 issues, but that's -- that's my opinion.

11 DEPARTMENT 29 DELEGATE SOARES: Well, and I  
12 respect your opinion, I do. I just think that when you're  
13 doing this without notification to the members, for those  
14 members that have already -- who have already adjusted  
15 their amendments to their bylaws and such to accumulate  
16 for or to compensate for the National increase which we  
17 knew about eight months ago, now they're -- you know,  
18 maybe they didn't think about, hey, there might be another  
19 increase, they're going to be maybe floating on the edge a  
20 little bit.

21 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: All units were  
22 notified by the Finance Committee at the DEC meeting about  
23 the possible \$2 increase.

24 DEPARTMENT 29 DELEGATE SOARES: That's assuming  
25 that all units are at DEC and all districts are

1 represented, which they are not.

2 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: It was in the  
3 bulletin that went to the units, so all units received  
4 them.

5 DEPARTMENT 29 DELEGATE SOARES: I never saw a  
6 bulletin with a \$2 increase.

7 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Well, you  
8 probably don't get the mail at your unit.

9 DEPARTMENT 29 DELEGATE SOARES: Well, that's  
10 true, but I do look at the mail. I do see the  
11 Constitution & Bylaws and I -- I see all the finance stuff  
12 that comes through.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay.

14 DEPARTMENT 29 DELEGATE SOARES: That's just my  
15 opinion.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Thank you.

17 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: I have --

18 DISTRICT 11 DELEGATE MAYER: It's on. Okay. I  
19 just want to say that yesterday --

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Ma'am, could state  
21 your name and unit?

22 DISTRICT 11 DELEGATE MAYER: Oh, I'm sorry. My  
23 name is Bonnie Mayer, District 11, Post 22.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you.

25 DISTRICT 11 DELEGATE MAYER: I want to say that

1 we went through our membership, we're losing members  
2 because we're all dying. We're an aged group. We need  
3 young blood in our -- in our units, in our organization  
4 because we're losing more and more. There are World War  
5 II -- they're born in the '30s and the '40s and the '50s  
6 and we're losing. And so it's our fault if we're not  
7 recruiting younger members. That's all I have to say.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Thank you. I  
9 think we're all aware of we need younger people.

10 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Madam  
11 President?

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes, Diane.

13 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Diane  
14 DeLashmit. Trying to teach an old dog new tricks here.  
15 Diane DeLashmit, Unit 299, District 25. I just have a  
16 couple of questions. We want to move money from the  
17 reserves for the newspaper, this amount that's listed  
18 here, is that the total amount of money in the reserves or  
19 how much is in -- we haven't had the newspaper for two  
20 years and at \$1 a senior member, there should be somewhere  
21 around at least \$40,000 there. So I'm asking are we  
22 only -- are we only moving some money, are we moving all  
23 money? I -- I need to know that.

24 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: We're only moving  
25 one year's -- we're only moving one year's fees over for

1 one -- until we have the assessment.

2 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Okay.  
3 That answers my first question. This resolution is to be  
4 effective immediately. We're already getting dues in from  
5 some members for this year without an opportunity to tell  
6 them it's \$2 more. I believe that we need to make this --  
7 and when it's a per capita tax increase, it requires it to  
8 be for the following year which would be 2019-'20 so that  
9 the units have the opportunity to increase their dues if  
10 in fact they need to. So I have that as a concern how  
11 we're going to get that extra \$2 from our members  
12 particularly when some of them have already paid.

13 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: I talked to  
14 National because they have already closed their membership  
15 date for submitting any changes right now. They said that  
16 departments can assess units any amount of money that they  
17 feel necessary to make up the difference. So this is an  
18 opportunity -- we were talking -- we're talking about  
19 moving the 18,000 actually it's from today on -- on  
20 forever until they decide that they're going to have a  
21 newspaper or whatever they're going to do, and then we're  
22 going to ask the units be assessed \$2 on top of moving  
23 that \$18,000 which will -- right?

24 Okay. And so actually the transfer of the  
25 18,000, whatever it is, 700 and some odd dollars is going

1 to take care of a year and then you're going to be  
2 assessed \$2 for the remaining portion. So it's a total of  
3 \$3 that we're asking for Department, but you're only going  
4 to be paying two of the three.

5 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Madam  
6 President, Anita Biggs, 23rd District, Unit 252. I -- I'm  
7 in agreement with -- the light went out. I didn't touch  
8 the button. I went like this. I think the battery is  
9 dead. Hello? Okay. There it is.

10 I agree with Diane DeLashmit with regard to the  
11 \$2 increase and I'm -- I was confused, so -- I'm not  
12 touching the thing. I think the battery is low. I just  
13 hit it. That might work.

14 I'm confused. The way this was read, it states  
15 that it was -- the resolution was read and then we went  
16 into the transfer. This was read in total, but to me it's  
17 two separate things. The increase, although I'm sure a  
18 lot of us are not against it because we do need the funds,  
19 but to do it immediately will cause a distress to some of  
20 the units who are going to be underwater.

21 I took a poll, just a poll at my preconvention  
22 committee meeting. I had several delegates whose Unit  
23 dues are \$20. If they're raised to \$22, they will have to  
24 come out of somebody else's pocket to make up the  
25 difference and there is no income for the unit. So

1 they're per capita, but, you know, you've got to get a  
2 bylaw change for most of us. We don't have a standing  
3 rule.

4           The transfer of the funds, I -- Linda Fercho is  
5 going to talk on that as well, but I think the -- all the  
6 money should be just moved over. If we're going to vote  
7 to move some of it, move it all. What we're going to be  
8 getting this year because we're not going to have a  
9 newsletter until we finish with this ad hoc to figure it  
10 out. So that's something we need to do. We must get a  
11 newsletter going. It will -- it will help us recruit, it  
12 will help us with younger members. There's a lot going on  
13 with just this one document, but it needs to be separated  
14 out in my opinion.

15           (Applause.)

16           PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Linda Fercho,  
17 Past Department President, Leadership Chairman for  
18 Department. I'd like to amend the motion to -- I'm sorry.  
19 I would -- I feel that we need to -- since Diane  
20 identified we should have probably \$40,000 or something  
21 that we have saved in the two years we have not been doing  
22 the newspaper, I believe this deficit, the entire deficit  
23 needs to be paid out of that and transfer the entire  
24 deficit out of that money and then assess our membership  
25 next year the additional money.

1 (Applause.)

2 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: I feel this  
3 way the National organization will get the right thing on  
4 our dues notice and could -- because the confusion that's  
5 going to go out there between the dues notice and what the  
6 units are asking I feel is very confusing. So that's my  
7 recommendation. Thank you.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Chair recognizes  
9 Ann. Chair can't hear Ann.

10 AEF CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: Just a thought. Ann  
11 Philcox, District 20, Unit 377. I think what people are  
12 thinking about is the membership in saying, oh, we already  
13 raised your dues this amount, now we're adding an extra  
14 \$2. Instead of doing it that way, why don't units  
15 consider holding a fundraiser? I mean it's just a  
16 thought. Nobody likes that one. Hey, I think it's a good  
17 idea, but, you know, just to get that \$2 instead of  
18 raising your dues. All right, Anita, I see your look.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: That's an option.  
20 Thanks, Ann.

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Susie Tozier,  
22 District 22, Unit 6. There was confusion in the statement  
23 and it's kind of confusing the way you wrote it.  
24 Currently you pay \$8 to Department of your dues, \$7 goes  
25 to membership, \$1 goes to the News. So it's already in



1 there, but it gets confusing sometimes with the way you  
2 say it and the way you write it here. Because I look at  
3 this and I say it doesn't add it, it doesn't add up. Then  
4 I relax, sit back and it does add up. But you already pay  
5 \$1 of the \$8 towards the dues.

6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Linda  
7 Workman, Past Department President. I would just like to  
8 address something that Anita said. Last year we all knew  
9 that National was going to be raising their dues and I  
10 know my district, everyone has rewritten their  
11 Constitution & Bylaws or raised their dues, to change your  
12 standing rules to have your dues amount in there. So, you  
13 know, I'm sorry for those of you who didn't pay attention  
14 and rewrite your Constitution & Bylaws.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. We have --  
17 first of all, we have a motion on the -- we'll take this  
18 motion by motion here. We have a motion to move the  
19 18,700 -- what is it? 18,725. I had 18,750. 18,725 for  
20 the News Assessment to make -- into the General Fund to  
21 take care of this year's deficit. Was there a second to  
22 that?

23 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Second.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Having heard the  
25 discussion -- oh, do you something more to say?

1 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Well, Madam  
2 President, Linda Fercho, Past Department President. I  
3 would like to amend the motion to transfer the entire  
4 deficit from the money that is in the newspaper, which was  
5 identified as a sufficient amount, and have the dues  
6 increase with the 2019-2020 year.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. What is the  
8 entire amount?

9 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: I don't know.  
10 Somebody get a pen and get some figures. I don't know. I  
11 figured that covered it.

12 Linda, what's the amount?

13 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: I have to get it from  
14 that.

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: They have to  
16 get the amount too.

17 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Page 5.  
18 Linda, page 5.

19 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Page 5. I just got  
20 there. Okay. Auxiliary News.

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: At this time  
22 in the Auxiliary News there is \$59,139. That will cover  
23 this deficit for a few years.

24 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: What  
25 is the total deficit amount?

1 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: How much is  
2 the total deficit?

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: She says there's  
4 59,149.

5 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: The total  
6 deficit is --

7 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: This is one that we did  
8 yesterday.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: And do we know what  
10 our deficit per year is going to be with the new dues?  
11 30,000 per year.

12 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: So for this year --

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Okay. Madam  
14 President --

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: -- I amend the  
17 motion to move the deficit of \$28,652.35 from the  
18 newspaper funds to cover the deficit for this year and  
19 increase the dues \$2 starting with the 2019-2020 year.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Would you like to  
21 make that a round figure?

22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Okay.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: 30,000, something  
24 like that.

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: 30,000?

1 30,000. Okay. I amend the motion to have transferred  
2 30,000 from the newspaper funds to the -- from the  
3 Auxiliary Newspaper funds to cover the deficit for this  
4 year and increase the dues \$2 effective 2019-2020.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yeah, yeah. You've  
6 got first -- first could I ask you to amend your motion to  
7 just include the \$30,000 for right now?

8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Okay. I amend  
9 the motion to transfer \$30,000 from the Auxiliary  
10 Emergency monies to cover the deficit for this year --

11 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR:  
12 Auxiliary News. You said Auxiliary Emergency.

13 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Madam  
14 President, I move to amend the original motion that we  
15 transfer \$30,000 from the News Assessment account into the  
16 General Fund.

17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Second.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved  
19 and seconded to move \$30,000 from the News Assessment  
20 account into the General Account.

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: If you had  
22 given me another hour I would have gotten it.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Any further  
24 discussion on this particular issue?

25 DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE KELDRY: Madam President,

1 Laura Keldry, District 20, Unit 377. I was not at the DEC  
2 meeting. Does this -- does this Department run on a  
3 deficit all the time? Is this a new deficit?

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: No.

5 DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE KELDRY: And if it is a new  
6 deficit, could someone explain to me what that is from,  
7 where the deficit came from suddenly. 28,000 is a lot of  
8 money.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Well, I  
10 can --

11 DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE KELDRY: I just would like  
12 to know where because my members will want to know.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yeah. Okay. I  
14 don't know if you've looked at our membership numbers the  
15 last few years, we depend a lot on membership. The per  
16 capita, you know, it has dropped over 800 members for the  
17 last several years. This year it's, what, 1300, something  
18 like that we've dropped? So you add all those figures up  
19 and take it times -- what do we get? \$8 out of that, and  
20 that's a lot of money.

21 DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE KELDRY: So in one year we  
22 went from -- we lost \$28,000 and won't this happen again  
23 next year?

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: No, over the years  
25 this has accumulated, you know.

1           DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE KELDRY: So we had this  
2 deficit accumulating for several years?

3           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Well, you know, if  
4 you spent --

5           DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE KELDRY: I'm sorry. I'm  
6 just trying to understand.

7           DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: We have not been  
8 in a deficit situation until this year. This year we're  
9 in a \$28,000 deficit situation --

10          DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE KELDRY: And you sound  
11 like --

12          DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: -- from the  
13 General Fund.

14          DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE KELDRY: Well, I'm  
15 understanding from you that that's a big deal and it  
16 sounds like a big deal and I don't understand how we got  
17 to that in one year.

18          DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: There's a lot of  
19 expenses coming up. That's an operational fund.

20          DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE KELDRY: Okay. I'm sorry.  
21 Linda just explained to me that this has been a membership  
22 situation that has built up over years, plural.

23          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: That's one of the  
24 issues.

25          DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE KELDRY: But the deficit is

1 only now brand-new this year. I'm confused.

2 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: This year is  
3 the first year in a while that we are having more paid  
4 employees in the office. Everything has been done on a  
5 voluntary situation. We also have an issue in 2020, the  
6 minimum wage goes up to \$15 an hour. So because we're  
7 getting the people in the office and we had the minimum  
8 wage requirement with the State of California, everything  
9 is going up. And we're losing members.

10 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: And we're also  
11 hiring a new secretary this year.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yeah. It all adds  
13 up.

14 DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE KELDRY: So the deficit is  
15 for new employees to come?

16 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: I have  
17 volunteered my time and energies to the Department of  
18 California serving as Secretary/Treasurer for five years.  
19 I have not got paid anything.

20 (Applause.)

21 DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE KELDRY: Bravo, bravo. I  
22 think we all --

23 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: And now we have  
24 an employee that is coming on board who will be a paid  
25 employee.

1 DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE KELDRY: Okay. So we're  
2 hiring an employee and that's for 28,000 going --

3 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Well, part of it.  
4 That's where part of it's going.

5 DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE KELDRY: You're all in  
6 agreement that is something we've all agreed to do as  
7 well? Okay. I'm fine. Thank you.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. Thank  
9 you for your concern. Okay. Back to the motion. We have  
10 a motion on the floor to transfer \$30,000 from the News  
11 Assessment to the general account. Amendment. Yes, it's  
12 an amendment to the motion. All those in favor please say  
13 aye.

14 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Now the  
18 original amendment -- original motion. See now you're  
19 getting me confused. That's because I've written so many  
20 things down here I can't remember which one to read.

21 Okay. So we have a motion on the floor to move  
22 \$30,000 from the News Assessment account to the general  
23 account. Any further discussion?

24 (No response.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. All



1 those in favor --

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor,  
4 please say aye.

5 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. The ayes  
9 have it. Now back to the per capita tax. Now we'll  
10 tackle the per capita tax as a separate motion.

11 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: I move that the  
12 2019-2020 per capita dues for each senior member be  
13 increased by \$2 to cover the -- that's not to cover --  
14 period.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. There is a  
16 motion made to make the per capita increase by \$2 for the  
17 year 2019-2020. Is that right?

18 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Yes.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Any  
20 discussion? For a senior. That's a senior. Okay,  
21 ladies. Okay. Conferring with the Parliamentarian here,  
22 she said go ahead -- we should go ahead and put all of the  
23 per capita tax in one motion, so we would include seniors  
24 and the juniors in this motion.

25 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Can I take that one

1 back?

2 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Amend it.

3 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Okay. I move that we  
4 increase the senior per capita dues by \$2 and the junior  
5 members per capita dues by 1.50 for the 2019-2020 year.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. There's a  
7 motion on the floor. Or is that treated as an amendment?

8 Okay. There's a motion on the floor to raise per  
9 capita -- increase per capita for senior members by \$2 and  
10 junior dues by 1.50 beginning in 2019-2020. Any  
11 discussion?

12 DISTRICT 11 DELEGATE MUNROE: Marcia Munroe,  
13 District 11, Unit 249. To me that might seem confusing  
14 because in the old one it says the dues are \$7, we  
15 increase it by two, that would be \$9. Are you increasing  
16 it to \$9 or \$10? Because then you're including the  
17 assessment. It doesn't say. You just say we're  
18 increasing the dues.

19 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: The assessment is  
20 already on there so the total is just going to be  
21 increased by \$2.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yeah, these are  
23 increases.

24 DISTRICT 28 DELEGATE SOARES: Madam President,  
25 Michelle Soares. It's just a matter of -- Michelle

1 Soares, District 28. It's just a matter of the wording.  
2 You said by a dollar. It should be by 75 cents if we're  
3 going to word it that way. Because it's going from 75  
4 cents to 1.50, so it would be raised by 75 cents. Or you  
5 could say raised to 1.50. It's just a matter of the  
6 wording.

7 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Susie Tozier,  
8 District 22, Unit 6. In regards to the comment a little  
9 bit -- a minute ago, \$7 of \$8, you currently send to as a  
10 per capita goes to membership. One dollar goes to the  
11 newsletter. So you currently are paying \$8 right now, so  
12 the increase of plus two equals ten.

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Madam  
14 President?

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: And we're voting on  
16 the increase, not the total amount.

17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: I was just  
18 explaining Marcia's comment. She thought it should be  
19 nine, you know, because it's membership, but we get  
20 assessed in that \$8 currently for the newsletter. This is  
21 for the following year increase that our dues are due. So  
22 \$7 plus the \$1 for the newsletter assessment equals eight,  
23 with a \$2 increase in membership, membership will be nine,  
24 plus the one dollar equals ten.

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: For the

1 Department.

2 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: For the  
3 department.

4 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Madam  
5 President, Wendy O'Brien, Past Department President. My  
6 question is this. Is that \$2 going to be enough to cover  
7 the bills that we have coming up or are we going to have  
8 to do this again next year?

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. The motion is  
10 still on the floor for the \$2 per capita increase by \$2  
11 for seniors and 1.50. That's an increase to begin  
12 2019-2020. That motion is still out.

13 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Madam  
14 President, Diane DeLashmit, District 25, Unit 299. I move  
15 we table this until we have the finance report and the  
16 budget where we can look at it. Most of us haven't even  
17 seen the budget.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: And that will give  
21 you -- that will give you a few minutes to mull it over  
22 and understand it hopefully.

23 Okay. At this time I believe I'm expected half  
24 hour ago over at the Legion, so if I could ask the Vice  
25 President to come up and continue the reports, please.

1           Okay. I'll postpone my visit a few more minutes.  
2 I believe we have guests in the back of the room. Will  
3 the Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal, along with the  
4 Distinguished Guest, please present our guests.

5           (Processional.)

6           AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: How  
7 are you all doing today?

8           (Applause.)

9           AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: This  
10 is my favorite part of coming to convention is to see you  
11 ladies.

12          (Applause.)

13          AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: You  
14 treat us so well, it is amazing. And I have to thank you  
15 because, you know, unlike my State Vice President Ray Ruiz  
16 and I, you don't have a skin in this game and you're here  
17 supporting us anyway. So I have to thank you for that.  
18 My hat goes off to you.

19          (Applause.)

20          AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: So  
21 I've already addressed the Legion and the Sons of the  
22 American Legion and I want to apologize for not being here  
23 yesterday. They had this meeting and my name was on it so  
24 they kind of said I had to be there. So I do apologize.  
25 We just came and we gave an \$11,000 check for VA&R.

1 (Applause.)

2 AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: We are  
3 going to do the Legacy Ride this year and I asked them for  
4 donations. I'm going to be asking the Squadron and the  
5 Auxiliary for donations because the Department of  
6 California has never given a check at National Convention  
7 to the Legacy Scholarship Fund. And, you know, you've  
8 heard the phrase that we're a family; right? Well, the  
9 American Legion, if you've ever noticed only, uses that  
10 term when it's convenient for them. But I'd like to get a  
11 check from the American Legion Family in Minneapolis  
12 because we are a family.

13 But this is my third and final year addressing  
14 you. I'm term limited to three years as a state president  
15 of the Riders. We've never had a three-year president  
16 before, so I am extremely humbled to do this. But I know  
17 the Riders are going to be in great hands, hint, hint,  
18 when I'm out of here. He's always done good things.

19 You don't mind if I take like another two  
20 minutes, do you?

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: (Shakes head.)

22 AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: All  
23 right. So when I was over there addressing the Legion, I  
24 kind of embarrassed them. And I love doing that, I really  
25 do. Because I told them, you know, the Riders, we've been

1 on a five-year plan and I wish the American Legion would  
2 have a five-year plan, but they've got this 365-day plan  
3 and it hasn't worked out real well for them recently.  
4 I've watched their numbers.

5 So our five-year plan, in our first year we  
6 wanted to bring in new chapters, and in two years we've  
7 got 17 new chapters in the department.

8 (Applause.)

9 AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: We  
10 have 89 chapters. Closest department to us is Florida  
11 with 42. Our goal is 100 chapters for the 100-year  
12 anniversary of the American Legion. So --

13 (Applause.)

14 AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: But  
15 year two I kind of mimicked every National Commander and  
16 Department Commander for the past 50 years because I said  
17 we're going to bring in new members. Because we already  
18 built a home for them by bringing in new chapters, so now  
19 we had to fill those homes because they were vacant. So  
20 we got the new members. We brought in 400 new members  
21 last year.

22 (Applause.)

23 AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: How  
24 many American Legion Riders are out here? Better not have  
25 your vest on because this is an Auxiliary convention. I'm

1 just saying.

2 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you  
3 very much.

4 AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: But  
5 our third year I kind of deviated and I told the American  
6 Legion I would love to hear a National or Department  
7 Commander say this because our goal this year is  
8 membership development. We're going to teach them about  
9 -- our Riders are going to learn about the American  
10 Legion, the Sons of the American Legion, and the American  
11 Legion Auxiliary and the Riders.

12 (Applause.)

13 AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS PRESIDENT SOBCZAK:  
14 Because how many of you knew the American Legion was  
15 responsible for creating the VA in 1933? For writing flag  
16 code? Creating the GI bill, the post 9/11 GI bill?

17 (Applause.)

18 AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: The  
19 only veteran service organization to have a sitting  
20 president sign legislation at our convention.

21 (Applause.)

22 AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: You  
23 know, no one can say that. And if we teach this history,  
24 we're going to have people begging to be part of our  
25 family. And that's what I want. But then year four,



1 we're going to have a past president's club because we  
2 don't have one in the Riders. And we're going to mentor  
3 and develop our future leaders. And then five years  
4 later, we're going to be a National level program. That's  
5 my goal. We've already written the resolution and it will  
6 be heard in Minneapolis, but it's going to be done in the  
7 image of the Sons which is not as convoluted. I'm honest.

8 We can do our business by a cell phone in  
9 conference call. We don't need to fly to Indianapolis or  
10 ride to Indianapolis. Save money, put the money back into  
11 the organization, put the money back into the communities  
12 and do things via conference call. Do it the right way.

13 (Applause.)

14 AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: And  
15 before I close and get my plaque, one of the things I  
16 asked the Legion today was a question I posed to my Riders  
17 in Hollister last year. I asked my Riders if your chapter  
18 was to close tomorrow, would your community notice? Three  
19 chapters were able to raise their hand. This year 85  
20 chapters are going to be able to raise their hand.

21 (Applause.)

22 AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: So I  
23 ask that same question to the American Legion. If your  
24 post shuts its doors tomorrow, will the community notice?  
25 On the Legion side that room was quieter than a church.

1 Yeah, there was some people looking around doing some soul  
2 searching on that one. Because the Auxiliary, you stand  
3 alone as a widow unit if the post closes. See, I know  
4 that. But the post, if they were just to disappear, 85  
5 percent of the community would not notice if a post closed  
6 its doors and that's sad because they're not out there  
7 working the programs the way you are, the way the Squadron  
8 is. The Legion relies on you and it's wrong and you need  
9 to smack them in the face. Tell them to get off their  
10 butts and do their job. They're part of the family too.

11 (Applause.)

12 AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: So I'm  
13 going to give a plaque here for saying thank you for a  
14 year's worth of support to the Auxiliary from me, but --  
15 and we'll take a picture in a second. Where's your camera  
16 person? But I also want to show you for the first time in  
17 our history we have a state coin.

18 (Applause.)

19 AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: \$10  
20 each and the money goes to VA&R. But our coin is designed  
21 to look like a poker chip because we do so many poker  
22 runs, but this is a metal coin. So \$10, hint, hint, I'll  
23 be in the back.

24 So, ma'am, this is for you. And I truly  
25 appreciate everything you and all of you women have done

1 for us. And I do call you the Auxiliary, not the ladies'  
2 Auxiliary because I know if you're Auxiliary, you have to  
3 be a female. I'll tell those guys in the blue caps  
4 because they don't get that. That's another reason you  
5 can smack them. I thank you all and I love you all.

6 (Applause.)

7 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: I just  
8 want to say I'm going to start the bucket rolling around  
9 this convention floor for donations for the Legacy.

10 (Applause.)

11 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: The bucket  
12 will be passed, don't worry.

13 AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS PRESIDENT SOBCZAK: I'll  
14 be here all weekend. Remember to tip your waiter.

15 (Processional.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. At this time  
17 I will go over to the Legion side and Joan Cannon is in  
18 charge.

19 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: I'll be  
20 careful. Okay. We're going to continue with our  
21 officers' reports with Parliamentarian Diane DeLashmit.

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23 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN CONVENTION REPORT

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25 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Madam

1 President Loretta, our Lady Bug. Many of you may have  
2 noticed that at the Clovis workshop I was not able to find  
3 a plush eagle which was my mascot for this past year. So  
4 I brought the next best thing, and that was this. And I  
5 said, well, at least it's a bird, but I -- okay. Well,  
6 since that time many people have provided me with eagles.  
7 I got this eagle and I got this eagle. And then I got  
8 this eagle, this, and then I got -- even from a  
9 Legionnaire I got this eagle. Okay. And this morning I  
10 came in and what did I have at my place over there?

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: So I have  
13 all my eagles. Thank you for providing me with my flock.

14 Now I love the signs out there: pow, wham,  
15 shazam, kapow. What a year this has been for this Captain  
16 Marvelous that she named me. It feels like I've been put  
17 through the ringer. It is said that fact is stranger than  
18 friction -- fiction. Friction, yeah, fiction. And  
19 believe me believe it is. I visited four units this year  
20 that had major problems and many more that I communicated  
21 with either by email, phone, or snail mail. I don't know  
22 how many miles I drove, however to one unit alone I drove  
23 1100 miles round-trip.

24 Madam President Loretta traveled with me and I  
25 enjoyed her company very much. On that three-day trip our

1 eyes were opened to what's happening in our units.

2 In this day and age of technology and instant  
3 everything, we need to slow down and take stock of what we  
4 are doing. Using ATM cards to get cash and not having a  
5 paper trail for our expenses is not a good policy,  
6 particularly for the auditors as they're trying to do  
7 their job. Unfortunately unnecessary hours are being  
8 spent trying to decipher what is going on in and -- and in  
9 the end a much higher price to pay than it is if it's done  
10 properly in the first place. In some cases that could be  
11 criminal and lead to charges.

12 There's a huge need of training and duties and  
13 responsibilities of officers and chairmen, and I really  
14 don't know what the answer is and how to reach these units  
15 until they are so far gone. District presidents should be  
16 able to sense a unit is in trouble when they make their  
17 official visits. Try to get them help, even if it's  
18 outside your district or your area.

19 We are losing members and units at a very fast  
20 pace. A lot of it is due to misunderstanding and  
21 personality issues. My flock's in the way here. In many  
22 cases we have lost focus on what our mission is. Let's  
23 get back on the flight path. It is sad that we need to be  
24 reminded in song by Tim McGraw to be humble and kind and  
25 Kenny Chesney to get along. Put our differences aside and

1 work together for our military, veterans, youth, and  
2 communities.

3 For those units and districts that are soaring  
4 like eagles by doing great work, keep going strong and  
5 being an example to those that are struggling. Reach out  
6 to provide encouragement to them. I go along with what  
7 Luke Brian says in his song: I believe most people are  
8 good.

9 Madam President, this concludes my reports so  
10 I'll take my flock and fly.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you.  
13 Good report, Diane. Next we'll have Musician Donna Scott.

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15 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN CONVENTION REPORT

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17 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN SCOTT: Madam President, the  
18 incredible Hummers for the department were very busy  
19 spreading music and happiness throughout their districts.  
20 Many units participated with their posts that need  
21 holidays and special events where music was included. Our  
22 song contest did not receive many entries. Those  
23 received, however, were very good. We do have some very  
24 real talented eagles in our department. Of particular  
25 interest was one entry for an Auxiliary prayer song

1 written to the tune of Auld Lang Syne.

2           Although not a lot was reported in the Music  
3 category, this chairman is confident that most units and  
4 districts do include music in their meetings. The songs  
5 ranged from our National Anthem to the many patriotic  
6 songs that we have to choose. Music makes meetings  
7 better, more uplifting, more positive, so keep saying --  
8 singing, playing tapes or CDs at your meetings. Can you  
9 imagine a world without music? I certainly can't. To  
10 quote Confucius, "Music produces a kind of pleasure which  
11 human nature cannot do without."

12           Thank you, Madam Department President Loretta,  
13 for this appointment. I have truly enjoyed the year. May  
14 I continue with my committee report and awards?

15           DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes, you may.

16           DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN SCOTT: Our committee met at  
17 11:30 in the Sycamore Room. Elva Skys was appointed  
18 secretary, Bonnie Bradbury offered prayers, and LaToya  
19 Williams was appointed sergeant-at-arms. We had only  
20 eight districts answer our roll call and three guests.

21           We looked over the code because many feel that  
22 music should be put back into our -- into our programs as  
23 a regular program. It was taken out years ago when  
24 National dropped it as a chairmanship or as an office, and  
25 everyone there thought it was important to put it back in.

1           So we wrote up a suggestive department code. You  
2           should have a copy. And the only change we made was I had  
3           to write that in because I had already printed up these.  
4           The code for Musician would read -- that we're suggesting  
5           that you accept: Number 1. The allowance for the  
6           Department Musician shall be as adopted in the annual  
7           budget. We added to that amount not to exceed \$45, and  
8           they only put that in as a last thought because of awards,  
9           you might want to get an annual award for the first,  
10          second, and third prizes.

11           Chairman shall submit an end-of-the year  
12          statement of the expenses incurred and proposed  
13          recommendations affecting the program budget for the next  
14          year to the Finance Committee by May 1st.

15           Number 2. The Department Chairman shall offer  
16          citations for first, second, and third place for best unit  
17          and district songs and best supplemental reports.

18           And number 3. Department Chairman shall  
19          encourage units and districts to provide music in their  
20          meetings.

21           Very simple code just to put music back in --  
22          just to put music back in our Auxiliary programs. Madam  
23          President, by direction of the committee, I move that we  
24          adopt this code addition.

25           DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Donna, I'm a



1 little confused. Do you have the -- on 2 and 3 -- I  
2 understand number 1, but on 2 and 3, is this new or is  
3 this what's already there?

4 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN SCOTT: We don't have  
5 anything there.

6 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay.

7 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN SCOTT: Actually, Madam  
8 President, I think Joyce Patton when she was musician here  
9 a couple years ago, I think she asked that this be added  
10 back in and she tells me that there was a motion, I don't  
11 remember exactly, and that it was accepted but nothing  
12 apparently has been done so that's why we brought it up  
13 again.

14 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: All right.  
15 There's a motion on the floor to -- okay. Currently  
16 Department Musician Code 1 how it's currently read: "The  
17 allowance for the Department Musician shall be adopted in  
18 the annual budget. The Chairman shall submit an  
19 end-of-the-year statement of the expenses incurred and  
20 proposed recommendations affecting the program for the  
21 next year to the Finance Committee by May 1st."

22 The code change would read: "The allowance for  
23 the Department Musician shall be adopted in the annual  
24 budget; amount not to exceed \$45. The Chairman shall  
25 submit an end-of-the-year statement of the expenses

1 incurred and proposed recommendations affecting the  
2 program for the next year to the Finance Committee by May  
3 1st."

4 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Madam  
5 President, Diane DeLashmit, Unit 299, District 25. I  
6 believe we should leave the amount out and just leave it  
7 as budgeted. So I would amend the code to just be the way  
8 it was originally read without the not to exceed \$45.  
9 That would be up to the Finance Committee and the -- you  
10 know, the amounts may go up and if they need to be  
11 adjusted I believe, you know, could be adjusted annually.

12 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Any more  
13 discussion?

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: My brain  
16 is mush already today. I move to amend this code to  
17 delete the "not to exceed \$45."

18 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Second.

19 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: All right. We  
20 amended the motion is to have Department Code Musician  
21 code number 1, leave it as it is currently written and not  
22 to add the amount not to exceed \$45. Is there any further  
23 discussion?

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: I have a  
25 question. I'm sorry. I'm sorry. My bugs are bothering

1 me. We have a question. Is this the code already? Is  
2 there no code and these are all new codes for -- okay. So  
3 that clears it up.

4 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Number 1 is  
5 completely new. There's no number 1 in your code?

6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: There's no  
7 music code at all.

8 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you,  
9 Past Department President Wendy. Okay. So department  
10 code musician. The amended motion: "The allowance for  
11 the Department Musician shall be adopted in the annual  
12 budget. The Chairman shall submit an end-of-the-year  
13 statement of the expenses incurred and proposed  
14 recommendations affecting the program for the next year to  
15 the Finance Committee by May 1st."

16 Any further discussion?

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: All in favor,  
19 say aye.

20 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

21 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say  
22 no.

23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion  
25 carried.

1 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN SCOTT: Thank you. One other  
2 thing we discussed was we used to have a musician in our  
3 department. We had BJ Graceley, of course, who played the  
4 piano eloquently.

5 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Donna, we're  
6 not quite done on the voting. We still have to vote for 2  
7 and 3 together, so I -- so the original motion -- so now  
8 Department Code Musician number 2 -- and just clarify,  
9 there was no Musician code so this is all new. So we will  
10 now have one. Okay? All right. The vote was for the  
11 amendment. Now we're voting on the code. And we'll vote  
12 for all three of them together.

13 And just to clarify, because I know it was  
14 unclear in my mind, the Musician did not have a department  
15 code, so now we will be voting on -- the first vote which  
16 we had which was the amendment. So now we're voting on  
17 the new code 1, 2, and 3. So I'm going to read them all  
18 again? Yes, music. Yes.

19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Madam  
20 President? Madam President, Anita Biggs, District 23,  
21 252. I move to amend the name of the department code to  
22 "Music" versus "Musician."

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: All right.  
25 Thank you. Okay. So there's a motion on the floor to

1 amend the department code from "Musician" to "Music." Any  
2 discussion?

3 (No response.)

4 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: All in favor,  
5 say aye.

6 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

7 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say  
8 no.

9 (No response.)

10 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion  
11 carries. Okay. Now we'll start again. Okay. Department  
12 Code Music. Code number 1 will read: "The allowance for  
13 the Department Musician shall be adopted in the annual  
14 budget. The Chairman shall submit an end-of-the-year  
15 statement of the expenses incurred and proposed  
16 recommendations affecting the program for the next year to  
17 the Finance Committee by May 1st."

18 Department code 2: "The Department Chairman  
19 shall offer citations for first, second, and third place  
20 best unit and best district songs and best supplemental  
21 reports."

22 Department code 3: "The Department Chairman  
23 shall encourage units and districts to provide music in  
24 their meetings."

25 Are there any discussions?

1 (No response.)

2 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none,  
3 those in favor say aye.

4 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

5 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Those opposed  
6 say no.

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Very good. Go  
9 ahead.

10 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN SCOTT: Okay. We're done  
11 with that. The other --

12 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Go ahead.  
13 Continue.

14 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN SCOTT: The other thing we  
15 discussed as I mentioned was having a department musician.  
16 We had Ruth O'Connor and BJ Graceley for many years and we  
17 don't have them anymore, so if anybody has any suggestions  
18 from their districts for a musician, that would be nice.  
19 That was the other thing that was discussed. May I  
20 continue with the awards?

21 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes, you may.

22 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN SCOTT: I gave notes to some  
23 people and I see they're here. The First Place Best Unit  
24 Song went to Charter Cove Unit 755, District 18.

25 (Applause.)

1 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN SCOTT: We have First Place  
2 For Best District Song went to Leisure World Unit 327,  
3 District 29, Cathy Tautges.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN SCOTT: It's great. Very  
6 good. Thank you. One last one. First place for the Best  
7 Unit Supplemental Report went to Carol Goss Holmes, Orange  
8 Unit 132, District 29.

9 (Applause.)

10 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN SCOTT: Madam President, that  
11 concludes my report.

12 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Our next  
15 report is our Historian Deloris Artis.

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17 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN CONVENTION REPORT

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19 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN ARTIS: Good morning. Madam  
20 President, I did send out notices to my first place  
21 winners, so if you can please come to the front. Okay.

22 Again, good morning. This year the department  
23 officers and chairmen were known as superheros and this  
24 officer was Flash Gordon. We started the year at the  
25 installation of the New Super Heroes. There were bulbs

1 flashing and digital cameras everywhere. This historian,  
2 along with the help of the paparazzi of the Past  
3 Department President Wendy O'Brien, worked the  
4 installation taking pictures like we were on the red  
5 carpet. I do want to thank Henry Sanchez for all the work  
6 that he did getting me started. Thank you, Henry.

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN ARTIS: Many pictures were  
9 taken at the Clovis workshop of the Department Chairmen as  
10 they presented their programs. Some were even in costumes  
11 and that was -- and we all had fun.

12 This Historian along with many others took  
13 pictures of the California delegation during the National  
14 Convention Parade. Pictures were taken during the  
15 National Convention Session and the installation. As  
16 Department Historian I attended the installation of three  
17 districts: District 18, 19, and 23. Accompanying me was  
18 the Honorary Junior Department President. Four juniors  
19 members joined me in attendance and taking pictures at the  
20 workshop in Cabrillo which is in District 16 and three  
21 juniors at the workshop in Pasadena District 18.

22 It was a pleasure for this historian to have  
23 taken pictures and attended a luncheon that was held at  
24 the Ronald Regan Library in honor of National Commander  
25 Denise Rohan.



1           During the Executive -- the Department Executive  
2 Committee Meeting, pictures were taken of the Western  
3 Division National Vice President Nancy Michalski during  
4 her visit. Okay. Thank you. During her visit she was  
5 out on the floor line dancing and she told me that she had  
6 so much fun. Picture was taken of the senior members and  
7 junior members who were in attendance at the mission  
8 training in Las Vegas. Pictures were taken during Madam  
9 President Loretta Marsh's homecoming. Pictures were taken  
10 during the National President Diane Duscheck's visit to  
11 southern California and this Historian received pictures  
12 of her visit to northern California.

13           Madam President, I want to thank you for this  
14 appointment. I learned a lot this year. I would like to  
15 say thank you to Linda Fercho, Terry Mikesell, Diane  
16 DeLashmit, and Rondi, but I can't say that last name  
17 either. I want to thank them for their support. And I  
18 must apologize to Anita Biggs. I omitted her in saying  
19 thank you for the help that she provided.

20           To the district historians who sent me pictures,  
21 thank you so much. This has truly been a year that I will  
22 always remember.

23           Madam President, at this time may I continue with  
24 my preconvention meeting and my first place awards?

25           DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes, you may.

1 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN ARTIS: The preconvention  
2 meeting for the Historian was on June 21st in the Terrace  
3 -- Terrace number 4 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in  
4 Sacramento, California, at 10:01 a.m. The statistical  
5 report of this chairman is not in the book of reports,  
6 however they were read during our meeting. Nancy Brown,  
7 District 4 Unit 807 was appointed as secretary. Ray  
8 Von Porter of District 22, Unit 310 offered prayer and  
9 there was no Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 15 district  
10 delegates answered roll call and there was only one guest.

11 The code was read and there was no changes or  
12 recommendations. Second and third place awards was placed  
13 in the units' packages. The meeting adjourned at 10:45  
14 a.m.

15 And now for my first place winners. They're not  
16 in order. I've got it turned upside down. First place  
17 unit for the Best Overall Unit Supplemental goes to Unit  
18 310 of District 22, Ray Von Porter.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN ARTIS: Certificate of  
21 participation. First Place Winner Best District  
22 Supplemental, District 22 Gigi Manno.

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN ARTIS: First Place Best  
25 Written Unit History Book, first place goes to Unit 280,

1 District 18 Susan Morgan.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN ARTIS: First place for the  
4 Best Written District History Book goes to Judy Taing,  
5 District 18.

6 (Applause.)

7 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN ARTIS: First place for Best  
8 Unit Picture Book goes to Unit 359, District 19.

9 (Applause.)

10 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN ARTIS: First place for the  
11 Best District Picture Book goes to Susie Baker of District  
12 28.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN ARTIS: Madam President,  
15 before I close, may I make a remark to those who were  
16 historians this year?

17 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes, you may.

18 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN ARTIS: Ladies, you worked  
19 so very hard to do the judging of these books, but there  
20 were some minor things I don't think any of us, myself  
21 included, knew about the -- how things was done. I did  
22 receive a lot -- well, I didn't receive a lot, but I  
23 received 12, things that we did not know and we should  
24 read our codes in whatever the program that you committed  
25 yourself to be chairman of to find out that at here with

1 the Auxiliary, we do not submit any of our reports when  
2 you're writing them on colored paper. When you do your  
3 reports, your reports should be on white paper with plain  
4 black writing. The ink was black, but I received a  
5 lovely, lovely history report, but they submitted it on  
6 yellow paper. So just a point to know that we need to  
7 make sure that when we do our reports, that they are on  
8 white paper.

9 Madam President, that concludes my report.

10 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you. I  
11 guess we'll have the Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal, Donna  
12 Smith and Rosemary Weber.

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14 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS & MARSHAL CONVENTION REPORT

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16 DEPARTMENT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS SMITH: Madam  
17 Department President, I'd just like to thank you for this  
18 appointment. Can you hear me now?

19 Madam Department President, I'd just like to  
20 thank you for this appointment. It's been a little batty,  
21 but I'm having a great time and have a wonderful  
22 convention.

23 DEPARTMENT MARSHAL WEBER: Rosemary Weber,  
24 Department Marshal. I would just like to thank you for  
25 this appointment also. And thank you, thank you to a

1 couple of special ladies that have taught us how to do our  
2 job mentoring us. It's not as easy as it looks. Thank  
3 you very much.

4 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Don't leave  
5 yet. A little birdie told us that someone is having a  
6 birthday today.

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: You don't have  
9 to tell us how old you are, but maybe since we just heard  
10 from the Musician and music, we should sing happy  
11 birthday.

12 (Singing.)

13 DEPARTMENT MARSHAL WEBER: My husband is taking  
14 me to Ontario for my next birthday.

15 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: And he's such  
16 a good husband. Next we'll have the next three. We'll  
17 start with Department Chairmen reports. The next three  
18 will be -- the first one will be Tammy. Elissa is not  
19 here, is she? Okay. So you'll -- Tammy is going to do  
20 both the Girls State Director and Girls State Chairman,  
21 and then we're going to have next Community Service Tracy  
22 Varnell.

23 All right. It's been announced that it's hard to  
24 hear in the back, so if we could keep -- when the speaker  
25 is speaking, pay attention and kind of be a little quiet

1 so the people in the very rear can hear. Thank you. I  
2 appreciate it.

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4 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR CONVENTION REPORT

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6 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN SOLLAZZO: Good morning,  
7 everybody. Okay. Elissa had to go back to Girls State to  
8 get ready for Girls State so she left me her report.

9 Madam Department President Loretta, Esteemed  
10 Guests, and Convention Delegates, I am here to report on  
11 any updates we have for the Girls State session at this  
12 time. We are only a couple days from our start date of  
13 the 75th American Legion Auxiliary California Girls State  
14 Week.

15 Currently we are low on our total number of  
16 delegates attending the 2018 ALA California Girls State  
17 session. We're under our 510. We also are short a couple  
18 of city moms. If any of you want to step up, we still  
19 need two city moms. I know you have heard from our  
20 previous director, Dona, about the participation that is  
21 needed by our Auxiliary members to keep this program  
22 running and to continue sharing the American Legion  
23 Auxiliary mission. We need willing and able members to  
24 participate in this program annually. Please think about  
25 coming on as a staff member for a future session.

1 I want to thank all of the units that graciously  
2 donated items or funds to help with the wish list this  
3 year. Girls State Committee Member Karen is still  
4 collecting donations and will be bringing them down to  
5 Girls State session. It was great to see many units help  
6 out in any way that they can.

7 Something new this year as voted upon by the  
8 committee was that we did not charge the girls that are  
9 flying in for shuttle. We as a committee felt that the  
10 budget could cover the costs of the shuttle to help keep  
11 the delegates' fees at a minimum. We know that most of  
12 these girls already have to pay a little extra to cover  
13 their transportation to and from southern California.

14 We also have a new online store up and running.  
15 We have heard the positives and the negatives regarding  
16 this store. We will be working with the company to offer  
17 more smaller items for the next session.

18 I am sorry I have to leave early as I have work  
19 obligations. I want to thank you, President Loretta, for  
20 giving me this opportunity to serve as the American Legion  
21 Auxiliary Department of California Girls State Director.  
22 Respectfully submitted, Elissa Kirkland.

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Excuse me --  
25 excuse me, Tammy. Our Department President is back so

1 would the Distinguished Guest Chairman, along with the  
2 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal, please escort Madam  
3 Department President Loretta.

4 (Processional.)

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6 GIRLS STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

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8 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN SOLLAZZO: Okay, ladies.  
9 Madam President, I will begin with my convention committee  
10 meeting report. The convention committee on Girls State  
11 met on June 21st, 2018 in the Sycamore room of the Crowne  
12 Plaza Hotel, Sacramento, California. The statistical  
13 report of this chairman appears on page 17 of the Book of  
14 Reports.

15 Gloria Jean Sinopoli was appointed secretary,  
16 Silvia Hillyer offered prayer, and Zana Chaney was  
17 appointed as sergeant-at-arms. A total of 23 district  
18 delegates answered roll call. There were five visitors  
19 present.

20 The committee agreed upon the following report.  
21 Code changes. The committee read the code changes which  
22 are just general organization changes. LuAnn Capazzi  
23 moved that the code be accepted as changed. Second was  
24 made. Committee agreed without discussion.

25 Resolutions, none. Recommendations. Discussion



1 ensued regarding changing venues of Girls State session to  
2 up north, cost, and transportation. Also discussed adding  
3 more computerized format for rest of forms for next year.  
4 Possible code changes to enhance responsibilities for  
5 Girls State committee and more description of chairman  
6 versus director responsibilities.

7 Presentation of awards. A listing of all awards  
8 was given to the district delegates, the Girls State  
9 committee, the Department President, and the Historian. A  
10 copy of the list will be posted in the department  
11 convention office. Madam President, may I now continue to  
12 my report?

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes, you may.

14 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN SOLLAZZO: Okay. So instead  
15 -- excuse me. Madam President, may I now present the  
16 committee's proposed department code changes?

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Oh, yes.

18 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN SOLLAZZO: Okay. So please  
19 note before everybody panics that we did not make any  
20 wording changes. The code has been organized into  
21 sections and it was read in the committee and there are no  
22 verbal changes, none. We rearranged it into a proper  
23 order numerically. So I'm going to only read instead of  
24 six pages of code, I'm going to read what the old numbers  
25 were and you can look in the Girls State code and read how

1 we've renumbered it. And each district received this  
2 copy, so if you are curious, please go to your Girls State  
3 District Chairmen and get the information from her.

4 So we start with general information. The old  
5 code 9 is now number 1. Ten is now number 2. 11 is now  
6 number 3. 12 is number 4. 13 is number 5. 26 is now  
7 number 6. 27 is now number 7. 29 is now number 8. And  
8 23 is now 9.

9 Then we categorized it to Finance. Number 1 is  
10 now 10. Number 2 is now 11. Number 3 is now 12. Number  
11 4 is now 13. Number 5 is now 14. Number 6 is now 15.  
12 Number 7 is 16. 25 is now 17. And 28 is now 18.

13 We then went to Girls State Committee  
14 responsibilities. 8(b) is now number 19. 24 is now  
15 number 20.

16 We then went to department Girls State Chairmen  
17 responsibilities. 8(a) is 21. 14(b) is 22. District  
18 Chairmen responsibilities is next. Number 22 is now 23.  
19 Unit Chairmen responsibilities, number 17 is now 24. 18  
20 is now 25. 20 is now 26 and encompasses (a), (b), (c),  
21 (d), (e), and (f).

22 Then we went to Director responsibilities.  
23 Number 16 is the new 27 and includes (b), (c), and (d),  
24 (a), (b), (c), and (d). And then we went to delegates  
25 eligibility requirements, and number 14 is now 28(a), (b)

1 -- (a) is (a), (c) is now (b). 19 is now (c). 21 is now  
2 (d). Then our last category is school faculty guidelines,  
3 and 15 is now the new number 29(a), (b), (c), (d), (e),  
4 and (f).

5 So by the direction of the committee I move to  
6 adopt the new arrangement of the code with the proposed  
7 changes.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: There is a motion on  
9 the floor by the committee that we adopt these code  
10 changes which is changing numbers only. All those in  
11 favor -- or any discussion?

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor  
14 say aye.

15 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. Motion  
19 carried.

20 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN SOLLAZZO: Madam President,  
21 may I please continue with my report? Girls State has  
22 been quite the whirlwind for this Chairman. I volunteered  
23 to be Girls State Chairman in July 2017 and now it's June  
24 2018 already. In October we held our Girls State  
25 committee meeting where we reviewed the code, made

1 committee appointments, and set the budget. March came  
2 and went as the delegates' and alternates' online  
3 applications start rolling in. Wow. Little did I know  
4 how much time goes into checking the girls' bios, matching  
5 pictures to their bios, asking for missing medical  
6 information, and then waiting on the parents' signature  
7 packets and any missing information that completes the  
8 applications.

9           There were several chairmen who helped and it was  
10 very much appreciated. A western division Girls State  
11 report was submitted. Pictures were provided. Next due  
12 were the year-end reports from units and districts. I  
13 received 26 district year-end reports out of 30. Next  
14 year let's shoot for 100 percent reporting.

15           159 units reported sponsoring a delegate to the  
16 2018 session of Girls State. This is an increase of ten  
17 units from 2017. Five units sponsored a school for the  
18 first time. 112 units invite their eligible delegates and  
19 alternates to join their units and ask them to at least  
20 become involved to gain community service hours. 95 units  
21 reached out to previous delegates to help with their 2018  
22 program in one way or another. 115 units promoted the  
23 Samsung Scholarship to their delegates and alternates.

24           As of May 1st, 2018 55 units had donated a total  
25 of \$3,485, however I know that donations have continued to

1 roll in after that. There were only seven district  
2 supplementals received by this chairman with six unit  
3 supplementals. Units reported that Girls State delegates  
4 and alternates are invited to help with events such as  
5 crab feeds, raffles, steak and barbecue nights and more.  
6 It's fun to hear the units have all kinds of fundraisers  
7 ranging from spaghetti dinners to dinners at restaurants  
8 where the proceeds go to funding the girls for Girls  
9 State.

10 Girls State delegates are also asked to help with  
11 placing flags at cemeteries on Memorial Day and serving  
12 dinners for special occasions. Several units reported  
13 that even if the girls are not eligible as members, they  
14 volunteer at the posts to gain volunteer hours for  
15 college. All districts hosted Girls State teas or  
16 luncheons, while several hosted teas/luncheons with Boys  
17 State delegates.

18 Several districts asked higher Girls State  
19 delegates to speak or be present at the event for  
20 introductions and questions. One district actually hosted  
21 one of the very first Girls State citizens at their tea  
22 this year. She is currently 95 years old and she talked  
23 about the first session in 1940 that was held in  
24 Sacramento at Grace Union High School. There were only  
25 115 girls in session at that point. How exciting for the

1 newest delegates to hear of how it used to be.

2           The Girls State Alumnae Foundation has awarded  
3 grants to help units sponsors delegates. This year they  
4 awarded \$4,000 in grants with four grants being awarded to  
5 specific units. The remainder of the grant money will go  
6 into our donated enrollment fees budget line item. They  
7 are also generously awarding two \$1,000 scholarships this  
8 year to the outstanding citizen and a Blue Goldstar Girl.  
9 We need to spread the word about the alumnae grants, so  
10 please take the information back to your unit for future  
11 use.

12           I know several units declined because they could  
13 not raise the money to send even just one girl. The  
14 alumnae grant could have helped these units. I could go  
15 on and on, but I won't. I have learned a lot this year  
16 and am very excited about my second year as chairman.

17           I know you are all excited for your girls to  
18 attend this session, as we have some very special events  
19 planned for the 75th anniversary. For starters, each  
20 delegate was asked to provide their hero to be put on  
21 buttons. Trish Ward from Kansas made 613 hero pins of  
22 which 507 are custom-made for the delegates, 47 for the  
23 staff, and 56 heros for backup buttons. The hero buttons  
24 are a great way for the delegates to understand the  
25 mission of the Auxiliary. Trish has done this for the

1 past three years and we are incredibly thankful for what  
2 Trish has done.

3 Lastly there will be an alumnae activity that  
4 includes a meet and greet, a joint session of senate and  
5 assembly, a city expo and mock trial, dinner and the flag  
6 lowering. There will be a talent and slide show to cap  
7 off the day's activities.

8 In closing, this chairman is looking forward to  
9 another successful Girls State session. So are you from  
10 Girls State?

11 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Yeah, yeah.

12 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN SOLLAZZO: Madam President,  
13 may I please present my first place awards now?

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

15 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN SOLLAZZO: Okay. I have the  
16 first place Program Support Award and this person has --  
17 this unit has had the most girls that they have supported  
18 through Girls State. And I don't know, I don't see any of  
19 my people up here. One. I have Roseann Vicky Bean,  
20 District 9 Unit 161 who sent 18 years to Girls State.

21 (Applause.)

22 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN SOLLAZZO: Okay. This is my  
23 first place award for Best Unit Supplemental. I have  
24 District 21 Unit 500, Chairman Kathy Newleen.

25 (Applause.)

1 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN SOLLAZZO: And last, my  
2 first place District Supplemental goes to District 11 Mary  
3 Adame.

4 (Applause.)

5 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN SOLLAZZO: Madam President,  
6 this concludes my report, but may I make a personal  
7 comment very quickly?

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Sure.

9 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN SOLLAZZO: Everyone, I do  
10 have the Girls State jewelry with me today for the 75th  
11 anniversary: a pen, a necklace, and earrings. They're  
12 \$10 each or if you buy the little set they're 25. And I  
13 will be here until 4:00 o'clock today and then I am  
14 zooming away for Girls State. So please come and see me  
15 sometime today. Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Tracy, is your  
18 report short and sweet? I know you, that's why I asked.  
19 And after this report we'll call on our Past Presidents  
20 Parley.

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22 COMMUNITY SERVICE CONVENTION REPORT

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24 DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN VARNELL:

25 Good morning, everyone. Okay. Thank you very much. I



1 want to get this done and get it out of the way and,  
2 kabaam, I'll be out of here.

3 Okay. So I'm going to start with my  
4 preconvention meeting. Community Service Super Tiggers  
5 did meet on June 21st in the Terrace number 3. Our  
6 statistical report is on page 15 and 16. Jennifer Turner  
7 was appointed secretary, Rosemary Weber offered prayer,  
8 and Starr Manning was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. We had  
9 a total of 21 district delegates answered to roll call and  
10 four visitors were there. There were no code changes.  
11 Yay.

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN VARNELL:  
14 We did have one recommendation that I will get together  
15 with next year's chairman on and that was just basically  
16 to make sure that we know the exact amount that's in the  
17 disaster fund for the State of California since we've been  
18 hit with so many disasters.

19 Madam President, just a quick note on my meeting  
20 yesterday. I was very, very excited to report we had five  
21 ladies there that was their first time convention here at  
22 our American Legion Auxiliary convention, so I was very,  
23 very excited.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN VARNELL:

1 Jennifer Turner was one of them and also Starr Manning was  
2 a dual member, so it was very -- it was a lot of fun. So  
3 thank you, ladies, for coming.

4 Madam President, may I go ahead and continue with  
5 my report and my first place awards?

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

7 DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN VARNELL:  
8 Wow, what an amazing year. I was honored to be the  
9 Department Community Service Chairman. All I can do is  
10 roar with pride with awesome things that all you ladies  
11 have accomplished. The things that you did all year long  
12 were beyond amazing. There were no words to express how  
13 it made my heart fill with such happiness and joy.

14 This year I really enjoyed being a part of the  
15 Leadership workshop. At times I thought I was only asked  
16 so I could drive long distances and carry all of Linda  
17 Fercho's stuff. Just kidding. No, in all seriousness, it  
18 gave me a great opportunity to get out there and meet all  
19 you Super Tiggers and to be a part of so many special  
20 moments.

21 This would not be a complete report if I did not  
22 mention a few accomplishments that our units and districts  
23 did to set themselves apart. First I'd like to thank Unit  
24 43 Hollywood for hosting a family fun day along with the  
25 Legion Sons and their Legion Riders. They invited the

1 community along with other posts and units to enjoy the  
2 new and improved Hollywood post. It had a great turnout  
3 and it was a great way to invite the community to see what  
4 the American Legion is all about and how we serve our  
5 veterans.

6 District 18, you were just amazing. The things  
7 that you did and the projects you did were amazing, but  
8 one stood out and that was the amount of time and money  
9 that you spent feeding the homeless. Not only veterans,  
10 but those in needs. One of your units, 280, even donated  
11 a cargo van to help other nonprofit organizations feed  
12 more of those in need.

13 District 11, you worked and donated your time at  
14 San Joaquin Delta College Veterans Resource Center. What  
15 a fantastic way not only to help the community, but to  
16 educate new veterans about the American Legion.

17 District 25, you collected pull tabs in the  
18 Inland Empire for the Ronald McDonald House to help cover  
19 expenses which provide homes for so many people including  
20 activity military families and active military service  
21 duty.

22 Out at District 27, we had one unit that worked  
23 with local schools for an anti-bullying campaign. We all  
24 know how important that is within our community.

25 One thing I did try to push this year with

1 Community Service is Senior Volunteer of the Year along  
2 with the Junior Community Service Volunteer of the Year.  
3 I received a great response. It was humbling to read all  
4 the great things that these women did to show their  
5 dedication not only to their communities, but to our  
6 organization.

7           Activities that were reported on this year  
8 included food banks, senior shelters, homeless shelters,  
9 medical clinics, women's programs, blood donations,  
10 nursing homes, libraries, museums, recycling, community  
11 beautification, and cancer awareness. I can't even say it  
12 all, it was too much. Once again I'd like to thank you  
13 for allowing me to share all your special moments that you  
14 had within your communities, better known this year as  
15 home sweet home.

16           Madam President, this concludes my report. May I  
17 hand out my first place winners?

18           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

19           DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN VARNELL:  
20 Thank you. Okay. So for my First Place Unit Supplemental  
21 it goes to Unit 108 District 11, Charlene Buckley.

22           (Applause.)

23           DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN VARNELL:  
24 She just wants to give a little shout out to her first  
25 five for compiling everything that they did.

1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN VARNELL:  
3 My First Place District Supplemental for Community Service  
4 goes to Grace Huston, District 11.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN VARNELL:  
7 So my First Place Junior Community Service Member of the  
8 Year goes to Unit 25 District 30, Elizabeth Ornelas.

9 (Applause.)

10 DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN VARNELL:  
11 And our First Place Community Service Senior of the Year  
12 goes to Susan Winters, Unit 383 District 6.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN VARNELL:  
15 Madam President, just a side note real quick. So I work  
16 for an assisted living which everyone knows. And I did  
17 not judge their reports. They were too good. They were  
18 too amazing. I got professors and staff to judge these  
19 reports, so if anybody is mad, you can go talk to them.  
20 Thank you and have a great convention.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. We will  
23 hear next from our Past Presidents Parley Chairmen so that  
24 we can prepare for lunch.

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1 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CONVENTION REPORT

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3 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: Madam  
4 President, good morning. The convention committee on Past  
5 Presidents Parley met on June 21st, 2018 in the room  
6 Terrace number 3 of the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Sacramento,  
7 California. The statistical report of this chairman  
8 appears on pages 22 and 23 of the Book of Reports. Susan  
9 Baker, District 28, was appointed secretary. Sylvia  
10 Alcantar, District 25, offered prayer. Debbie Hurado,  
11 District 14, was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of  
12 18 district delegates answered roll call. There were zero  
13 guests present.

14 The committee agreed on the following report.  
15 The code was read and reviewed with the following code  
16 changes. Code number 5 now reads: "The scholarship  
17 applicant has only two years to initiate use of the funds  
18 awarded. If the scholarship is not claimed by the  
19 university/college on behalf of the applicant within a  
20 two-year period, the Department Office will inquire in  
21 writing as to why these funds have not been used. If the  
22 use of the funds is not initiated in that time frame, they  
23 are to be reverted back to the funds from" -- excuse me.  
24 "They are to be reverted back to the funds from which they  
25 were originated. If circumstances of nonuse are of a

1 medical or personal nature, it is by discretion of the  
2 Department President, Secretary/Treasurer, and the  
3 Chairman to extend the claim for a period not to exceed 18  
4 months before funds are reverted back to where they were  
5 originated."

6 If approved the code will now read: "The  
7 scholarship applicant has only two years to initiate use  
8 of the funds awarded. If the scholarship is not claimed  
9 by the university/college on behalf of the applicant  
10 within the two-year period, the Department Office will  
11 inquire in writing as to why these funds have not been  
12 used. If the use of the funds are not initiated in that  
13 time frame, they are to be reverted back to the funds from  
14 which they were originated. If circumstances of nonuse  
15 are of a medical or personal nature, it is by discretion  
16 of the Department President, Secretary or Treasurer, and  
17 the Chairman to extend the claim for a period not to  
18 exceed 18 months before funds are reverted back to where  
19 they were originated."

20 By direction of the Past Presidents Parley  
21 preconvention meeting, I move for the acceptance of this  
22 code change.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. It has been  
24 moved that the code change number 5 which now reads  
25 Secretary/Treasurer -- I'll read the whole sentence so you

1 know what it concerns. "If circumstances of nonuse are  
2 medical or personal nature, it is by discretion of the  
3 Department President, Secretary/Treasurer, and the  
4 Chairman to extend the claim for a period not to exceed 18  
5 months." The proposed change would say "Secretary or  
6 Treasurer."

7 All those in favor of this code change -- is  
8 there any discussion by the way?

9 (No response.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor  
11 of this code change, please say aye.

12 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

16 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: Thank you,  
17 Madam President. Code now 8 -- I'm sorry. Code number 8  
18 now reads: "The Department Chairman shall make financial  
19 arrangements with the nursing school according to their  
20 policies. The Secretary/Treasurer shall forward payments  
21 to the school as soon as confirmation has been received by  
22 the Department Office that the student has been accepted."

23 If approved the new code will read: "The  
24 Department Chairman shall make financial arrangements with  
25 the nursing school according to their policies. The



1 Treasurer shall forward payments to the school as soon as  
2 confirmation has been received by the Department Office  
3 that the student has been accepted."

4 By the direction of the Past Presidents Parley  
5 pre-convention meeting, I move for the acceptance of this  
6 code change.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. The code  
8 number 8 has been changed to read from: "The  
9 Secretary/Treasurer shall forward payments" to read: "The  
10 Treasurer shall forward payments." Are there any  
11 questions?

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor  
14 of this code change, say aye.

15 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. Motion  
19 carried.

20 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: Thank you.  
21 Code number 14 now reads: "The corsages and Past  
22 Presidents Parley Luncheon tickets for the \$4,000  
23 scholarship winner and/or the Auxiliary Member of the Year  
24 and the Women Veteran Honorees who attend the luncheon  
25 will be paid out of the Convention expenses. As a

1 courtesy for the recognition a Past National President  
2 brings to California, her Past Presidents Parley Luncheon  
3 ticket will be paid out of the Convention expenses."

4 If approved the code will now read: "The  
5 corsages and Past Presidents Parley Luncheon tickets for  
6 the \$4,000 scholarship winner and/or the Auxiliary Member  
7 of the Year and the Woman Veteran Honorees, if not in  
8 uniform, who attend the luncheon will be paid out of the  
9 Convention expenses. As a courtesy for the recognition a  
10 Past National President brings to California, her Past  
11 Presidents Parley Luncheon ticket will be paid out of the  
12 convention expenses."

13 By the direction of the Past Presidents Parley  
14 pre-convention meeting, I move for the acceptance of this  
15 code change.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. The code 14  
17 has been a motion to change it from: "Honorees who attend  
18 the luncheon will be paid out of the convention expenses  
19 to veteran honorees, if not in uniform, who attend the  
20 luncheon," these are for the corsages, "will be paid out  
21 of the convention expenses. Are there questions?"

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Yes, ma'am. The  
23 way this reads it's encompassing their luncheon ticket as  
24 well as their corsage.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Corsages, yes, it

1 does at the Past President Parley luncheon.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: So it's wrong.  
3 It needs to be change just strictly to pertain to the  
4 corsages, not the tickets. We still pay the tickets.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay.

6 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: Right. So  
7 that's correct. I will take this into committee and come  
8 back.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes. So we'll take  
10 this up, redo that.

11 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: It was just  
12 for the corsages.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Right. It's  
14 supposed to be just about the corsages and that's because  
15 a woman in uniform cannot wear a corsage.

16 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: So I will get  
17 rid of that motion for the time being. Okay.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: The motion has been  
19 withdrawn.

20 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: Okay. I lost  
21 my place a minute. Okay. A recommendation was made that  
22 Department help offset the cost units incur having Service  
23 Member of the Year attend Department Convention, and this  
24 recommendation will be forwarded to the next Past  
25 Presidents Parley Chairman. Second and third place unit

1 district awards were presented. Prayer was said. Meeting  
2 closed about 9:50.

3 Madam President, may I go on with my presentation  
4 and report and awards?

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

6 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: Thank you. I  
7 knew it was right there. The Magical Dragons are the  
8 mentors. They have been setting the example and they have  
9 been busy this year. We have raised money for nurses  
10 scholarship. We have scoured the state looking to honor  
11 our female veterans, active duty. Units reported over 40  
12 new female veterans have been given first year memberships  
13 throughout the department.

14 Units and districts report assisting veterans by  
15 hosting parties, baby showers for our female veterans.  
16 One district reported participating and distributing to  
17 the Department of Veterans Affairs Nationwide Baby Shower  
18 held May 11, 2018. WIC, First Five, and breastfeeding  
19 information were made available to only the female  
20 veterans and active duty soon-to-be moms. Units provided  
21 gifts to the moms as well as attended the event and were  
22 very much excited to meet the local female active duty and  
23 veterans.

24 While four units submitted an application for  
25 Unit Member of the Year, there were many more units

1 reporting they honor their unit members. One unit  
2 reported that they have members nominate a unit member in  
3 May and at installation in June, the member with the most  
4 nominations will receive a \$50 -- I'm sorry. A five -- a  
5 \$50 gift card recognition. This department raises funds  
6 for veterans and their immediate family members for  
7 nursing scholarships.

8 Judged by nurses, this chairman is excited to  
9 have been able to give all ten applicants a scholarship of  
10 anything from 500 to the deserving \$4,000 scholarship  
11 award. The comments received from the judges locally was  
12 they were very excited about the quality of nurses that  
13 applied. They are hopeful that this is an example of the  
14 current nurses that will soon be entering into the  
15 workforce. Kudos to the units that found these  
16 exceptional students. Excuse me a second.

17 The Department -- sorry. The Department,  
18 Districts, and Units know the most important part of the  
19 PPP program is mentoring. The Past Presidents have been  
20 there, done that. But in order for the ALA to continue  
21 another hundred years, they need to educate the new  
22 members. We know we need to do this in a kind and gentle  
23 way and we need to carry ourselves with grace and dignity  
24 in all aspects of our life. Our Past Presidents rise to  
25 the occasion. One district reported at their PPP luncheon

1 the new members named "little sister" are assigned to a  
2 "big sister" for educating and mentoring in all aspects of  
3 the ALA.

4 In a recent ALA "In The Know" bulletin, if we are  
5 going to mentor or give advice, we must ensure that we are  
6 doing it in a way that is without humiliation and is  
7 presented in a positive manner. Mentoring is not trying  
8 to persuade others to our way of thinking. This is  
9 bullying. Mentoring is creating a connection of  
10 camaraderie to help build and strengthen our organization  
11 and ourselves to accomplish the mission of the American  
12 Legion Auxiliary. This can also apply to our daily lives  
13 and our interaction with family, friends, and strangers.  
14 This is an important message.

15 How many of us gasp when we see a newer member  
16 reach between the flags. Or we complain when someone says  
17 "I make a motion to," instead of "I move to." There are  
18 correct ways to educate and I know there is a fine line  
19 between mentoring and bullying. Let's all be mindful, use  
20 kind words, and educate, not bully or offend.

21 Madam President, that concludes my floor report.  
22 As you can see the Magical Dragons have truly displayed  
23 your theme of Real Heroes Wear Dog Tags, Not Capes  
24 especially evidenced in our very special guests. May I  
25 present my first place awards? And I am so excited to

1 have you introduce our very special honorees.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

3 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: Okay. First  
4 Place Unit award goes to Lakewood Unit 496 District 19,  
5 Chairman Mina Carrasco.

6 (Applause.)

7 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: First place  
8 District Award goes to District 25, Chairman Sylvia  
9 Alcantar.

10 (Applause.)

11 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: She took your  
12 prize. Oh, no. Yeah, she did. Thank you. You did such  
13 a good job.

14 Okay. Madam President, will you please introduce  
15 our very special guests?

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Unfortunately our  
17 Unit Member of the Year had a death in the family and is  
18 unable to attend, so we have asked Susan Sanz-Franco, Unit  
19 President of Pasadena Unit 13 to come and accept her award  
20 on her behalf.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: This award is  
23 presented to Lucy Ann Marie from Unit 13 District 18. And  
24 what stood out amongst her application was the usual  
25 things about all the things that she's done for the

1 Auxiliary which were commendable, but what really was  
2 striking was what she did outside the Auxiliary. She  
3 works with veterans almost on a full-time job, but  
4 volunteers. And I don't have the copy of her resume in  
5 front of me -- report in front of me, but it is  
6 outstanding. This woman does wonders for our veterans.  
7 And she's a veteran herself.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Will the  
10 Sergeant-at-Arms, along with the Distinguished Guest  
11 Chairman, please -- and Marshal along with the  
12 Distinguished Guest Chairman please escort to this stage  
13 the \$4,000 scholarship winner Max Rivera-Orozco,  
14 application submitted by Unit 589 District 28, Molly  
15 Smith, Chairman.

16 (Processional.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: He is a U.S. Air  
18 Force veteran.

19 (Applause.)

20 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: And he's cute  
21 too, ladies.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Max, the U.S. Air  
23 Force veteran --

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: -- we are proud to



1 be able to give him a scholarship. Would you like to say  
2 a few words?

3 MR. RIVERA-OROZCO: First of all, I want to thank  
4 the ALA Unit 589. Molly, she lit the fire underneath me  
5 and helped me get my paperwork in, so I appreciate that  
6 very much.

7 (Applause.)

8 MR. RIVERA-OROZCO: I am truly honored that I  
9 received this scholarship. It's going to help out a lot  
10 and it will be returned back I know. Currently I'm from  
11 Salinas, Hartnell College, first year RN student. I have  
12 one more year to go. And they just opened a VA clinic or  
13 I guess improvements to the VA over in Marina, and  
14 hopefully one day I'll come back there and work with us  
15 vets.

16 (Applause.)

17 MR. RIVERA-OROZCO: So thank you very much.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Good luck. Thank  
19 you. Thank you very much. We'll see him later at lunch.

20 Will the Sergeant-at-Arms along with the  
21 Distinguished Guest Chairman please escort to the stage  
22 Marine Corps Servicemember of the Year Victoria Passo.

23 (Processional.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Victoria's  
25 application was submitted by Kim Vincent from District 30.

1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Would you like to  
3 say a few words?

4 MS. PASSO: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen.  
5 It's an honor to be here especially since this year in the  
6 Marine Corps it's our 100 years of women serving in the  
7 Marine Corps.

8 (Applause.)

9 MS. PASSO: 1918 Opha May Johnson was the first  
10 female to join the Marine Corps, so for me to be here and  
11 be able to represent women is empowering and I'm  
12 incredibly honored. Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. Will the  
15 Sergeant-at-Arms, along with the Marshal and the  
16 Distinguished Guest Chairman, please escort to the stage  
17 our Servicemember of the Year representing the U.S. Navy,  
18 Emily Flores.

19 (Processional.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Her application was  
21 also submitted by Kim Vincent from District 30.

22 (Applause.)

23 MS. FLORES: So I just want to say that I'm very  
24 honored and humbled to be here today. I come from a very  
25 long line of military people in my family, but I'm the

1 first female, so --

2 (Applause.)

3 MS. FLORES: So my family is very, very proud. I  
4 wish they could be here, but they can't. But I am so very  
5 happy to be among you ladies and everything you do for us  
6 and our communities. I know in my deployment I got a care  
7 package from the American Legion and they told me to check  
8 this box if you're a female and this box if you're a male.  
9 And I didn't understand until I got back to my office and  
10 I opened it and there's makeup remover wipes and hair  
11 ties, and I'm thinking on the way down here only the  
12 American Legion Auxiliary would know to do that because  
13 men would not know to do that.

14 (Applause.)

15 MS. FLORES: Thank you. Thank you very much.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: And we'll see her  
17 later at lunch. Thank you.

18 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: Again, Madam  
19 President, thank you for the opportunity to be your PPP  
20 chairman and meet these incredible veterans and honorees.  
21 I look forward to hearing more about them at the luncheon.  
22 Thank you.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. And we  
24 will rush off to lunch as soon as we have some supersonic  
25 waves from our Secretary.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Okay. And before  
2 I start we have two tables for Past President Parley lunch  
3 that the tickets are available, and now I've totally broke  
4 the microphone. We didn't -- I didn't really need it  
5 anyway. Okay. So see Wendy O'Brien or Ann Sanchez or  
6 anybody from the committee if you still want to go to the  
7 Past Presidents Parley luncheon to listen to these two  
8 young ladies and this young man who was our nurses  
9 scholarship winner. And will the PPP delegates please  
10 meet after lunch to discuss the code change. So where do  
11 you want to meet, Harriet? Harriet, where do you want  
12 them to meet you?

13 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: Right outside.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Right outside.  
15 Okay. We will have -- there will be a food truck  
16 available for lunch. It is parked across from the front  
17 of the hotel on Chippendale. Chippendale. We'll take one  
18 of those. Yeah, we'll all take one of those.

19 Okay. A sonic note. Will all Dream Captains  
20 please meet with the commissioner for lunch Saturday, June  
21 23rd in the hotel restaurant after the morning session.  
22 Anita.

23 Sonic note. Will all participants in the 2018  
24 installation please remain after today's session for a  
25 brief meeting. Anita.

1           Sonic notes. Linda Fercho's Rodeo Queens, Bev  
2           Sparks' Stars, Wendy O'Brien's Captains, Madeline Lee's  
3           Princesses meet Saturday in the grille for lunch.

4           The National Convention parade uniform is denim  
5           pants/shorts, gray commander shirts, and they are bringing  
6           our shirts over for us to buy.

7           Odette's Peachy Performers and Gwen Munson's  
8           Classy Penguins will meet for lunch in Room 530 at  
9           Saturday lunch recess.

10           Goldie's Links, Geri's Cards, Ruby's All Stars,  
11           Margaret's Dream Catchers, Shelby's Actresses, Pilar's  
12           Musicians, Harriet's Master Crafters will meet on Saturday  
13           for lunch in Room 118 of the Crowne Royal Hotel for their  
14           pizza party. That's my room and don't sit on my bed.

15           Okay. Susie's Farmers will meet at the back of  
16           the room at the close of business Friday.

17           Oh, oh, hey, listen up everybody. A phone was  
18           found at the bar this morning. So if you were in the bar  
19           this morning and you got here without your phone, go to  
20           the front desk and identify it.

21           PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN SMITH: It's mine.

22           DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Oh, it's Kathy  
23           Smith. She was in the bar this morning. No wonder she's  
24           been playing such wonderful music.

25           Okay. Melanie's Hot Air Balloon Pilots, Sue's

1 Lighthouses, Ronnie's Roses, Barbara's Creators, and  
2 Margie's Magic Chefs will meet for breakfast tomorrow  
3 morning in this hotel at 7:00 a.m. Thank you. That  
4 concludes the sonic booms.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. We're going  
6 to break for lunch. We'll be back here at 2:00. And  
7 please be prompt. We have -- I mean, we're getting a late  
8 start here so I'm asking you to be prompt. We have some  
9 very, very special guests, not that all our guests aren't  
10 very special, but we have some more special guests that  
11 will be here at 2:00 o'clock and I don't want you to miss  
12 them. So have a good lunch. We are in recess.

13 (Lunch recess taken: 12:16 p.m.)  
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AFTERNOON SESSION - 2:09 P.M.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Let's get started. The people that are going to be nominating officers, be prepared. Find my place here. We have some guests coming but they've been delayed. I've got word they've been delayed, but they will be here. We're going to go on and when they get here, we'll introduce them.

I'm going to ask at this time for Lela, our Honorary Junior Department President, to give her talk. So if you're making nominations for an office for 2018-'19, please be prepared.

HONORARY JUNIOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CONVENTION REPORT

HONORARY JUNIOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DOOLEY:  
Hello. Good afternoon, everyone. If you don't know who I am, I am Lela -- my name is Lela Dooley from District 24, Unit 283 and I'm Honorary Junior Department President.

(Applause.)

HONORARY JUNIOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DOOLEY:  
Thank you. Thank you. I have been given an awesome opportunity this year and it has pushed me to grow in ways I have only dreamed of. As president I have done legion of things with Junior and Auxiliary members. Every third

1 Sunday I along with other juniors host bingo and award  
2 every veteran that we can reach. During the summer along  
3 with other junior volunteers I've served water to veterans  
4 at the West Los Angeles VA Hospital. Along with three --  
5 three juniors from District 24, we attended two leadership  
6 workshops, one in Cabrillo, District 16, and one in  
7 Pasadena in District 18. I celebrated National  
8 Grandparents Day at the Cal Vets home in West Los Angeles.  
9 Along with me and two senior Auxiliary members from my  
10 unit and the Pin-up Girls from Hollywood Post 43 did  
11 bedside visits at the Greater West Los Angeles Medical  
12 Center where we took Polaroid pictures with every veteran.

13           Along with the two senior Auxiliary members we  
14 visited the veterans at the West Los Angeles Cal Vets home  
15 where we played bingo and made cotton candy for prizes.  
16 For Christmas, four juniors, two Auxiliary members, three  
17 Legionnaires and two members of the Sons of the Legion  
18 delivered 267 gifts to the veterans of the West Cal Vets  
19 Home.

20           I went to the DEC meeting with one other junior  
21 and three senior members where we participated in the  
22 fair, the meetings, and the banquet. I went to mission  
23 training in Las Vegas with three other juniors from my  
24 district and a few seniors members. There we met other  
25 juniors from other states in the Western Division and



1 learned about their American Legion Auxiliary.

2 I have learned so much about our organization  
3 that I can use for the junior members once I graduate --  
4 well, I already graduated -- and become a senior. This  
5 experience has been an amazing one because you learn so  
6 much not only about this organization, but also yourself.  
7 Even if you run and don't win, which happened to me so  
8 many times, you can learn from experience and you can take  
9 that and be better when you do run again.

10 Personally I've become more outgoing, confident,  
11 and patient. I just want to report that I have had an  
12 outstanding time as a 2017-2018 Honorary Junior Department  
13 President with so many great juniors and I could not ask  
14 for anything better. Thank you.

15 (Applause.)

16 HONORARY JUNIOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DOOLEY:

17 Madam President, may I make a personal statement?

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

19 HONORARY JUNIOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DOOLEY:

20 Okay. So this year junior conference, it was really like  
21 small, like 40 juniors, and I was like -- and I was there  
22 and I was like, man, that really sucks, you know, kids  
23 don't come out. But then -- and then I thought, well,  
24 maybe it's the parents, like they have trouble getting out  
25 here; right? But then I come here and there's like not

1 even a lot of Auxiliary members here either. And I was  
2 very disappointed. And I was like -- and I was like last  
3 year we had a convention center and now we have a hotel,  
4 like, banquet room and I think like we're so small. And I  
5 think we should have more participation in the Auxiliary  
6 because we help so many people. And we're not just here  
7 for us, we're here for veterans as well. We're  
8 representing people outside the Auxiliary.

9 And so I was thinking that maybe if you don't see  
10 like a district here or kids -- kids at junior conference  
11 from different districts, maybe we can help each other  
12 out. Maybe if we have more participation than them, we  
13 can help them out and help them come out here and  
14 participate in the conference and junior conference as  
15 well and convention and everything. So yeah.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you, Lela.  
18 And I'm going to mix up the chairmen here because I'm  
19 trying to fit in so we can be ready for our company when  
20 it gets here. Along with her talking about Junior  
21 Conference, is the Junior Conference Director and  
22 Activities Chairman prepared to give their report, please.  
23 Mindy Sinclair? I know I didn't call you ahead of time  
24 because I did not know how things were going to go here.  
25 She's got to run.

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JUNIOR ACTIVITIES/JUNIOR CONFERENCE CONVENTION REPORT

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN DOIDGE: The statistical report of this chairman appears on page 18 of the book of reports. The Junior Activities and Junior Conference pre-convention meeting was held in the Cypress Room on June 21st, 2018.

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. Mindy Sinclair was appointed secretary, Maureen O'Brien-Sacco offered prayer, and Ann Philcox was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. Roll call showed 15 district delegates and one visitor were in attendance.

The committee agreed upon the following code changes. Our code changes are all additions to our code. There were no actual changes within the current code. So number 30 will hopefully read: "All adults to Junior Conference must obtain a background check every two years. If the background check is completed through a job or another volunteer organization, it must be forwarded to the Junior Conference Director by April 1st to verify that it complies with the National standards. The cost of the background checks will be paid for out of the Junior Conference funds."

By direction of the pre-convention meeting I move

1 for the acceptance of this code.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. There's been  
3 a proposed code for the Junior Conference. Number 30  
4 reads: "All adults to Junior Conference must obtain a  
5 background check every two years. If the background check  
6 is completed through a job or another volunteer  
7 organization, it must be forwarded to the Junior  
8 Conference Director by April 1st to verify that it  
9 complies with the National standards. The cost of the  
10 background checks will be paid for out of the Junior  
11 Conference funds."

12 Is there any discussion?

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor  
15 of this code, say aye.

16 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Code -- motion  
20 carried.

21 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN DOIDGE: Thank you.  
22 It was recommended -- I'm going to go -- it was  
23 recommended that we purchase a portable sound system for  
24 use at Junior Conference at a cost of no more than 150.  
25 Each year -- each year we rent one and it costs us \$50 for

1 the night that we use it, so we would pay for it in less  
2 than three Junior Conferences. And we can afford it out  
3 of our budget, so I so move that we purchase a Junior  
4 Conference -- or a portable sound system for Junior  
5 Conference.

6 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: I'll second.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved  
8 and seconded that the Junior Conference purchase a  
9 portable sound system for use at Junior Conference at a  
10 cost of no more than \$150. Any discussion?

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor  
13 of the purchase, say aye.

14 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

18 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN DOIDGE: Number 31 in  
19 the code refers to that system. "The audio system will be  
20 in the possession of the Junior Conference Director and  
21 will be passed on to the next director at convention with  
22 all Junior Conference information."

23 By direction of the Junior Activities  
24 preconvention meeting, I move for the acceptance of this  
25 code.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: 31 would read: "The  
2 audio system will be in the possession of the Junior  
3 Conference Director and will be passed on to the next  
4 director at convention with all Junior Conference  
5 information."

6 Any discussion on this?

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor,  
9 please say aye.

10 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

14 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN DOIDGE: And then our  
15 final one is number 32: "Reservation forms for Junior  
16 Conference will be made available on the Department  
17 website and mailed by the Department Office by September  
18 1st. Units shall file a reservation form with the Junior  
19 Conference Director annually, naming any junior members  
20 that will be attending the Junior Conference. Deadline  
21 date for reservations to the Junior Conference Director is  
22 October 1st."

23 By direction of the Junior Activities  
24 preconvention meeting, I move for the acceptance of this  
25 code.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: She's moved for a  
2 code number 32: "Reservation forms for Junior Conference  
3 will be made available on the Department website and  
4 mailed by the Department Office by September 1st." Mailed  
5 to I presume you mean. "Units shall file a reservation  
6 with the Junior Conference Director annually, naming any  
7 junior members that will be attending the Junior  
8 Conference. Deadline date for reservations to the Junior  
9 Conference Director is October 1st." Any discussion?

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor  
12 of this code, say aye.

13 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

17 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN DOIDGE: And we're  
18 done with code. Awards -- thank you, everybody. I'm  
19 always nervous. Awards were presented to members. Unit  
20 supplemental third place was awarded to Sherryl Panek,  
21 District 28 Unit 694. Second place was awarded to Bea  
22 Foster, District 19 Unit 291.

23 What? Oh, District 29. Sorry. District  
24 Supplemental third place was awarded to Sherryl Panek,  
25 District 28 and second place was awarded to Lori Altman of

1 District 19. We recognized the following juniors who  
2 earned patches this year: Madison Beasley, Jennifer  
3 Pitcher, Zoe Dooley, Miley Ann Culp and the following SAL  
4 Junior Members Cameron Turley and James G. Culp. Closing  
5 prayer was offered and the meeting was adjourned at 9:55.

6 Madam President, may I continue with my  
7 supplemental?

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

9 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN DOIDGE: California  
10 Juniors spent over 1,900 hours serving 1,924 veterans and  
11 their families this year. Juniors held opportunity  
12 drawing booths and assisted in selling snacks during a  
13 corn hole tournament which raised funds for Boys and Girls  
14 State programs. They collected items for Give 10 to  
15 Education, helped the historians with written and picture  
16 history books, lead parts of the unit meetings, served as  
17 unit officers and chairman, and gave reports during  
18 meetings. They distributed and pinned poppies on veterans  
19 and raised donations for the Poppy funds.

20 During the holidays, junior members collected  
21 toys, gift cards, and food to send to 50 military families  
22 including 380 children for local VA homes, while other  
23 juniors helped deliver over 300 gifts to veterans and  
24 their families. They also help to provide supplies for  
25 troop boxes by painting rocks and making Christmas cards.



1 For Valentine's Day they had a party with food, cards,  
2 treats, juice and canteen books. For veterans that were  
3 unable to attend, the juniors delivered the goodies to  
4 them, had a champagne brunch and organized an Easter egg  
5 hunt and cupcake and cookie decorating for military  
6 families. They filled eggs with candy, papers for free  
7 drinks, and notes thanking everyone for supporting the  
8 Junior Auxiliary program. Juniors also gave out 267  
9 personalized cards, lollipops, and poppies to each veteran  
10 at a VA home on National Grandparents Day. During the  
11 week of Veterans Day, juniors did bedside visits and gave  
12 out socks, canteen books and poppies to veterans.

13 They have spent several hours at local VA  
14 hospitals serving food, talking to veterans, singing  
15 karaoke with veterans, decorating and announcing bingo.  
16 Girls who were also members of the Girls Scouts played  
17 games with the VA residents and donated cookies and other  
18 snacks. They spent time with sick members of the Legion  
19 after they came home from the hospital and served food at  
20 local posts to veterans and military families.

21 Juniors helped fold flags, assisted in flag  
22 disposal services, handed out flags and flag etiquette  
23 books, and participated in the Pocket Flag Project. They  
24 took food to food banks and clothes to homeless shelters,  
25 helped pick up trash at local parks and school yards and

1 helped the city plant trees. They have donated clothes  
2 and served food at local Stand Downs and helped at food  
3 booths at sporting events. Girls also assisted at their  
4 schools with grading tests, helping set up class supplies  
5 and tutoring other students. Juniors served at the local  
6 food pantries.

7 One Junior group adopted 17 veteran families and  
8 participated in four yellow ribbon events. One junior  
9 made 200 pillowcases while working with a local Quilt  
10 Guild and church members. Another junior member is  
11 currently on a team called Find You which is for tracking  
12 children. They have been recognized by Telemundo, La  
13 Opinion Newspaper, and Sharktank. Their goal is to adapt  
14 the GPS system for our military in hopes that we will have  
15 no more missing in action.

16 We have four Junior Auxiliary members -- I  
17 already mentioned those. We have four Auxiliary members  
18 and two SAL members who earned six red patches, five gold  
19 patches this year, and four National membership patches.

20 Junior Conference had 30 girls in attendance this  
21 year. They held their annual meeting which included  
22 nomination and elections of Department Junior Chairmen for  
23 the 2018-2019 year. Juniors voted to have fundraising  
24 events for another member whose father was in a motorcycle  
25 accident. They held a flag retirement ceremony, roasted

1 hot dogs and smores, played games, made capes and masks,  
2 folded pocket flags and overall had a very productive  
3 meeting.

4 I'd like to take a moment to recognize our newly  
5 elected Department Junior Officers for the 2018-2019 year.  
6 First up is Tyra Haynes, our new president.

7 (Applause.)

8 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN DOIDGE: Vice  
9 president is Alyssa Hurado.

10 (Applause.)

11 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN DOIDGE: Secretary is  
12 Aliyah Richardson.

13 (Applause.)

14 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN DOIDGE: Chaplain is  
15 Zoe Dooley, who is our first eight year old to attend  
16 conference and first eight year old to become a Department  
17 Junior Officer.

18 (Applause.)

19 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN DOIDGE: Historian we  
20 have Shakira Abdil-Rauf.

21 (Applause.)

22 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN DOIDGE: Marshal we  
23 have Cassandra Cardenas. Sergeant-at-Arms is Taylor  
24 Sinclair, Mindy's daughter.

25 (Applause.)

1 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN DOIDGE: Our  
2 Americanism Chairman is Asia Williams.

3 (Applause.)

4 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN DOIDGE: Children &  
5 Youth is Jolina Freeman.

6 (Applause.)

7 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN DOIDGE: Community  
8 Service is Rebecca Cuevas.

9 (Applause.)

10 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN DOIDGE: Education is  
11 Aliyah Combs.

12 (Applause.)

13 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN DOIDGE: Leadership is  
14 Tatiana Rivas.

15 (Applause.)

16 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN DOIDGE: Poppy is  
17 Teresa Pollio. I hope I didn't butcher that.

18 (Applause.)

19 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN DOIDGE: And then VA&R  
20 is Juliana Sandoval.

21 (Applause.)

22 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN DOIDGE: At this time  
23 may I continue with my first place awards? For best --  
24 no, I have it worded wrong in my report. So for Most  
25 Outstanding Community Service Program, it's awarded to

1 District 24.

2 (Applause.)

3 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN DOIDGE: First Place  
4 Unit Supplemental is awarded to District 16 Unit 741,  
5 Linda Fercho.

6 (Applause.)

7 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN DOIDGE: And then Best  
8 District Supplemental is awarded to District 29, Bea  
9 Foster.

10 (Applause.)

11 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN DOIDGE: And the last  
12 thing I would like to say -- well, the next to last part  
13 is I want to say congratulations to the following  
14 opportunity ticket drawings. We do our Junior Conference  
15 tickets every year and we have winners, so our third place  
16 went to Wes Bullard, District 6 Post 233.

17 (Applause.)

18 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN DOIDGE: Second place  
19 went to Rick L., district 16 Post 502.

20 (Applause.)

21 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN DOIDGE: And first  
22 place went to Louann Johnston of District 26 Post 585.

23 (Applause.)

24 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN DOIDGE: Thank you to  
25 Mindy, Susan, Ann, and then Liz who's not here, but thank

1 you all for your support this year especially at Junior  
2 Conference.

3 And thank you, Madam President, for this  
4 appointment. It was actually really awesome and I enjoyed  
5 working with both the juniors and the seniors.

6 And now I'm going to let Mindy say what she needs  
7 to say.

8 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR CHAIRMAN SINCLAIR:  
9 I'm going to be real short and sweet. So I just want to  
10 give a big thank you to all the senior members because  
11 without the support of the senior members, the Junior  
12 program would not be successful. So thank you for helping  
13 and selling tickets and driving the girls up. And to all  
14 of our counselors and chairmen who went up to do  
15 presentations and take care of all of these fun girls, we  
16 had a great time, and like I said we just couldn't do it  
17 without our senior members. So thank you to all of our  
18 senior members.

19 Auxiliary hats, I have them. They're \$10 apiece.  
20 These do not say Juniors. These just say American Legion  
21 Auxiliary. They're \$10. And we do still have some Junior  
22 American Legion Auxiliary shirts also. Please see me, I  
23 have some left.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. Madam

1 Guest Chairman, do we have any guests back there yet?

2 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: No.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: No. I'm not anxious  
4 or anything. I'm going to call up -- I'm trying to time  
5 these so I'm going out of order here. So right now I'm  
6 going to call up National Security. I'm looking for  
7 hopefully a shorter one. And after her we'll do  
8 Legislative.

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10 NATIONAL SECURITY CONVENTION REPORT

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12 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Good  
13 afternoon, Madam President.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Good afternoon.

15 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Can you  
16 hear me now? Okay. Good afternoon. The convention  
17 committee on National Security met on June 21st, 2018 in  
18 Terrace 1 of the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Sacramento,  
19 California. The meeting convened at 11:00 a.m. Starr  
20 Manning from Unit 252, District 23 was appointed  
21 secretary, Barbara Thompson Unit 791 District 13 offered  
22 prayer, and Maureen O'Brien-Sacco was appointed  
23 Sergeant-at-Arms from Unit 18 District 13. A total of 20  
24 delegates answered roll call. There were two visitors.

25 The code was read and approved by the committee

1 with no changes. A discussion regarding the program was  
2 reviewed. Awards and certificates for Second Place Unit  
3 Supplemental and Third Place Supplemental were presented  
4 and handed out at the meeting. Certificates of  
5 appreciation for five units were handed out. The meeting  
6 adjourned with prayer at 11:45 a.m. Gloria Williams,  
7 National Security Chairman.

8 Madam President, may I continue with my  
9 supplemental?

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

11 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Madam  
12 Department President, it has been a great pleasure to  
13 represent the Department and your Super She Heroes who  
14 were very active this year in supporting our National  
15 Security program. I am sorry to report that we did not  
16 receive 100 percent reporting from the districts, but  
17 those that did report spent countless hours of  
18 volunteerism, dedication helping our active military  
19 members and their families.

20 Sisters representing the Green Arrow of the  
21 Department of California have witnessed horrific national  
22 disasters, yet we remain strong. Many of our members used  
23 their accredited cert training to assist the fire  
24 departments and Red Cross during our recent disasters.

25 Coupons, either you love them or you don't.



1 Sending coupons can be labor intensive. However, we have  
2 a few units that commit to this program without  
3 hesitation. District 14 Unit 509 sent \$292,602.32.  
4 District 28 reported \$10,975, and District 16 Unit 211  
5 reported a grand total of \$6,126.74. Members from other  
6 units have donated countless hours in helping military  
7 families through this program.

8 Bundles for Babies. District 16, Unit 211 is  
9 actively involved at Vandenberg Air Force Base in a  
10 program called Bundles for Babies. This is a free class  
11 focused toward military personal and their families. They  
12 discuss resources available in the community and how a new  
13 baby may affect a marriage. Several hours by the members  
14 are donated in making booties and hats.

15 Military support. Members of Unit 43, District  
16 24 use their talents in establishing a strong national  
17 defense by providing tools to strengthen our military  
18 families throughout Los Angeles. They donated 1193 hours  
19 to support service members and their families. Working  
20 cooperatively with their Legionnaires, they stayed abreast  
21 of the status of hot topics and National Security issues  
22 and this ensured that all action, whether co-sponsored or  
23 independent, was in accordance with the American Legion  
24 family values.

25 Legislative and civic practices are supported by

1 many units on issues affecting our veterans, community and  
2 nation. Unit 742 set up an information booth at a local  
3 restaurant during Military Appreciation Day. Letters were  
4 written to soldiers by Auxiliary, Post, and Junior  
5 members. These letters were forwarded to the Blue Star  
6 Moms. The unit also hosted a Military Mess Hall and a  
7 Military Ball at the Legion post. The members of the  
8 Department of California have shown that they are vigilant  
9 about our nation and the service personnel abroad.

10 Madam President, I thank you for the honor and  
11 privilege of being a part of this team this year by  
12 serving as National Security Chairman. Thanks to all of  
13 you that work so hard supporting our National Security  
14 program. This concludes my supplemental report. May I  
15 continue with my awards presentation?

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

17 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Madam  
18 President? I didn't know if she wanted me to do it.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: I'm preoccupied  
20 here.

21 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Oh, there  
22 they are. Best Supplemental Report, Hollywood Unit 43  
23 District 24 went to Rebecca Stewart Wilson.

24 (Applause.)

25 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay.

1 District 24 was very, very busy. Oh, okay. District 24  
2 was very busy this year, but they did a wonderful job and  
3 also their report was forwarded to National for this  
4 particular report. Most Outstanding Overall Military Unit  
5 awarded to Hollywood Unit 43, District 24, Rebecca Stewart  
6 Wilson, Chairman.

7 (Applause.)

8 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Best  
9 District Supplemental awarded to District 16, Stephanie  
10 Reid, President.

11 (Applause.)

12 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Joe  
13 Dominguez Unit 742, District 21, Most Outstanding Unit  
14 Promotion of ROTC/JROTC Unit Award.

15 (Applause.)

16 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: And Most  
17 Outstanding Civil Preparedness Program went to Unit 277  
18 District 29, my friend Pat Alvarez.

19 (Applause.)

20 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Madam  
21 President --

22 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: I  
23 don't want to give out the wrong award.

24 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Thank you  
25 for your assistance.

1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Now the  
3 moment we have been waiting for. We have a couple of  
4 guests that are probably going to be a little skittish and  
5 a little shy, so maybe we shouldn't do a whole lot of  
6 noise and racket and clapping, but just do a lot of oohs  
7 and awes. That's good.

8 So at this time we have a special surprise for  
9 you. As you all know my special project this past year  
10 has been Paws for Purple Hearts and you know how  
11 passionate I've been about it and you've all been so  
12 receptive and generous. You've been awesome. It gives me  
13 great pleasure to have here with us today Laura Douglas  
14 and Matt Decker with their dog Larson, and they've got a  
15 couple of special guests with them.

16 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal, along with the  
17 Distinguished Guest Chairman, please escort to this  
18 stadium Laura Douglas and Matt Decker with their dogs.

19 (Processional.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Ladies, I was given  
21 the privilege and honor to name this puppy, so meet  
22 Liberty. I still call her Baby, but her name is Liberty.  
23 She's eight weeks old. And I want to put her in my  
24 pocket.

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAPAZZI: Wait. She

1 wants to say a few words in the microphone.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: She choose a black  
3 one because she can smoother it out of here easier.

4 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: He's  
5 nibbling on my ears.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. While their  
7 oohing and awing over the puppies here, I'm going to have  
8 Laura say a few words.

9 MS. DOUGLAS: Hello everyone. I'm Laura Douglas  
10 with the organization Paws for Purple Hearts. We want to  
11 thank you so much for your generous donation to our  
12 program. And we are very proud to introduce Liberty, also  
13 known as Libby, who was named by your -- Loretta and your  
14 members in honor of the generous donation that you made to  
15 our program.

16 (Applause.)

17 MS. DOUGLAS: Your financial support will go  
18 towards Libby's training and will help us pay for things  
19 such as vet care, food, toys, training equipment, and  
20 other things like her harness, leash, and her service dog  
21 vest. And by donating to our program you're multiplying  
22 your impact because not only will Libby go on to change  
23 the life of the veteran with whom she's paired as a  
24 service dog, but she will also change the lives of the  
25 veterans who work with her in our canine assisted therapy

1 program. We anticipate that Libby will work with at least  
2 30 veterans who are undergoing treatment for posttraumatic  
3 stress disorder over the course of her training to become  
4 a service dog.

5 (Applause.)

6 MS. DOUGLAS: So thank you for your support of  
7 Paws for Purple Hearts and thank you for your commitment  
8 to the men and women serving America.

9 (Applause.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Laura, on  
11 behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of  
12 California, all these ladies have really got behind this.  
13 Their hearts were in it, they were passionate about it.  
14 We would like to present you a check for \$25,165.

15 (Applause.)

16 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Madam  
17 President, we just received another check from the 26th  
18 District for \$150, so --

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Cool.

20 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Madam  
21 President? Madam President?

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

23 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Laura, the  
24 girls from -- so I know that you're coming over to  
25 California Girls State on Monday and California Girls

1 State always has a service project and their service  
2 project this year is Paws for Purple Hearts. And this is  
3 their service project this year, so 500 girls are bringing  
4 with them anything from peanut butter to toys to leashes  
5 to Cheerios. So they will be there and I know you have  
6 somebody coming to pick that up and they're going to make  
7 that connection between the girls and where that donation  
8 actually goes to. So you've got a little bit more coming.

9 MS. DOUGLAS: Wonderful. Thank you so much.  
10 Thank you so much.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Aren't they  
13 adorable? We thank you so much for taking your time to  
14 bring them over. Are they the cutest or what?

15 AUDIENCE MEMBER: What's the black one's name?

16 MR. DECKER: This is George.

17 (Applause.)

18 MR. DECKER: Good afternoon. My name is Matt  
19 Decker. I'm the clinical director for Paws for Purple  
20 Hearts. I spent from '02 to '08 in the United States  
21 Marine Corps and I did six tours in Iraq. Oorah. After  
22 coming back I figured that I needed to continue to serve  
23 so I got a degree in social work and started working for  
24 the VA doing one-on-one counseling with dogs. Something  
25 kind of rare, not a lot of VA employees doing that. And

1 Paws For Purple Hearts contacted me about the possibility  
2 of placing a dog with me to assist me in that work. They  
3 did. Two years later the CEO hunted me down like a  
4 bloodhound and says you are going to come work for me. He  
5 said you work for vets one on one right now, and I can  
6 make your wingspan hundreds. So if you're telling me I  
7 can improve the lives of hundreds of vets, I'm in.

8           Been with the organization three months, met  
9 dozens of vets that I love dearly, seen the impact the  
10 dogs have. And the dog that they gave me is the one you  
11 heard about before, Larson. And I couldn't do the job  
12 without him. I supported the vets in the valley fires. I  
13 supported them at the Yountville shooting. I supported  
14 them at the Oroville Dam crisis. All crises where Larson  
15 sat in a mobile office laying on laps, giving kisses where  
16 necessary, and cuddling.

17           The impact that the dogs have on our vets is --  
18 it's unreal. I -- I don't have a therapist, but if  
19 anybody asks I would say, well, my therapist has a wet  
20 nose. Your generosity is overwhelming. We can't thank  
21 you guys enough. And the impact these dogs are going to  
22 have to your friends, your family, your loved ones, our  
23 veterans is going to be astronomical. And like Laura  
24 said, they don't just touch one, they'll touch dozens by  
25 the time they're done with their training. And the impact



1 that we're having -- we have five sites. The impact that  
2 we're having, we're seeing lower acuity, decrease in  
3 suicide risks, and that in my opinion is saving lives  
4 because my job, let's make sure that nobody else dies by  
5 suicide.

6 (Applause.)

7 MR. DECKER: Thank you so much again for your  
8 generosity.

9 (Applause.)

10 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Kathie Martinez, 23rd  
11 District. Can we find out the ages and the breeds of  
12 these dogs? We're asking what kind of dogs are they.

13 MS. DOUGLAS: So Liberty is a Golden  
14 Retriever/Labrador Retriever mix. Her mother was a Golden  
15 Retriever and her father is a Labrador Retriever and he is  
16 eight weeks old. And George is a full Labrador Retriever  
17 and he is eight weeks old as well.

18 (Applause.)

19 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Thank you.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. While they  
21 make their way down, we're going to go into our  
22 nominations. So those of you who are making nominations  
23 for an office, please come to the stage if you can get  
24 your eyes off the puppies.

25 (Processional.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you again. We  
2 can't thank you enough.

3 Okay. Are all those that are making nominations  
4 for 2018-2019 on stage? And while they're making their  
5 way, I wanted to make -- I have a supersonic wave here.  
6 Please have the Education preconvention committee members  
7 meet right outside. Kim wants to meet with you.

8 Okay. Is everybody up here?

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10 NOMINATIONS FOR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS 2018-2019

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12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: At this time we will  
13 proceed with the nominations of the Department Officers,  
14 Junior Member of Finance, and Delegates and Alternates to  
15 National Convention. If there are no objections, the  
16 Chair will open the nominations.

17 Nominations are now open for the office of  
18 Department President.

19 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT DOMONDON: Good afternoon,  
20 Auxiliary Sisters. My name is Toni Domondon. I would  
21 like to nominate Joan Cannon for Department President.

22 (Applause.)

23 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT DOMONDON: Joan Cannon has  
24 been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary at the  
25 McFall-Grisham Unit 249 in District 11 for 33 years.

1 She -- go ahead. She qualifies for membership in the ALA  
2 through her father J.W. Holloway. He was in the Navy, a  
3 retired chief petty officer who served in World War II,  
4 Korea, and Vietnam.

5 Her son, David Cannon, is a Desert Storm veteran  
6 who served in the U.S. Navy as a submariner. Joan's son  
7 and grandchildren all belong to McFall-Grisham post and  
8 Auxiliary. Joan herself is retired from the Defense  
9 Logistics Agency where she served 30 years at the Defense  
10 Distribution Center San Joaquin and in New Cumberland,  
11 Pennsylvania. She has served as president of both her  
12 unit and district. She has served most district  
13 chairmanships as well as being the tax expert for her  
14 district and unit.

15 For the Department of California Joan has served  
16 as chairman for Elections, Public Relations, Community  
17 Service, Children & Youth, Veteran Affairs &  
18 Rehabilitation, and this year Membership. Joan believes  
19 that freedom blooms when veterans are served, and this has  
20 defined her 33 years of service to the American Legion  
21 Auxiliary.

22 McFall-Grisham Unit 249 and District 11 along  
23 with her family and friends are happy to endorse Joan for  
24 Department President of the American Legion Auxiliary  
25 Department of California for 2018-2019. I give you Joan

1 Cannon, our next Auxiliary president.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Toni, can you repeat  
4 that last line instead of saying "I endorse her," can you  
5 say "I nominate her"?

6 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT DOMONDON: I will be happy  
7 to. You want the whole thing?

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: No. Just you  
9 nominate her.

10 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT DOMONDON: Okay. I am  
11 happy to nominate Joan Cannon for Department President of  
12 the American Legion Auxiliary for 2018-'19.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. Are  
15 there any further nominations for Department President?

16 (No response.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Hearing none,  
18 nomination for Department President are now closed.

19 Nominations are now open for the office of  
20 Department Vice President. The Chair recognizes Anita  
21 Biggs from District 23.

22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you,  
23 Madam President. And on behalf of Community Unit 46 the  
24 23rd District, it is with great pride that I nominate  
25 Kathie Martinez for the office of Department Vice

1 President for the year 2018-2019.

2 (Applause.)

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Kathie has been  
4 an Auxiliary member for 40 years. Her eligibility is  
5 through her father, Johnny W. Vaughn, a World War II and  
6 Korean War veteran, her brother, Edward A. Vaughn, a  
7 Vietnam veteran. Kathie has two sons, two daughters, two  
8 grandsons and three granddaughters, all of whom are  
9 members of the American Legion Family.

10 Kathie is currently serving as Community Unit 46  
11 Secretary/Treasurer. Since transferring to this unit she  
12 has served as President three times and has worked to  
13 revitalize the unit over the past two years included  
14 reaching goal by national convention. Kathie has served  
15 the 23rd District on many chairmanships and was District  
16 President during 1999-2000.

17 On the Department level, Kathie has served as  
18 Sergeant-at-Arms, Marshal, Junior Conference Committee  
19 Member, Junior Conference Director, served three years  
20 through the chairs on the Finance Committee, Leadership,  
21 Poppy, Children & Youth, and currently serving as the  
22 Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Chairman.

23 Kathie has worked for the last 20 years as an  
24 administrative assistant for a national auto and  
25 heavy-duty truck distribution center in Rancho Dominguez.

1 Her responsibilities include, but are not limited to,  
2 accounts payable, accounts receivable, invoice, auditing,  
3 and daily reconciliation of cash sales for the west coast  
4 operations.

5 In her spare time, which she doesn't have much  
6 of, and her leisure time, she enjoys volunteering at her  
7 church, reading, sewing, fishing, and spending as much  
8 time as she can with her family. The members of Community  
9 Unit 46 and the 23rd District proudly nominate Kathie  
10 Martinez for the office of Vice President for the  
11 Department of California.

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. Are  
14 there any further nominations for the office of Department  
15 Vice President?

16 (No response.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Hearing none,  
18 nominations for the Department Vice President are now  
19 closed.

20 Nominations are now open for the office of the  
21 Department Junior Member of Finance. Chair recognizes  
22 Gloria Sinopoli from District 14.

23 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT SINOPOLI: Madam Department  
24 President, fellow Auxiliary members, District 14 and Unit  
25 110 out of Oakhurst are happy to place in nomination the

1 name of Kae Orcutt for Junior Member of Finance. Kae has  
2 been eligible for the American Legion Auxiliary through  
3 her late husband, Dwight Orcutt, a U.S. Air Force veteran  
4 from the Korean War. She was a charter member of her unit  
5 which was formed in 2010. And has served as the unit  
6 treasurer from that day forward. She has also been  
7 District 14 treasurer for several years and has done an  
8 outstanding job.

9 She started her financial and accounting career  
10 in the early '60's as a bookkeeper, a cost accounting  
11 supervisor, and controller in the aerospace industry in  
12 southern California. When that industry left California,  
13 she migrated to the oil and gas industry as a controller  
14 and then the treasurer of T. Tong, the parent company, and  
15 oversaw five divisions in a supervisory capacity. After  
16 working for corporations for many years, she decided to  
17 own -- open her own accounting business and has worked  
18 with many clients, some of whom she still works with. She  
19 does this remotely from her home in Ahwahnee.

20 She is very computer literate, a very good  
21 person, a good friend and we are proud to place in  
22 nomination her name for Member of Junior Finance.

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. Are  
25 there any further nominations for the office of Department

1 Junior Member of Finance?

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Hearing none,  
4 nominations for the Department Junior Member of Finance  
5 are now closed. And I don't believe we have any  
6 endorsements for National office this year, do we? No.

7 Okay. Now we will proceed to the nominations for  
8 the Delegates to National Convention. Terry, I know we  
9 have five delegates for our charter and one for every 1500  
10 members, but I don't know what that number is. 19. Okay.  
11 So we need 19.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Okay, ladies.  
13 You're going to have to excuse me about this here. We  
14 have -- well, first off we had confusion about the number  
15 of delegates we have. Anyway, some of the nominations  
16 I've received and some districts haven't responded.

17 We have 19 delegates and alternates. Four are  
18 Loretta Marsh as President, Joan Cannon as Vice President,  
19 Diane DeLashmit as Secretary, and Melanie Taylor as a  
20 National Representative. So that leaves me 15 if I can  
21 count, which I wouldn't swear to that. Okay. Yeah.  
22 Estella asked me if I needed help. Yes, ma'am.

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Terry, it's 20.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Ruby, are you  
25 lying to me?



1 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yeah, I'm lying  
2 to you.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: I did need help.  
4 Okay. So I need 16. No, I've already got four.

5 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: You have 20 -- I  
6 mean 19 delegates for the 1500 per members for the  
7 members. You have five delegates for the charter. So  
8 that's 24.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: I knew you were  
10 lying to me. Okay. So I need 20.

11 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Right. You  
12 filled four so you need 20.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Diane, do I start  
14 at District 1?

15 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Yes, but  
16 I'm asking how much is our membership at this point.

17 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: 21,000 something  
18 or other.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Diane never tells  
20 me anything ahead of time. She just wants to cut me off  
21 at the pass.

22 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: I thought  
23 I had it figured out. I think that's too many. We didn't  
24 have that many last year and our membership was less this  
25 year.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: She said we had  
2 less last year and our membership was more. I know last  
3 year close -- see, National counts up to 30 days to  
4 National Convention. So last year it moved up one, so our  
5 first alternate went to a delegate. You know, I should  
6 know this. I thought it was 22,000 something, our numbers  
7 today. If I had my phone I could look on the --

8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. 20,446.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: 20,446. Okay,  
10 Diane?

11 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Okay.  
12 Divide that by 1500.

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That's 13.

14 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Plus five  
15 is 18, but I think -- no, it's not 24. It's based on 1500  
16 members for each delegate or major fraction thereof. So  
17 we probably round up. All right. So you had how many?

18 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It will be 14  
19 rounded up.

20 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: 14 and we  
21 have five for charter is 19. So it's what I told you.

22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You were right,  
23 Terry.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: You know, Anita  
25 just told me I was right.

1 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: You're always right.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: You know, I don't  
3 drink, but if I drank, let me tell you something, I'd be  
4 higher than a kite right now.

5 Okay. District 1, I did not receive any document  
6 from. District 2 passed on a delegate and alternate.  
7 Didn't hear from District 3. I didn't hear from District  
8 4. District 5 I have Linda Karnsted. Pass on an  
9 alternate. District 6 I didn't hear from. District 7  
10 delegate Bonnie Bradbury. No alternate. District 8 I  
11 didn't hear from. District 9 passed on delegate and  
12 alternate. Didn't hear from District 10. District 11  
13 Grace Huston, delegate, Charlene Buckley, alternate.  
14 District 12 I didn't hear from. District 13 Sandy Jacobs,  
15 delegate. No alternate. District 14 Gloria Sinopoli and  
16 Debbie Hurado.

17 District 15 Dee Ann Graham, delegate, Zana  
18 Chaney, alternate. District 16 Linda Fercho, delegate,  
19 Tina Moore, alternate. I didn't hear from 17. I heard  
20 from District 18 late, Maureen O'Brien-Sacco and Patricia  
21 Martinez. Oh, just do the delegates. Okay. Momma has  
22 told me I'm just going to supposed the delegates.

23 You know, Glenda, if you don't have a piece of  
24 paper, I'm not going to talk to you so you get a form and  
25 then I'll talk to you. Okay? Well, she didn't -- they

1 didn't send any paperwork in with the delegate and the  
2 alternate, certify it. Yes. And I'll come back to you  
3 because I'm going to be up here for 25 minutes.

4 Okay. District 17 I didn't hear from. District  
5 18 Maureen O'Brien-Sacco. District 19 Jean Cooley. I  
6 didn't hear from 20. I didn't hear from 21. District 22  
7 Susie Tozier. District 23 Anita Biggs. District 24  
8 Deloris Artis. District 25 Donna Scott. District 26  
9 Linda Workman. District 27 Lu Ann Capazzi. District 28  
10 Robin Falkenberg. District 29 no delegate. Pat Alvarez.  
11 And, Pat, you are the alternate?

12 HOSPITAL REP ALVAREZ: Yes.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Okay. And the  
14 delegates that are going in their own --

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: What about 30?

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: I did not hear  
17 from 30. So I have Loretta Marsh, Joan Cannon, Melanie  
18 Taylor, Diane DeLashmit. So I need 15. Ms. Paper Lady,  
19 how many do I have?

20 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Well, I  
21 was trying to write as fast as you were saying them.

22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yeah, you  
23 were going really fast.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: I have 17, Diane.

25 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: You can

1 only elect 15.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: I can only elect  
3 15. Anita, I'm going to have to put a sock in your mouth.

4 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: I want you  
5 to go out with a bang.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: I am going out  
7 with a bang. And let me tell you when Sunday comes over,  
8 you don't have to put up with me anymore. No, no, no, no.  
9 Okay. So I have 17. Okay. So I'm two over. So the one  
10 that has -- it's going to be 29, 25 -- 29, 25, 22, 21 --  
11 you don't have to worry about it. 16 is Linda Fercho.  
12 18 -- Hi, Wendy.

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: I know --  
14 Madam Secretary, Madam President, I know you said she had  
15 to go get paper, but District 6, we sent it in because  
16 that's my district and --

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Well, I don't  
18 have it.

19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: You don't  
20 have it, but District 6 has Glenda Schultz as delegate.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: All right. Who  
22 was alternate?

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: I can't  
24 remember who it was.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Come on, Wendy.

1 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: She'll be  
2 here. I'm not sure.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Okay. Let me get  
4 back to my count here. Where was I? 18, 28.

5 Robin, are you sure you're going to National  
6 Convention.

7 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT FALKENBERG: I'm going to  
8 try.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Try? Now this --  
10 okay. If you take a delegate's position or an alternate's  
11 position, make sure that you are going to convention.

12 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT FALKENBERG: Okay.

13 DISTRICT 18 2ND VICE PRESIDENT O'BRIEN-SACCO:  
14 Madam Secretary, Maureen O'Brien Sacco. You can withdraw  
15 my delegate, please, District 18.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Okay. What about  
17 your alternate?

18 DISTRICT 18 DELEGATE O'BRIEN-SACCO: Delete her  
19 too, please.

20 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Well, we  
21 might need the alternates.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: You know, Diane,  
23 I'm going to quit. Okay. 28 Robin. Okay. 11 Grace  
24 Huston. Six Glenda Schultz. 23 Anita Biggs. Five Linda  
25 Karnsted. 27 Lu Ann Capazzi. 20 no delegate. 15 Dee Ann

1 Graham. 14 Gloria Sinopoli. 12 no delegate. 30 no  
2 delegate. 13 Sandy Jacob. Four no delegate. Two no  
3 delegate. 26 Linda Workman. Seven Bonnie Bradbury. 24  
4 Deloris Artis. That's 15, Diane.

5 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: That's 15.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: That's 15.

7 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Then we're  
8 one over.

9 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 6 didn't  
10 have anyone.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Okay. District 1  
12 no delegate. District 2 no delegate. District 3 no  
13 delegate. District 4 no delegate. District 5 Linda  
14 Karnsted. District 6 Glenda Schultz. District 7 Bonnie  
15 Bradbury. District 8 no delegate. District 9 pass.  
16 District 10 no delegate. District 11 Grace Huston.  
17 District 12 no delegate. District 13 Sandy Jacob.  
18 District 14 Gloria Sinopoli. District 15 Dee Ann Graham.  
19 District 16 Linda Fercho. District 19 didn't make the  
20 cut.

21 Can I say that, Diane?

22 Seventeen doesn't have a delegate. 18 they  
23 withdrew. 19 numerically didn't make the cut, but it was  
24 Jean Cooley. District 20 no delegate. District 21 no  
25 delegate. District 22 Susie Tozier. District 23 Anita

1 Biggs. District 24 Deloris Artis. District 25 Donna  
2 Scott. District 26 Linda Workman. District 27 Lu Ann  
3 Capazzi. District 28 Robin Falkenberg. District 29 Carol  
4 Borgman. District 30 no delegate.

5 Okay. Ladies, because I have -- tomorrow we have  
6 an election tomorrow for delegates. Okay. I'm so excited  
7 I can hardly stand myself. Okay.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: We have an election  
9 tomorrow, so if you are not absolutely positive you are  
10 going, that's -- yes, Bonnie.

11 DISTRICT 7 2ND VICE PRESIDENT BRADBURY: Bonnie  
12 Bradbury, District 7, Unit 159. I would be glad to be an  
13 alternate so someone else can get it. I'm happy with  
14 being an alternate, if that helps.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: District 7.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you for your  
18 patience, ladies. This is always a trying thing.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: I'm a rookie and  
20 not a very nice one either. Okay. Now do we want to do  
21 alternates, Diane?

22 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Yes.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Okay. District 1  
24 pass. District 2 pass. District 3 no form. District 4  
25 no form. District 5 pass. District 7 Bonnie Bradbury.



1 District 8 --

2 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: What about  
3 6?

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Bonnie, you're 6.

5 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: She's 7.  
6 You skipped 6.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Oh, 6. I don't  
8 have an alternate name. I don't have an alternate name.  
9 That's okay. District 6 is going to have an alternate.

10 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Here she  
11 comes.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Hut 2 3 4. Hut 2 3  
13 4.

14 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have Doreen  
15 Long as an alternate.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Doreen who?

17 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Long.

18 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR:  
19 Josie's daughter.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Okay. So  
21 District 6 Doreen Long. District 7 Bonnie Bradbury.  
22 District 8 no form. District 9 pass. District 10 no  
23 form. District 11 Charlene Buckley. District 10 no form.  
24 Oops. No, wait. District 12 no form. District 13 no  
25 alternate. District 14 Debbie Hurado. District 15 Zana

1 Chaney. District 16 Tina Moore. District 17 no form.  
2 District 18 they withdrew. District 19.

3 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT BULLARD: Excuse me. Becky  
4 Bullard from Unit 395 District 19. We would like to put  
5 the name of Tammy Sollazzo in for alternate. Thank you.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Okay. District  
7 19 Tammy Sollazzo. District 20 no form. District 21 no  
8 form. District 22 Donna Smith. District 23 Valerie Hill.  
9 District 24 Martha Romano. District 25 Carol Fuqua.  
10 District 26 pass. District 27 Danielle White. District  
11 28 Sophie Grant. District 29 Pat Alvarez. District 30 no  
12 form.

13 Okay. Now I need another alternate. Maureen  
14 O'Brien-Sacco, you want to be an alternate?

15 DISTRICT 18 2ND VICE PRESIDENT O'BRIEN-SACCO:  
16 Yes, ma'am.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: She said yes.  
18 Okay. Now we have all the alternates. Or we can have 19  
19 alternates, so if you're going to be going -- okay. I  
20 love Diane. Okay.

21 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: We  
22 can tell.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Okay. District  
24 that gets first vote for -- first nomination for an  
25 alternate is District 29. Pat Alvarez, do you have

1 another alternate?

2 HOSPITAL REP ALVAREZ: Yes, we did elect another  
3 alternate. Kay Hamby, Unit 555.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Okay. Yes,  
5 ma'am. District 25, do you have another alternate? Is  
6 anybody alive in District 25 besides Diane? Sometimes I'm  
7 not so sure.

8 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT GALATIOTO: I said no. I'm  
9 so far back, but I said no.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Okay. District  
11 22, you're up. Somebody from 22 going to be going? It's  
12 22 that I need.

13 DISTRICT 20 PRESIDENT HEINISCH: Nancy Heinisch,  
14 District 20. I did send in my paperwork and I have  
15 brought a copy.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: I'll take the  
17 copy. This is going to give me another headache. We've  
18 got a delegate. She's got a delegate and an alternate, so  
19 now I'm -- will you keep track of my alternates? I'm  
20 having enough trouble keeping track of it myself.

21 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: She said  
22 you ought to see my paper.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: You ought to see  
24 my paper. See my paper. Okay. District 20 has a  
25 delegate and an alternate. Nancy Heinsch for delegate.

1 That's District 20. District 20's alternate is Linda  
2 Hayes. So do I have 19?

3 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: No,  
4 we have 17.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Do I have 19  
6 alternates now, Diane? I'm not worried about delegates  
7 right now.

8 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: I  
9 count 17.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Okay. Donna?

11 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS SMITH: Donna Smith, District  
12 22, Unit 210. I want to remove myself as an alternate.

13 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: You don't  
14 need to.

15 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS SMITH: I'm going to add June  
16 Coatney. I just want to do a change.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: There's a switch  
18 in District 22 from Donna Smith as an alternate to June  
19 Coatney as alternate. Okay. District 21 was the next one  
20 up. We don't have anything from 21. Next count is  
21 District 16. Do you have another alternate, District 16?  
22 No. Okay. District 19, do you have another alternate?  
23 District 18, do you have another alternate? Patricia  
24 Martinez was there and then she was removed. So Betty?

25 DISTRICT 18 PRESIDENT RAMOS: District 18 would

1 like to resubmit Patricia Martinez as an alternate.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Okay. District  
3 28?

4 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT FALKENBERG: No.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: No. District 11,  
6 do you have another alternate?

7 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT DOMONDON: Yes, ma'am, we  
8 do. Laura Barshow. B-A-R.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Oh, Laura. Oh,  
10 she always goes. That's 19. The alternates we have 19.  
11 Okay. Now how many delegates am I over?

12 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR:  
13 Three.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: They say one up  
15 here. They say two or three. All right. Okay. Have you  
16 got your pencils and erasers ready?

17 Okay. District 5 Linda Karnsted. District 11  
18 Grace Huston. District 13 Sandy Jacob. District -- oh,  
19 well. Diane, quit pointing out my mistakes. I got a  
20 backup. Glenda Schultz for District 6. You know, some  
21 people's kids. I mean, I'm just a bad kid. District 14  
22 Gloria Sinopoli. District 15 Dee Ann Graham.

23 District 16 Linda Fercho. District 19 Jean  
24 Cooley. District -- District 19 Jean Cooley.

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: She didn't make the cut.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Well, we have to  
2 have a vote. District 21 no paperwork. District 22 Susie  
3 Tozier. District 23 Anita Biggs. District 24 Deloris  
4 Artis. District 25 Donna Scott. District 26 Linda  
5 Workman. District 27 Lu Ann Capazzi. District 28 Robin  
6 Falkenberg. District 29 Carol Borgman. Oh, and  
7 district -- you know, I'm telling you. Anybody else want  
8 this job? District 20 Nancy Heinsch. I count 17.

9 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: 17.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: So I'm two over.  
11 So tomorrow we're going to have an election on these  
12 ladies because we have two too many delegates.

13 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: I heard  
14 some voices out here that says, well, we're going  
15 backwards or whatever when we skipped around for the  
16 alternates. When we need additional alternates and  
17 delegates too, in that case we don't have extras this  
18 time, it goes by your membership strength. It does not go  
19 by number 1 through 30. It goes by the districts that  
20 have the most members. They're the ones that get an  
21 additional delegate or alternate. You understand?

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: The Chair recognizes  
23 Bonnie.

24 DISTRICT 2ND VICE PRESIDENT BRADBURY: Bonnie  
25 Bradbury, District 7 Unit 169. I'll be happy to be a

1 guest.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Alternates are  
3 not the problem, Bonnie. It's the delegates. Alternates  
4 are not the problem.

5 DISTRICT 20 PRESIDENT HEINISCH: I'll be an  
6 alternate -- or a guest.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Nancy said that  
8 she will take a guest. So now I have just one over. One  
9 more.

10 DISTRICT 15 1ST VICE PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Dee Ann  
11 Graham, District 15. I'll be a guest.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Oh, thank you,  
13 Dee Ann.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Thank you,  
16 ladies, for your patience. And hopefully tomorrow I will  
17 have a clean list. Don't hold your breath.

18 Thank you. This has been a pleasure, Loretta.  
19 Meow.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes, she has. And I  
21 lost my place. Okay. So now we can continue with the  
22 Department Chairmen reports. Do you -- is the Musician  
23 back there? I was wondering if we could have kind of a  
24 peppy-pippy song to sing.

25 (Singing.)

1 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Madam  
2 President?

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

4 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Linda  
5 Workman.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

7 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: On a note,  
8 I want to thank all of you for your donations to the  
9 Legacy Scholarship. \$910.

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Well, we will  
12 continue with our Department reports here if I can figure  
13 out where we are. Okay. Is the Americanism Chairman  
14 ready to report? And after the Americanism Chairman,  
15 we'll call on Education.

16

17 AMERICANISM CONVENTION REPORT

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19 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Okay.  
20 Good afternoon, ladies. The Americanism Convention  
21 Committee met on Americanism on Thursday, June 21st, 2018  
22 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Sacramento, California. The  
23 statistical report for Americanism appears in the Book of  
24 Reports on page 13. With the consent of the delegates.  
25 Kathy Smith was appointed secretary, Donna Scott offered



1 prayer, and Rachel Carnelison-Baltad was appointed  
2 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 18 delegates answered roll  
3 call. There were four visitors present.

4 100 percent reporting certificates were given to  
5 districts 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, and 26. Citations were  
6 awarded to units and districts. Americanism essay  
7 certificates and checks for second and third place awards  
8 were announced and presented to district chairmen. First  
9 place awards will be announced on the convention floor.

10 The code was read and the following changes were  
11 proposed. The first code change is on page 10 in the  
12 graph for Group IV. It currently reads: "Group IV.  
13 Grades 10, 11, and 12. Prizes. First \$2500 Educational  
14 Grant. Second \$1500 Educational Grant. Third \$1,000  
15 Educational Grant."

16 The proposed change is: "Group IV. Grades 10,  
17 11, and 12. Prizes. First \$500 and \$2,000 Educational  
18 Grant. Second \$250 and 1250 Educational Grant. Third one  
19 \$100 and \$900 Educational Grant."

20 By recommendation of the committee I move the  
21 acceptance of this change.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. It has been  
23 moved that the code that currently reads -- I'm going to  
24 read the changes and that's in the prizes being granted.  
25 Currently reads first prize is \$2,500 educational grant.

1 Second prize \$1,500 Educational Grant. Third prize \$1,000  
2 Educational Grant. The code changes would be -- would be  
3 changed to first prize \$500 with a \$2,000 Educational  
4 Grant. Second prize would be \$250 and a 1250 Educational  
5 Grant. Third prize to be \$100 and a \$900 educational  
6 grant.

7 Is there any discussion? If you have questions.

8 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: This  
9 was just so it would be done easily to know that it would  
10 be a \$500 check and the rest would be done in the grant.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yeah, they're just  
12 breaking it up to \$500 at the time and they're just  
13 receiving a \$2,000 grant. I mean, that's what we do  
14 anyway.

15 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Yeah,  
16 it actually is done this way now. The only difference is  
17 it didn't say that. It just said \$2500 grant, but  
18 actually \$500 of that \$2500 is given to them in check.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yeah, so we're  
20 really not changing anything. We're just clarifying it.

21 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ:  
22 Clarifying it, correct. It's not changing any money  
23 amounts. It's just clarifying the way that it's done.

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Madam  
25 Chairman, maybe we need to clarify this a little bit. On

1 the proposed change, instead of it just saying first 500  
2 and then 2,000 Educational Grant, maybe we should have  
3 first 500 cash and then a \$2,000 Educational Grant for all  
4 of them.

5 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: And we  
6 did talk about -- sorry. We did talk about that, but it  
7 was that we're not giving them cash so we didn't want to  
8 put a cash in there because it's a check.

9 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Maybe  
10 say a check.

11 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Just  
12 say a check.

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Or we can  
14 put -- Madam Chairman, we can say either a \$500 check and  
15 then \$2,000 for a total of 2500 for first prize.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Would you like to --

17 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: So you  
18 want me to amend it?

19 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Why are we  
20 changing it?

21 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: It was  
22 being changed just as clarification for the chairman.  
23 Because they thought it was confusing to say that we're  
24 giving them \$2500 and we're really not doing all of that  
25 in a grant, that 500 of it is in a check.

1 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Well, it's the  
2 same amount of money so why change it at all?

3 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: They  
4 felt that it was confusing to the Americanism chairmen in  
5 the units to explain it to the schools, that they can hand  
6 them a piece of paper that showed that it was this much  
7 money in a monetary amount and then the rest in an  
8 Educational Grant, it would be easier to explain.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: And since we're not  
10 drastically altering it or we're not altering but just  
11 kind of rewording, do you want to go ahead and make it a  
12 \$500 check with a -- just add the check in there? I mean  
13 I think you need to make your motion to change it to first  
14 \$500 check and then \$2,000 Educational Grant.

15 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Okay.  
16 So I will amend my motion to say that the new way it will  
17 read is: The first prize will be a \$500 check and \$2,000  
18 in an Educational Grant. Second prize will be \$250 in a  
19 check and \$1250 in an Educational Grant, and then third  
20 prize will be \$100 in a check and \$900 in an educational  
21 grant.

22 DISTRICT 22 DELEGATE CORNISH: Madam President,  
23 Lois Cornish. The first time in 20 years. I'm from  
24 District 22. And I was in the Americanism meeting and I  
25 had to leave, but why do we not just say a \$500 advance

1 and then the grant. And the advance would be in the form  
2 of a check.

3 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Well,  
4 one thing, the check goes to them and the grant goes to  
5 the school, so we want it to be correct.

6 DISTRICT 22 DELEGATE CORNISH: I understand that  
7 the grant would go to the child.

8 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: But  
9 it's not really an advance. It's a first prize. They get  
10 that even if later they don't collect on the rest of the  
11 grant.

12 DISTRICT 22 DELEGATE CORNISH: Isn't the whole  
13 thing a prize?

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yeah, but sometimes  
15 they don't come back and collect the rest of it because  
16 they change their mind and don't go to school, so --

17 DISTRICT 22 DELEGATE CORNISH: I just thought the  
18 advance would specify each one.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Thank you.

20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Susie Tozier,  
21 District 22, Unit 6. Instead of saying check and cash,  
22 say monetary. Monetary is better. It can be check or  
23 cash. Instead of saying a check or cash, a monetary award  
24 plus a grant for your schooling.

25 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN SCOTT: Madam President,

1 Donna Scott, District 25. Glenda, why don't you go to the  
2 next page and see how it actually verbally breaks out that  
3 and read that verbiage and see how they say it. That next  
4 page it does break it out as \$500 upfront when they win or  
5 something and then it 2,000 in a grant and it breaks it  
6 out for each category.

7 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: The  
8 next page does say -- or one of the proposed changes will  
9 be that it will say that this is how it's distributed, and  
10 that is continued on the next page.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It does say on the  
12 next page how it is distributed?

13 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Yes.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: So there's no need  
15 for a code change. Do you want to persist on it or you  
16 just want to withdraw your --

17 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Do I  
18 need to come back to do that? Because they set up a  
19 recommendation for it.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes, go back.

21 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Okay.  
22 We will take that back to the committee. So we will meet  
23 shortly after -- well, when we break we'll meet.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. You can go  
25 ahead and finish your report and then we'll pick this up

1 when you --

2 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: So  
3 leave that for the next proposed change and just go onto  
4 the motion?

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yeah, just go on  
6 with the report.

7 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Madam  
8 President Loretta, your theme Super Heros brought many  
9 extraordinary opportunities for Americanism across our  
10 great state. The Americanism Captain USAs have made  
11 California proud and have inspired us with their many  
12 reported activities assisting veterans and our military  
13 and their families. These superheros have been hard at  
14 work reminding members of the community of proper flag  
15 etiquette and demonstrations on the proper way to dispose  
16 of the American flag.

17 The American Legion Auxiliary Junior Conference  
18 participated in an inspiring flag disposal ceremony led by  
19 Kim Vincent. Our ALA chairmen are doing a great job in  
20 grooming our future leaders. Members continue to pass out  
21 flag etiquette brochures, sharing personal feelings of  
22 patriotism and participating in legislation to ensure that  
23 we maintain the laws that protect our veterans. Chairmen  
24 reported the efforts made on Get Out to Vote. Many  
25 members led the campaign to get citizens registered to

1 vote. They worked hard at the polls and walked precincts.

2 Patriotic holidays are celebrated by sharing  
3 food, participating in parades and honoring veterans  
4 across the state. Members continue to watch the condition  
5 of flags and ensure that worn and tattered flags are  
6 replaced when needed. They continue to sponsor Stand  
7 Downs, hold job fairs -- sorry. Job fairs for our  
8 veterans and provide support for community and Children &  
9 Youth.

10 The Americanism essay contest was a great  
11 success. It was enlightening to read all of the ideas  
12 that the students shared in their grade levels. It is a  
13 great exercise to help children think about American  
14 ideals, improve their writing skills, and follow  
15 instructions. The essays clearly show that the students  
16 have a great understanding of patriotism and the pride and  
17 benefits of being an American. Their insights are  
18 amazing. They really love helping veterans and honoring  
19 their family members that have served.

20 Members decorated military and veteran based  
21 facilities at holiday time. They sponsored bingo, made  
22 cards and spent time reading them with the veterans in the  
23 hospital. Units presented Blue Star Banners to local  
24 families. There is never a shortage of patriotic pride  
25 among ALA members. We love to show our spirit by



1 supporting our red, white, and blue, our pins, and our  
2 patriotic gear. Members also take every opportunity to  
3 share the importance of our mission with their  
4 communities.

5 ALA members are proud to belong to the world's  
6 largest women's patriotic organization. Participation in  
7 the promotion of the American Legion Americanism program  
8 included the oratorical contest and supporting American  
9 Legion baseball. The total dollars reportedly spent by  
10 the Department of California members was \$28,367. Total  
11 hours volunteered were 18,299.

12 I am honored to report the wonderful activities  
13 and accomplishments of our Captain USAs in fulfilling our  
14 mission of service to our veterans, active duty, service  
15 members, their families, and the children and youth in our  
16 communities. I witnessed the meaning of proud to be an  
17 American as we worked to promote Americanism this year.  
18 ALA members truly show pride and love for our country, our  
19 veterans, and our community.

20 May I proceed with my presentation awards?

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Before you do that,  
22 Glenda, why don't you -- do you have a couple more  
23 proposed changes? We can go ahead and work on those and  
24 just save that one so that one is all you have to worry  
25 about.

1 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Okay.  
2 The second change is on page 11 and it's number 5.  
3 Currently number 5 starts with A. The proposed change is  
4 to insert the following statement: "Number 5. The prizes  
5 for Group IV will be distributed as follows."

6 By recommendation of the committee I move for the  
7 acceptance of this change.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. She is  
9 proposing a change by inserting, if I understand it right,  
10 "Number 5. The prizes for Group IV will be distributed as  
11 follows." You just want to insert that into the code?

12 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: It's  
13 just inserting the one sentence. We just want to add that  
14 one sentence that says: "The prizes for Group IV will be  
15 distributed as follows."

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. That's  
17 answering it. Okay. There's a motion on the floor to  
18 insert: "The prizes for Group IV will be distributed as  
19 follows," just inserting the line. All those in -- is  
20 there any discussion?

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor?

23 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those opposed?

25 (No response.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Motion carried.

2 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Thank  
3 you. The third change is on page 13, number 10. It  
4 currently reads: "The Department Chairman shall provide a  
5 list of essay winners' names to the Department  
6 Secretary/Treasurer no later than June 1st when a monetary  
7 price is awarded. 2012."

8 The proposed change is: "The Department Chairman  
9 shall provide a list of essay winners' names to the  
10 Department Secretary and Treasurer no later than June 1st  
11 when a monetary price is awarded."

12 By recommendation of the committee I ask for  
13 acceptance.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: So she made a motion  
15 that it be changed from "Secretary/Treasurer" to  
16 "Department Secretary and Treasurer." Is there any  
17 discussion?

18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor  
20 of this code change, say aye.

21 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Motion  
25 carried.

1 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Thank  
2 you.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Now you may go on.

4 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Thank  
5 you. I would like start by saying we did have one  
6 district supplemental that was forwarded to National, and  
7 that was from Lu Ann Capazzi.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Okay.  
10 For the Best Overall Unit Supplemental, it goes to Maureen  
11 O'Brien-Sacco, Unit 13 District 18.

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Best  
14 Overall District Supplemental goes to Danielle White,  
15 District 27.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: The  
18 Largest District Donation Per Capita to the Americanism  
19 Program goes to District 5.

20 (Applause.)

21 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Wow.  
22 Shocked me.

23 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: The  
24 Largest Unit Donation Per Capita goes to Unit 69, District  
25 22.

1 (Applause.)

2 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: What unit was  
3 that?

4 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: 69.

5 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: We don't have  
6 a Unit 69.

7 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: I'm  
8 sorry. I will check it and get it corrected.

9 Okay. For my essay contest winners. Group I,  
10 first place goes to -- I hope I'm pronouncing it right.  
11 Shiv Mahorda Dharma and that is District 14.

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Group  
14 II first place winner goes to Helen Collins and that is  
15 Kelly Gimerod, District 5.

16 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR:  
17 Woo-hoo.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Group  
20 III first place winner goes to Abby Jabster and that is  
21 Pat Gracie from District 15, Unit 221.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Group  
24 IV first place goes to Megan Salsman and that is Pat  
25 Gracie 221, District 15.

1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Okay.  
3 And Group IV -- I'm sorry. Group V, the first age group,  
4 Group A goes to Skylar Callahan and that is District 6.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: And I  
7 know that might look strange, but he was the only one in  
8 that age group that submitted so that's why he's the only  
9 one. And Group V in the second age group. First place  
10 goes to Dominic Lanes and that is Ellen McClurg's District  
11 14.

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: And we  
14 have the Veronica Spence award. First place goes to Alexa  
15 Flores of Unit 180, District 18.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: If you ladies are  
18 waiting for awards, you can come closer.

19 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Thank  
20 you. That's it, Madam President. I would like to say  
21 that it's my honor to have served you and the Department  
22 of California as Americanism Chairman. Thank you.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. Glenda,  
24 will you take your committee and get that one code change  
25 done?

1 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Yeah.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: And we'll take care  
3 of that before we leave today. The committee that was  
4 with Glenda in her committee meeting, the delegates,  
5 please meet outside with her.

6 And, Harriet, are you ready to straighten up your  
7 one?

8 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: No. My  
9 printer didn't work. Sorry.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Education.  
11 And if she has sent you a note, you can come closer up  
12 here. And if chairmen need help distributing them, we  
13 have a Page back here that will help you to move things  
14 along.

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16 EDUCATION CONVENTION REPORT

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18 DEPARTMENT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Good  
19 afternoon. The Convention Committee on Education met on  
20 June 21st, 2018 in the Terrace room number 2 of the Crowne  
21 Plaza Hotel in Sacramento, California. The statistical  
22 report of this chairman appears on page 16 of the Book of  
23 Reports. Delores Ryan was appointed secretary, Sharon  
24 Burton offered prayer, and Cecilia Cunningham was  
25 appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 20 delegates

1 answered roll call. There was one visitor present.

2 The committee agreed upon the following report:

3 The code was read and the following is a proposed code

4 change. Number 15: "The scholarship applicant has only

5 two years to initiate use of the funds awarded. If a

6 scholarship is not claimed by the university/college on

7 behalf of the applicant within that two-year period, the

8 Department Office will inquire in writing as to why these

9 funds have not been used. If use of funds is not

10 initiated within that time frame, they are to be reverted

11 back to the funds from which they were originated. If the

12 circumstances of nonuse are of a medical nature, it is by

13 the discretion of the Department President,

14 Secretary/Treasurer, and the Chairman to extend the claim

15 for an additional time period not to exceed 18 months back

16 to where they were originated."

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18 has only two years to initiate use of the funds awarded.

19 If a scholarship is not claimed by the university/college

20 on behalf of the applicant within that two-year period,

21 the Department Office will inquire in writing as to why

22 these funds have not been used. If use of funds is not

23 initiated within that time frame, they are to be reverted

24 back to the funds from which they were originated. If the

25 circumstances of nonuse are of a medical nature, it is by



1 the discretion of the Department President, Secretary or  
2 Treasurer, and the chairman to extend the claim for an  
3 additional time period not to exceed 18 months back to  
4 where they were originated."

5 By the direction of the preconvention Education  
6 committee, I move for the acceptance of this code change.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. There is a  
8 motion on the floor to change code 15 in the scholarship  
9 department code or the Education: "The scholarship  
10 applicant has only two years to initiate use of the funds  
11 awarded. If a scholarship is not claimed by the  
12 university/college on behalf of the applicant within that  
13 two-year period, the Department Office will inquire in  
14 writing as to why these funds have not been used. If use  
15 of funds is not initiated within that time frame, they are  
16 to be reverted back to the funds from which they were  
17 originated. If the circumstances of nonuse are of a  
18 medical nature, it is by the discretion of the Department  
19 President, Secretary or Treasurer and the chairman to  
20 extend the claim for an additional time period not to  
21 exceed 18 months back to where they were originated."

22 Is there any discussion?

23 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madam Department  
24 President, Ruby Kapsalis, District 28.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

1 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: The Department  
2 Office doesn't have time to be writing letters to all  
3 these colleges and tracking them. We tell them they have  
4 two years to collect on the scholarship and I think we  
5 ought to leave it at. I think that one sentence -- it  
6 says right here the department -- it says: "The  
7 Department Office will inquire in writing as to why these  
8 funds have not been used." That needs to be deleted.  
9 Well, that needs to be deleted.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yeah, that's in the  
11 old one. So is there any further discussion? Okay. So  
12 the discussion -- if there is no further discussion and no  
13 amendments, the motion is to accept the new code change.  
14 All those that accept, say aye.

15 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed?

17 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: No.

18 DEPARTMENT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN VINCENT: I just  
19 wanted to say the only code change that that included was  
20 taking the slash out between secretary and treasurer and  
21 putting a comma. That was the only code change. It  
22 really had nothing to do with --

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Changing the code.

24 DEPARTMENT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN VINCENT: So we  
25 need to -- that's a whole separate issue; right?

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: We are voting on  
2 right now either to --

3 DEPARTMENT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Just a  
4 comma. Just a comma.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: We're just changing  
6 the secretary/treasurer to secretary or treasurer. That  
7 was the point. So if -- at another time if we need to  
8 remove that, that would be another --

9 DEPARTMENT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN VINCENT: I can  
10 make a recommendation, yes.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: So we're voting on  
12 now whether to change the secretary/treasurer to secretary  
13 or treasurer. So again let's -- because we have both  
14 ways. Those that want that vote for that, say aye,  
15 please.

16 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Voting against it  
18 say no.

19 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: No.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: And this -- if this  
21 is an issue, it can be brought up again as a separate  
22 issue. Okay?

23 DEPARTMENT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Okay.  
24 Next year.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: We're going to send

1 you back in the hall.

2 DEPARTMENT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN VINCENT: I will  
3 put it in for the recommendation of the possibility of  
4 changing that, that Ruby brought up.

5 A recommendation was made to look at the  
6 possibility of extending our scholarship applicants to  
7 include direct descendents of veterans.

8 100 percent citations were given to District 6,  
9 7, 9, 11, 12, 18, 22, 27, 28. Citations were given to  
10 units that gave students scholarships and those who  
11 participated in Give 10 to Education. Citations were  
12 awarded for second and third place unit and district  
13 supplementals. Closing prayer was given and the meeting  
14 was closed at 11:52 p.m. -- a.m. Sorry. It's been a long  
15 day. May I give my supplemental report and first place  
16 winners?

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes, please.

18 DEPARTMENT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN VINCENT: In  
19 keeping with Madam President's theme Real Heroes Wear Dog  
20 Tags, Not Capes we completed the year with 23 district  
21 reports, nine with 100 percent reporting. The Department  
22 of California members promoted the Education program.  
23 Units continue to educate senior and junior Auxiliary  
24 members during meetings as well as the public on the  
25 education programs that our organization has to offer.

1 Members are setting new goals and focusing on  
2 opportunities at all levels from kindergarten to senior  
3 high and through continuing education for students of all  
4 ages including our veterans, active duty military, and  
5 their families.

6           Monetary donations to the department Education  
7 program totaled \$8,797 from several units. Units also  
8 purchased Poppy Seals. Units participated in Give 10 to  
9 Education with the value of items totaling \$28,094.  
10 Auxiliary members organized school supply drives and  
11 donated items to assist teachers in the classroom  
12 including a special education teacher. Backpacks were  
13 filled with school supplies and delivered to children of  
14 active duty military who attended the child and youth  
15 program on board a Naval Air facility. Units assisted  
16 military children by promoting scholarship and backpacks  
17 were filled with school supplies and given to homeless and  
18 disadvantaged children. Units participated for the  
19 veterans community -- sorry. Community school program  
20 with members scheduling several veterans from World War  
21 II, Korea, Vietnam, and other eras to speak with youth at  
22 several churches and schools, to enhance respect for the  
23 sacrifices of our military heroes. Sorry. Veterans were  
24 treated to thank you cards and hugs.

25           Units participated in National Education Week.

1 Bilingual speaking members participated in a dual language  
2 program to integrate native English and native Spanish  
3 speakers for academic instructions. Promotion of  
4 scholarships, certificates given to teachers and staff,  
5 treats delivered to staff lounges, books donated to  
6 schools. Members judged a school debate team that was  
7 sponsored by the Lion's Club and handouts, education  
8 pamphlets and coloring books were distributed. Pledge of  
9 Allegiance bookmarks were given to encourage and promote  
10 reading and participation. You're so sweet. Thank you.

11           John M. Armitage Unit 684, District 27  
12 implemented an antibullying program, Angels and Doves, to  
13 staff at schools showing that we value the lives of their  
14 students. Units participated in literacy programs.  
15 Members taught students how to read and assisted with  
16 adult education classes at high schools. The poetry out  
17 loud contest challenged students to interpret, memorize,  
18 and recite famous poetry. Promotion of scholarships  
19 included making contact with high schools, community  
20 colleges, California universities, Girls State citizens,  
21 and Explorer programs of the local fire and police  
22 departments. Scholarship pamphlets were left and units  
23 and districts use monthly letters to share about  
24 scholarship opportunities. Local scholarships and  
25 department scholarships were awarded for the Children of

1 Warriors National President Scholarship, Spirit of Youth  
2 Scholarship, Educational Assistance, and the Connie  
3 Settles Memorial Scholarship, totaling \$46,725.

4 Units made contact with veterans who wish to  
5 retain a higher education or vocational education. Silent  
6 auctions, used treasure sales, and opportunity drawings  
7 are a few of the many ideas members use to raise funds for  
8 scholarships. Sponsoring a flag retirement ceremony at an  
9 elementary school where several students participated  
10 proved to be very educational. Students played a vital  
11 role in the ceremony, whether speaking a part to share the  
12 meaning of the red and white stripes, the blue field and  
13 the stars carrying one of the 13 colonies that represent  
14 those fields -- those stripes. I'm sorry. The student  
15 who humbly played taps, or those students who assisted  
16 veterans while they retired old glory. The hope that all  
17 in attendance walked away with a sense of pride and  
18 knowledge for our history and our American flag.  
19 Education is experience.

20 Additional activities units have promoted and  
21 participated in included collecting Box Tops For  
22 Education, Read Across America, supporting the Red Ribbon  
23 Week, a drug prevent awareness program, partnering with  
24 the Girl Scouts of America and other community  
25 organizations, Star Spangled Kids Christmas party, and

1 essay contests in the classroom.

2 One school held a veterans in the community  
3 school assembly for Veterans Day. Such wonderful  
4 opportunities. As you see, there are endless  
5 opportunities to promote the Education program and raise  
6 awareness of scholarship opportunities. This chairman is  
7 proud to report on the various opportunities that members  
8 have participated in, many great accomplishments for our  
9 veterans, active duty service members and their families.

10 Madam Department President Loretta, thank you for  
11 this appointment. I am honored to serve you and the  
12 Department of California. This concludes my report.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Okay. If  
15 you can just hold your applause to the end, I'm just going  
16 to read our scholarship winners. I do not believe they  
17 are here and I have already sent them their  
18 congratulations letters as well as the units have the  
19 letters and certificates for their records.

20 The \$500 Children of Warriors National  
21 President's Scholarship was awarded to Miranda Wilson of  
22 Cecil M. Anderson of Unit 589, District 28.

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN VINCENT: The 500  
25 Spirit of Youth Scholarship awardee was Katherine Toy of



1 San Mateo Unit 82, District 26. The \$2,000 Educational  
2 Assistance General Scholarship was awarded to Katie  
3 Earlige from Monterey Cypress Unit 694, District 28. And  
4 the \$2400 Connie Settles Memorial Scholarship was awarded  
5 to Denise Jun of Idyllwild Unit 800, District 21.

6 (Applause.)

7 DEPARTMENT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN VINCENT: All the  
8 winners are posted in the Department Office -- the office  
9 here. Okay. For the Best Overall District Supplemental  
10 it went to District 16 Madeline Lee.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN VINCENT: And the  
13 Best Overall Unit Award goes to Danielle White, Inyo Unit  
14 118, District 27.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. Do you  
17 have a list of those awards for us, Kim, for the records?

18 DEPARTMENT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN VINCENT: For like  
19 15 of them?

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: The awards --  
21 they're not on here, the report that you gave us.

22 DEPARTMENT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Oh, yes.  
23 And I believe I emailed it into the department, but I can  
24 give you this or I have another one in my binder. Thank  
25 you.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. At this time  
2 we have another guest. Past National SAL Commander Eugene  
3 Sacco is here to tell us about the 100th Anniversary  
4 Tournament of Roses. Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal with  
5 the Distinguished Guest Chairman, would you please present  
6 him to the stage.

7 (Processional.)

8 PAST NATIONAL SAL COMMANDER SACCO: Thank you,  
9 Madam President. On behalf of Pasadena Post 13 and the  
10 National Organization of the American Legion and Nancy and  
11 Loretta, I appreciate the time you're giving me to talk  
12 about the upcoming festivities to kick off the centennial  
13 year of the American Legion and the American Legion  
14 Family.

15 A couple years ago I approached members of the  
16 National Organization of the American Legion about the  
17 idea of kicking off the American Legion and the Legion  
18 Family Centennial year by having a float in the 130th  
19 Annual Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena.

20 (Applause.)

21 PAST NATIONAL SAL COMMANDER SACCO: The  
22 leadership of the National Organization was very enthused  
23 about the idea and they -- through their own internal  
24 workers they found the money to actually submit an  
25 application to have a float in the parade. And we

1 submitted that application and I am here to tell you today  
2 that just last week the Tournament of Roses officially  
3 accepted the application.

4 (Applause.)

5 PAST NATIONAL SAL COMMANDER SACCO: Nancy  
6 Brown-Park and I kind of felt that we were going to get  
7 accepted, so we kind of just started to work on getting  
8 things together to have something to present to all of you  
9 here in the Department for this convention and give you  
10 hopefully some enticement to come down to Pasadena,  
11 California and what we're calling Tournament of Roses  
12 Week. Tournament of Roses Week for us -- oh, okay. Thank  
13 you.

14 Tournament of Roses Week for us will basically  
15 start December the 26th and conclude with the Rose Bowl  
16 game at the Rose Bowl on January the 1st. At this time we  
17 still are in the very preliminary stages of putting  
18 together an actual package of events and things to do for  
19 anyone throughout the entire United States and the  
20 American Legion Family who come out Pasadena and  
21 throughout all California.

22 But right I can tell you one of the things we're  
23 going to do is we're going to have quite a few events in  
24 the Pasadena area that are American Legion Family  
25 oriented. One of the things we're planning on is one full

1 day where the Girls and Boys Staters and alumni from past  
2 classes can go to the float builders facility and actually  
3 help decorate the float.

4 On another day we're inviting all of the American  
5 Legion Family, regardless of where they're coming from, to  
6 also participate in decorating the float and then after  
7 participate in the decorating the float, come to Pasadena  
8 Post 13 for what we're going to call a family day.

9 Another thing that's in the planning stages is  
10 December the 30th, we're going to have a black tie event  
11 in celebration of the 100th Anniversary kickoff at the  
12 Pasadena post as well. Again all these things are still  
13 in the planning stages. We are also asking and have met  
14 with different representatives of the Legion family and  
15 the different districts within southern California if  
16 their post and districts would like to host some type of  
17 event during Tournament of Roses Week, and that will be  
18 coming together as we move forward in the next couple of  
19 months in putting all that together.

20 One thing that I can tell you right now is that  
21 the National Commander of the American Legion, the  
22 incoming National Commander of the American Legion, his  
23 wife, his aid, his aid's wife, I believe the National  
24 President of the -- the incoming National President of the  
25 American Legion Auxiliary and also the incoming National

1 Commander of the Sons of the American Legion will be out  
2 for all or part of Tournament of Roses Week. With that  
3 said, those individuals will actually be riding on the  
4 float.

5 (Applause.)

6 PAST NATIONAL SAL COMMANDER SACCO: We are -- the  
7 American Legion is also looking towards -- looking and  
8 trying to organize approximately another seven individuals  
9 that are going to ride on the float. Right now a lot of  
10 different ideas are being considered back at National, but  
11 one of the things that they're looking to do is identify  
12 and invite a Metal of Honor recipient from each era, from  
13 World War II up to present which I think will be six  
14 individuals -- yes, six individuals to ride on the float  
15 and also a celebrity that has a long-standing history of  
16 supporting veterans and their families or a -- a sports  
17 individual such as some -- such as a Major League -- a  
18 retired Major League Baseball player that also played  
19 Legion Ball possibly who was on a World Series  
20 championship team in the past to also ride on the float.

21 Another idea, which I thought was an extremely  
22 good idea from the standpoint of having a woman veteran  
23 ride on the float.

24 (Applause.)

25 PAST NATIONAL SAL COMMANDER SACCO: And to

1 possibly consider -- and I apologize since I don't know  
2 her name; I don't remember much today -- is that female  
3 veteran who safely landed the Southwest Airlines plane,  
4 that she -- you know, she's a veteran, possibly seeing if  
5 we can get her to ride on the float too.

6 So again, all of that is very fluid right now and  
7 at the end of the day it's going to be the National  
8 Organization that makes that decision.

9 There are two local representatives that are kind  
10 of representing National as we put this whole program  
11 together. It's myself and Past National Commander of the  
12 Sons as well, Michael Seaton. We're kind of the local  
13 people coordinating everything together along with Nancy  
14 from the Auxiliary and whoever else would be interested.

15 We're also looking at generating -- not  
16 generating, but creating some California Legion Family  
17 T-shirts with a picture of the float on the T-shirt as a  
18 fundraiser. There will be pins available, specially made  
19 pins of the Centennial float that will also be available  
20 for sale.

21 And we're also looking at getting a hotel within  
22 about a 15-mile radius in Pasadena to give us a block of  
23 rooms that we could offer to all of you or anybody else  
24 that is coming that would like to attend all or part of  
25 Tournament of Roses Week.

1           Now one of the things I would like to share with  
2 you is this. If in fact we get a block of rooms and all  
3 the rooms within that block are reserved, there will be  
4 enough people obviously there to where for the big events  
5 such as attending the parade, et cetera, we'll be able to  
6 bus you in and out. So it's not going to be something  
7 where you have to worry about your own transportation.  
8 Again, those are all things that are going to be planned.

9           If any of you also are interested in having an  
10 RV, obviously Crown Seating has two reserved actual spots  
11 where you can park your RV. They're private lots. They  
12 are expensive; however, in Pasadena starting about three  
13 or four days before the parade, you actually can park your  
14 RV on some of the public streets, stay there, live there  
15 for the three or four days and just walk on the parade  
16 route on that day.

17           We're also looking at getting a block of seats,  
18 grandstand seats along the parade route for anybody that  
19 is wanting to purchase grandstand seats. Sharp Seating  
20 has worked out a deal for us where they will give a 15  
21 percent discount to any veteran or their family if they  
22 would actually like to purchase a seat. The seats cost  
23 anywhere, depending on location, from \$55 to \$100 per  
24 seat. Now you don't have to purchase a seat. Obviously  
25 almost a million people a year line the five and a half

1 mile parade route on Colorado Boulevard. You can  
2 literally find a place if you get up early enough on  
3 January 1st, walk to an area on Colorado Boulevard and see  
4 the parade, bring your own seat, your own ladder, whatever  
5 you want to do.

6 One of the other things, fun things we're  
7 possibly thinking about doing, this hasn't been arranged  
8 yet, is actually have different sections along the parade  
9 route where the department, the districts, whatever, they  
10 kind of like block out a section for themselves, put 25 or  
11 30 seats along -- as long as someone is there the night  
12 before, as long as someone is there for that entire period  
13 to watch your seats, you guys can rotate it, that whole  
14 area could be yours and there's no charge for that either.

15 So there's a lot of different ways you can do  
16 this to make it affordable. Obviously you don't have to  
17 do it that way. You can purchase everything as well.

18 Couple just final things I want to make sure  
19 everyone is aware of. Tournament of Roses, Pasadena  
20 Tournament of Roses is not just a Rose Parade or Rose  
21 Bowl. Prior to the parade and the Rose Bowl game, there  
22 are a lot of different events the Tournament of Roses has  
23 that the public can go to.

24 Obviously we have Equestrian Fest, they have Band  
25 Fest, they have a lot of -- a few other events that you



1 can do a few days prior to the parade. You can also go to  
2 different Rose Pavilions and watch other floats being  
3 built as well. So there's a lot to do.

4 The one thing I want to encourage all of you to  
5 think about is that this is a once-in-a-lifetime  
6 opportunity for all of you. This isn't going to happen  
7 again not in our lifetime to be able to participate in  
8 something this grand, this memorable, to be part of -- of  
9 a Rose Parade that is going to be watched by millions of  
10 people not only in the United States, but around the world  
11 and be part of a grand celebration.

12 With that said, I would also encourage all of you  
13 to help Nancy in any way possible for this last thing I  
14 want to bring up to you. I have discussed with the float  
15 builder the possibility to if you want to joyously  
16 conclude the Centennial year at the help the American  
17 Legion Auxiliary specifically celebrate their 100th  
18 anniversary is to have a float in the 131st Rose Parade.  
19 Now with that said obviously that's going to have to be  
20 something that National is going to have to decide on, but  
21 the float builder because we're having one in this coming  
22 Rose parade, the float builder has agreed to hopefully  
23 offer a 25 to 30 percent discount on the overall cost of  
24 the float for the Auxiliary to have one in the following  
25 year.

1           So this could be -- and when I say encourage and  
2 help Nancy, obviously Nancy is going to be spearheading  
3 this at National trying to get the National organization  
4 in the Auxiliary to approve this and, you know, anything  
5 you guys can do or Nancy would like you to do to help her  
6 try to get this approved so we have two floats in the  
7 parade, let's do it. This is a great opportunity for the  
8 Legion Family of California to really do something as a  
9 family. You know, the Sons of the Legion and us, we don't  
10 do many family things in California like other departments  
11 do, but this is something that we can unite around. It's  
12 unique to California. There isn't a state in the union  
13 that does this. That's how lucky we are and it's very  
14 unique to California and I really hope the Auxiliary and  
15 the Legion and the Sons really take this opportunity to  
16 not only have a grand time the last week of the year, but  
17 take this opportunity to help us help you because you're  
18 not going to get a better way to advertise the American  
19 Legion Family and the Auxiliary and to try to generate new  
20 members and hopefully activate some of your existing  
21 members that haven't participated before.

22           So as we move forward, we will update the  
23 Auxiliary. We'll give you information that you can post  
24 on your website and any other publications you have. Same  
25 thing with the Legion, same thing with the Sons. While we

1 have everything together, the packages done, you'll have a  
2 point of contact, you'll have an address and phone number  
3 and -- to send your money to if you want to purchase  
4 tickets to any of this stuff. And we'll make sure that  
5 it's extremely organized and well done so there will be no  
6 stresses on any of your end when you come down to southern  
7 California during Tournament of Roses Week.

8 I think I've covered it all, have I not, Nancy?  
9 Okay. So if there's any questions, I'm more than happy to  
10 answer it real quickly.

11 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN COOLEY-DESMULES:  
12 Yes. Mr. Sacco, who is the designer?

13 PAST NATIONAL SAL COMMANDER SACCO: Oh, the  
14 designer is Phoenix Decorating. They're the ones that are  
15 designing the float.

16 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: When will there be fliers to  
17 pass out?

18 PAST NATIONAL SAL COMMANDER SACCO: We're hoping  
19 that will be done either right before or right after  
20 National Convention.

21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I could -- will I be able to  
22 volunteer to put flowers on the float?

23 PAST NATIONAL SAL COMMANDER SACCO: Yes,  
24 absolutely you will be able to volunteer to help decorate  
25 the float. There is one thing I do want to make sure

1 everyone is aware of. Due to insurance guidelines by the  
2 float builder, they really are discouraging really young  
3 kids help decorate the float. What they're looking for is  
4 children anywhere from like 11 years old and up.

5 Now that doesn't mean you can't take your five-  
6 or six-year-old to go see, but they have to be right near  
7 you. They can see what's happening with the float, but  
8 from the standpoint of getting on scaffolding and ladders  
9 to put things on the float, that just can't happen due to  
10 insurance reasons /and I'm sure everyone understands that.

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I don't know if you're aware,  
12 but the Pacific Palisades, some people in the Pacific  
13 Palisades SALs are working on having not a float, but  
14 perhaps a band in the Rose Parade honoring the 100-year of  
15 the Centennial of the end of the World War I which is when  
16 the American Legion was started. American Legion was  
17 started at the end of that war by World War I veterans.  
18 So we were trying to do something to kind of coincide with  
19 that.

20 We're actually also right now in the process of  
21 raising funds to build a statue to commemorate, a memorial  
22 to commemorate World War I for the Los Angeles National  
23 Cemetery, and this is all going to be part of a whole  
24 thing. So maybe we can coordinate with you in some way.

25 PAST NATIONAL SAL COMMANDER SACCO: Yep,

1 absolutely. And I'll talk to Greg and everybody from the  
2 Palisades there as well.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay. Hank Elder is the one  
4 who's spearheading it as well. I don't know if you know  
5 him.

6 PAST NATIONAL SAL COMMANDER SACCO: Yes. Thank  
7 you.

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: All right.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: And what is the cost for the  
10 float?

11 PAST NATIONAL SAL COMMANDER SACCO: The float is  
12 costing the American Legion \$275,000. Putting a 55-foot  
13 float in the Rose Parade is not cheap. But I'll be honest  
14 with you, the investment is well worth it from the  
15 standpoint of exposure and what the Legion family will get  
16 out of it overall.

17 Oh, I'm done. Nancy is kicking me off the --  
18 Madam President, I thank you and I hope to see many of you  
19 in Pasadena. Thank you so much.

20 (Applause.)

21 (Processional.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. I know the  
23 hour is late, but we're going to finish up a couple of  
24 loose ends here and then we'll call it a day. Glenda is  
25 ready to rephrase her code change on the Americanism.

1 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Madam  
2 President, on the recommendation of the committee, I  
3 rescind my motion to change the code.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All right. Okay.  
6 She rescinded the motion.

7 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: No such luck.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Now we have  
9 the PPP wanted to finish up here.

10 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: Code 14 now  
11 reads: "The corsages and Past Presidents Parley luncheon  
12 tickets for the \$4,000 scholarship winner and/or the  
13 Auxiliary Member of the Year and the Woman Veteran  
14 Honorees who attend the luncheon will be paid out of the  
15 Convention expenses. As a courtesy for the recognition a  
16 Past National President brings to California, her Past  
17 Presidents Parley luncheon ticket will be paid out of the  
18 Convention expenses."

19 If approved it will read: "The corsages and Past  
20 Presidents Parley luncheon tickets for the \$4,000  
21 scholarship winner and/or the Auxiliary Member of the Year  
22 who attended the luncheon will be paid out of the  
23 Convention expenses. The Woman Veteran Honoree who  
24 attends the luncheon will also be paid out of the  
25 Convention expenses. As a courtesy for the recognition a

1 Past National President brings to California, her Past  
2 Presidents Parley luncheon ticket will be paid out of the  
3 Convention expenses."

4 By the direction of the Past President Parley  
5 convention committee meeting, I move for the acceptance of  
6 this code change.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. The code now  
8 reads code 14: "The corsages and Past Presidents Parley  
9 luncheon tickets for the \$4,000 scholarship winner and/or  
10 the Auxiliary Member of the Year and the Woman Veteran  
11 Honorees who attend the luncheon will be paid out of the  
12 Convention expenses. As a courtesy for the recognition a  
13 Past National President brings to California, her Past  
14 Presidents Parley luncheon ticket will be paid out of the  
15 Convention expenses."

16 Currently if approved would read: "The corsages  
17 and Past Presidents Parley luncheon tickets for the \$4,000  
18 scholarship winner and/or the Auxiliary Member of the Year  
19 who attends the luncheon will be paid out of the  
20 Convention expenses. The Woman Veteran Honoree who  
21 attends the luncheon will also be paid out of the  
22 Convention expenses. As a courtesy for the recognition a  
23 Past National President brings to California, her Past  
24 Presidents Parley luncheon ticket will be paid out of the  
25 Convention expenses."

1 Any discussion?

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor  
4 of the proposed code change, say aye.

5 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed nay.

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Motion  
9 carried.

10 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: Thank you.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you.

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Supersonic  
14 waves.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Okay. Box  
16 lunches for Saturday, see Ramona Tafoya District 6.  
17 She'll be out by the raffle. So if you want a box lunch  
18 tomorrow. They're excellent; I had one today, go see  
19 Ramona.

20 Okay. Linda Workman has National Convention  
21 Legion shirts. You can order from Linda and she will show  
22 you the shirts and then they're going to deliver them over  
23 here. So if you want a Legion Convention National shirt,  
24 see Linda Workman.

25 Okay. Melanie's Balloon Pilots, Sue's



1 Lighthouses, Ronnie's Roses, Margie's Magic Chefs, and  
2 Barbara's Creators will meet for breakfast tomorrow in the  
3 hotel at 7:00 a.m.

4 Ladies, if you bought a charm bracelet, the  
5 bracelets are ready to be picked up at Ways & Means table.

6 All District Presidents to meet in front of the  
7 stage at 7:00 a.m. Saturday to go over their district  
8 delegate count.

9 On that note, I have one special thing. The  
10 Department is poor. The Department Office has nine more  
11 of these. They're American Legion Auxiliary wall plates.  
12 The 70th Anniversary of the American Legion Auxiliary from  
13 1919 to 1989. And I have nine of them. They're \$25  
14 apiece. Very nice. Six people have already purchased  
15 them. But they're here, they're in the Department Office,  
16 and I beg of you please come by because Ruby said I  
17 couldn't sell them. She said nobody would buy them unless  
18 they felt sorry for me. So please, nine people feel sorry  
19 for me and come in the office and give me \$25. Thank you  
20 very much.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Oh, tomorrow if  
23 you belong to -- Ruby, that note was this morning. I read  
24 it this morning.

25 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: You were supposed

1 to read it again.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Let me say  
3 something. After I read them, I put them in the trash.  
4 So if you're Ruby's All Stars, Margaret's Dream Catchers,  
5 Harriet's something or others and I don't know, somebody  
6 else, meet in Room 118 tomorrow for pizza lunch. And as I  
7 reminded you earlier, 118, don't sit on my bed.

8 And on that note guess what I'm going to say?  
9 Announcement, announcement. Come on, ladies. We need  
10 announcements.

11 (Singing.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: And please pay  
13 attention to that meeting with your credentials chairmen  
14 to make sure that you match. You can save us a whole lot  
15 of time if that's all straightened out ahead of times.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Excuse me,  
17 Loretta. I have one other thing.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: If you were at  
20 the meeting in the Department Office here this morning,  
21 please stay. Come up here to the stage as soon as we're  
22 closed for today so we can finish our business. That is  
23 Loretta, Joan, Glenda, Terry. I don't know whom else. I  
24 can't remember. My memory is gone.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. This session

1 is in recess until 8:30 tomorrow morning.

2 (The American Legion Auxiliary Convention  
3 was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.)  
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1 STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
2 COUNTY OF STANISLAUS ) ss.  
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5 I, Karen A. Aufdermaur, a Certified Shorthand  
6 Reporter in the State of California, holding Certificate  
7 Number 10919, do hereby certify that the American Legion  
8 Auxiliary - Department of California 99th Annual  
9 Convention was taken Friday, June 22, 2018, at the time  
10 and place set forth on the first page hereof.

11 That upon the taking of the meeting, the words of  
12 the American Legion Auxiliary - Department of California  
13 99th Annual Convention members were written down by me in  
14 stenotypy and thereafter transcribed by computer under my  
15 supervision; that the foregoing is a true and correct  
16 transcript of the oratory given by the American Legion  
17 Auxiliary - Department of California 100th Annual  
18 Convention members.

19 I further certify that I am neither counsel for  
20 nor in any way related to any party to said meeting, nor  
21 in any way interested in the result or outcome thereof.

22 Dated this 15th day of July, 2018, at Modesto,  
23 California.

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Karen A. Aufdermaur, CSR No. 10919