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SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2022; 8:44 A.M.

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CALL TO ORDER

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DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: This convention

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session is now reconvened. Grace Huston, Department

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Chaplain, will you offer invocation?

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INVOCATION

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DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HUSTON: Dear Lord, we thank

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you for America, our government leaders, and our veterans

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who gave so much. Thank you for members of the American

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Legion Auxiliary and indeed all the American Legion

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Family. Help us to always remember we are here to serve

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God and country. Thank you for our men and women serving

21 in the military and please keep them in your care. Lord,
22 we ask your blessings for this meeting. Guide us in all
23 we do and let us always please you. In your name, amen.

24 DELEGATES: Amen.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Department

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1 Secretary will call the roll of officers.

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ROLL CALL

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5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. Department

6 President Dee Ann Graham.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: I'm here.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Vice President

9 Gloria Williams.

10 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Present.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Secretary Elizabeth

12 Doidge. I'm pretty much here. Treasurer Susie Tozier.

13 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TOZIER: Present.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: NEC Joan Cannon.

15 NEC WOMAN CANNON: Present.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Alternate NEC

17 Kathie Martinez.

18 ALTERNATE NEC WOMAN MARTINEZ: Good morning.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
20 Chaplain Grace Huston.
21 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HUSTON: Present.
22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Historian Jean is
23 excused. Parliamentarian Anita Biggs.
24 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Good morning.
25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

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1 Sergeant-at-Arms Karen Herrera.
2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS HERRERA: Here.
3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Alternate
4 Sergeant-at-Arms Rochelle Smith-Billet.
5 ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS SMITH-BILLET: Here.
6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Finance Committee
7 Linda Workman.
8 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Cha-ching.
9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Finance Committee
10 Katherine Tellyer.
11 FINANCE COMMITTEE TELLYER: Here.
12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Advisory Committee
13 Susie Tozier.
14 ADVISORY COMMITTEE TOZIER: Present.
15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Loretta Marsh.
16 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MARSH: Present.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: And Joan Cannon.
18 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CANNON: Present.
19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Americanism Maureen
20 O'Brien-Sacco.
21 AMERICANISM CHAIR O'BRIEN-SACCO: Good morning,
22 everyone.
23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Auxiliary Emergency
24 Fund Valerie Hill.
25 AEF CHAIR HILL: Here.

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1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Children & Youth
2 Tamra Duron.
3 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIR DURON: She's here.
4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Community Service
5 Judie Tabacchi.
6 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIR TABACCHI: Oh, I'm here.
7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Constitution &
8 Bylaws Gloria Williams.
9 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR WILLIAMS: Present.
10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Convention Chairman
11 Genieca Risner.
12 CONVENTION CHAIR RISNER: Present.
13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Convention
14 Co-Chairman Gloria Sinopoli.

15 CONVENTION CO-CHAIR SINOPOLI: Present.
16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Convention
17 Commission Chairman Anita Biggs.
18 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIR BIGGS: Here.
19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Convention
20 Commission Two Year Linda Fercho.
21 CONVENTION COMMISSION TWO YEAR FERCHO: Here.
22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Convention
23 Commission One Year Gloria Sinopoli.
24 CONVENTION COMMISSION ONE YEAR SINOPOLI:
25 Present.

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1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Credentials Debbie
2 Hurado. I thought she was over there. I just saw her.
3 Distinguished Guest Linda Fercho.
4 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Here with
5 my wonderful helpers.
6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Editor Nancy
7 Heinisch.
8 EDITOR CHAIR HEINISCH: Here.
9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Education Robin
10 Falkenberg.
11 DEPARTMENT EDUCATION CHAIR FALKENBERG: Wind
12 soaring away.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Elections Kathy
14 Newlen.
15 ELECTIONS CHAIR NEWLEN: Present.
16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Girls State
17 Chairman Allyn Kau. Girls State Advisor Nancy Brown-Park.
18 Girls -- Girls State Director Tammy Sollazzo. Girls
19 State -- are all the Girls State people excused at this
20 point?
21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Yes.
22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. Thank you.
23 Junior Activities Chairman Ann Philcox.
24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: I think Allyn was
25 supposed to be here.

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1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I heard that she's
2 here, but she's not just here.
3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: The whites of her
4 eyes.
5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Peggy told me that
6 she came in last night, so --
7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Well, she wanted to
8 to be here this morning.
9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yeah, hopefully she
10 gets here. Junior Activities Chairman Ann Philcox.

11 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR PHILCOX: Here.
12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Junior Conference
13 Director Jackie Cleveland.
14 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR CLEVELAND: Good
15 morning, Liz.
16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
17 Junior Conference Committee Two Year Bernice Brown.
18 Junior Conference Committee One Year Valerie Hill.
19 JUNIOR CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ONE YEAR HILL:
20 Present.
21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Junior Conference
22 Nurse Ann Sanchez.
23 JUNIOR CONFERENCE NURSE SANCHEZ: Here.
24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Leadership Tracy
25 Varnell Fercho.

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1 LEADERSHIP CHAIR VARNELL: The bouncing ball is
2 losing its air.
3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Legislative Kathie
4 Martinez.
5 LEGISLATIVE CHAIR MARTINEZ: I'm here.
6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Membership Chair
7 Susan Baker.
8 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: I'm looking for that

9 perfect ten.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Membership Support
11 Area 1 Suzanne Winters.

12 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AREA 1 WINTERS: Surf's up.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Area 2 Teresa
14 Canonizado.

15 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AREA 2 CANONIZADO: Here and
16 always needed.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Area 3 Danielle
18 White.

19 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AREA 3 WHITE: Here.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Area 4 Alice
21 Coleman.

22 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AREA 4 COLEMAN: Here.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Area 5 Donna
24 Mattox.

25 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AREA 5 MATTOX: Good morning.

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1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning. Area
2 6 Linda Fercho.

3 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AREA 6 FERCHO: Here.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Music Chairman
5 Donna Smith is excused. The National Security Chairman
6 Vicky Bean.

7 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR BEAN: Here.
8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Past Presidents
9 Parley Loretta Marsh.
10 PPP CHAIR MARSH: Here.
11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Poppies Linda
12 Hayes.
13 POPPY CHAIR HAYES: I'm here. Good morning.
14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Public Relations
15 Patrick Galatioto.
16 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR GALATIOTO: Present.
17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Resolutions Cece
18 Harvey.
19 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR HARVEY: Good morning.
20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Rules Sharon Moore.
21 RULES CHAIR MOORE: Good morning, Liz.
22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
23 Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Glenda Schultz.
24 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: Good morning, Liz.
25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning. Ways

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1 & Means Marion Rocha-Carlos.
2 WAYS & MEANS CHAIR ROCHA-CARLOS: Back here.
3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Ways & Means
4 Committee Terry Oclaray.

5 WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE OCLARAY: Good morning
6 again.
7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Ways & Means Tami
8 Wilkening.
9 WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE WILKENING: Present.
10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Personal Page Zana
11 Chaney.
12 PERSONAL PAGE CHANEY: Present.
13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Personal Page
14 Brenda Preston.
15 PERSONAL PAGE PRESTON: Present.
16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Mid-Year Chairman
17 Anita Biggs.
18 MID-YEAR CHAIR BIGGS: Good morning again, Liz.
19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Co-Chair Sharon
20 Moore.
21 MID-YEAR CO-CHAIR MOORE: Good morning again.
22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Clovis Workshop
23 Sandra Urban-Felix. Clovis Workshop Co-Chairman Gloria
24 Sinopoli.
25 CLOVIS WORKSHOP CO-CHAIR SINOPOLI: Present.

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1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Northern California
2 Workshop Glenda Schultz.

3 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WORKSHOP CHAIR SCHULTZ: Good
4 morning again.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Southern California
6 Workshop Donna Smith.

7 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WORKSHOP CHAIR SMITH: Here.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District
9 Presidents. District 1 Alana Nichols. District 2 Mary
10 Sanders.

11 DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT SANDERS: Here.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 3 Lola
13 Ramey.

14 DISTRICT 3 PRESIDENT RAMEY: Here.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 4 Nancy
16 Brown.

17 DISTRICT 4: We are here.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 5 Lynn
19 Jewell.

20 DISTRICT 5 PRESIDENT JEWELL: Present and counted
21 for.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 6 Suzanne
23 Winters.

24 DISTRICT 6: Sensational 6 is here.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Your wave looked



1 like the way I feel.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 7 Melise
3 Munroe.

4 DISTRICT 7: Good morning, Madam President. Ride
5 the wave with strength and happiness.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Thank you.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 8 Teresa
8 Canonizado.

9 DISTRICT 8 PRESIDENT CANONIZADO: Good morning,
10 Madam President. Welcome and Hawaii Honolulu. Be ready
11 for carnival times.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 9 Vicky
13 Bean.

14 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT BEAN: Present.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 10 Susan
16 Mar.

17 DISTRICT 10: Good morning, Madam President.
18 Aloha.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 11 or --
20 yeah, District 11 Marcia Munroe.

21 DISTRICT 11: Eleven is still riding the wave and
22 hanging ten.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 12
24 Elizabeth Estavillo.

25 DISTRICT 12: Good morning, Madam President.



1 Catch the wave with green magic.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 13 Cindy
3 Newlen.

4 DISTRICT 13: Good morning, Madam President.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 14 Debbie
6 Hurado.

7 DISTRICT 14: Toes in the sand for President Dee
8 Ann.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 15 Genieca
10 Risner.

11 DISTRICT 15: Good morning, Dee Ann. We're still
12 here for you.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 16 Terry
14 Oclaray.

15 DISTRICT 16: It was way too early today for
16 Terry's surfer girls to get their surfboards out and
17 bikinis on, so what you see is what you get, Madam
18 President.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 17 Teresa
21 Nunez.

22 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT NUNEZ: Here.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 18 Judy

24 Tabacchi.

25 DISTRICT 18: Let's go surfing now, everybody

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1 show me how, come and have a party with us.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 19 Linda

4 Diebel.

5 DISTRICT 19: Hang 10.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 20 Jackie

7 Landan.

8 DISTRICT 20: Good morning, Madam President.

9 Let's ride the wave.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 21 Ellen

11 Federowski.

12 DISTRICT 21: Cowabunga.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 22 Gigi

14 Manno.

15 DISTRICT 22: We shall still catch the wave.

16 Good morning.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 23 Ellah

18 Wallace.

19 DISTRICT 23: Gentle wave, gentle wave, where can

20 you be? The team in the 23rd District is where you will

21 see how we can catch your wave.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 24 Martha
24 Romano.

25 DISTRICT 24: ALA pride is here to stay.

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1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 25 Sandy
2 Kurkoske.

3 DISTRICT 25: The tide is in, the surf is up, we
4 go out towards the sea and look to make some veterans'
5 life the best that it can be. We use the things that we
6 have earned through our ALA and put our works to action as
7 we hang 10 every day.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 26 Peggy
10 Toye.

11 DISTRICT 26: Twenty-six is in the mix.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 27

13 Danielle White.

14 DISTRICT 27: Ride the wave.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 28

16 Elizabeth Doidge.

17 DISTRICT 28: Good morning, Madam President.

18 We're rolling with the waves.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 29 Carol

20 Borgman.

21 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: Yes.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 30 is not
23 here.

24 Past Department Presidents. '71-'72 Odette

25 Cuccaro is excused. '89-'90 Beverly Sparks. '92-'93

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1 Willy Burke. '95-'96 Judy Lloyd. '96-'97 Ruby Kapsalis.

2 '98-'99 Linda Workman.

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Present.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: '99-2000 Diane

5 DeLashmit. 2001-2002 Madeline Lee.

6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT LEE: Here.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2002-2003 Nancy

8 Brown-Park. 2003-'4 Linda Caples. 2004-2005 Melanie

9 Taylor.

10 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Good morning.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

12 2005-'6 Bonnie Christner.

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: I'm here.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2006-'7 Sandy

15 Jacobs.

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT JACOBS: Here.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2007-'8 Shelby

18 Hitch. 2008-'9 LuAnn Capazzi.
19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAPAZZI: Present.
20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2010-'11 Pilar
21 Reyes. 2011-'12 Linda Fercho.
22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: I'm here.
23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2013-'14 Anita
24 Biggs.
25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Here.

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1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: '15-'16 Susie
2 Tozier.
3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Present.
4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: '16-'17 Wendy
5 O'Brien. '17-'18 Loretta Marsh.
6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Here.
7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: '18-'19 Joan
8 Cannon.
9 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Present.
10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: '19-'21 Kathie
11 Martinez.
12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Good
13 morning.
14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Hospital reps and
15 deps. Fresno Representative Cynthia Oliphant. Fresno

16 Deputy Barbara Novack. Fresno Deputy Sandra Dowell. Loma
17 Linda Rep Sandra Kurkoske. Loma Linda Dep Leslie Vondra.
18 Long Beach Rep Pat Alvarez.

19 HOSPITAL REP ALVAREZ: Good morning.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning. Long
21 Beach Dep Becky Bullard.

22 HOSPITAL DEP BULLARD: Here.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Long Beach Dep
24 Cynthia Mayfield. Long Beach Dep Debbie Butler.

25 HOSPITAL DEP BUTLER: Here.

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1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Villages of
2 Cabrillo Dep Jean Cooley-Desmuelles is excused. Los
3 Angeles Rep Ellah Wallace.

4 HOSPITAL REP WALLACE: Present.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Los Angeles Dep Vi
6 Walquist. LA VA Patricia Jackson-Kelley. West LA
7 Ambulatory Care Center Dep Diana Williams. Downtown East
8 LA OPC Dept Pam Hicks. I'm officially removing Mary
9 Chaba. She's hasn't paid her dues in several years
10 according to the district, and so we'll work with you on
11 that.

12 San Luis Obispo Dep Susie Johanson. Bakersfield
13 OPC Dep Barbara Goodlow. Santa Maria Community Based OPC

14 Dep Dorothy Davis. Sierra Nevada Dep Bonnie Chavoya.
15 Northern California Mather Rep Suzanne Winters.
16 HOSPITAL REP WINTERS: Fell off my board.
17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Redding OPC Dep
18 Barbara Dailey. Fairfield OPC Dep Kelli Germeraad. Palo
19 Alto Rep Connie Raya. Palo Alto Dep Arlene Muller. Menlo
20 Park Dep Joyce Henderson-McLeod.
21 HOSPITAL DEP McLEOD: Here.
22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Livermore Rep Grace
23 Huston.
24 HOSPITAL REP HUSTON: Here.
25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: San Diego Rep Susie

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1 Tozier.
2 HOSPITAL REP TOZIER: Here.
3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: San Diego Dep Irma
4 Manthai. San Diego Dep Donna Smith. Excused. WAVE
5 Clinic/Poppy Production Manager Lois Cornish.
6 POPPY PRODUCTION MANAGER CORNISH: I'm here.
7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: San Francisco Fort
8 Miley Rep Laurie Sullivan. Barstow Representative Angie
9 Acosta. Barstow Veterans Home Dep Judy Samples.
10 HOSPITAL DEP SAMPLES: Good morning.
11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

12 Fresno Veterans Home Rep Gloria Sinopoli.

13 HOSPITAL REP SINOPOLI: Present.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Lancaster Rep Linda
15 Hayes.

16 HOSPITAL REP HAYES: Present.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Ventura Rep
18 Madeline Lee.

19 HOSPITAL REP LEE: Here.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: West LA Rep Deloris
21 Artis. West LA Dep Marissa Naylor-Jones. And last, but
22 not least, Chula Vista Veterans Home Lois Cornish.

23 HOSPITAL REP CORNISH: I'm still here.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I got you today
25 though.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Linda, are you
2 ready to resume? Linda Hayes. Then we'll do Membership,
3 Auxiliary Emergency Fund Valerie Hill, and VA&R.

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5 POPPY CONVENTION REPORT (Resumed)

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7 POPPY CHAIR HAYES: Good morning. The following
8 is a new section in the department code for Poppy
9 Production Managers. Can you hear me now?

10 "Poppy production by units or districts. 1) That
11 there is an insufficient number of VA facilities to
12 produce poppies to meet the needs of all units of the
13 Department, the Department Chairman may ask units and
14 districts to volunteer to make poppies. Units and/or
15 Districts should contact the Department Chairman of their
16 interest by August 1st to become Poppy Production
17 Managers. (2022).

18 "1(a) Volunteers do not receive pay. Veterans of
19 making poppies can be paid ten cents per Poppy. The Poppy
20 Production Manager, PPM, will provide a timesheet to be
21 filled out by both the Poppy maker and the unit PPM. A
22 copy will be sent to the Department Treasurer for payment
23 and one copy shall be sent to the Department Chairman.
24 (2022).

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2 districts for the Poppy production program which may
3 include Poppy making training.

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5 to the Poppy Chairman and Department Secretary, the
6 Department Chairman will assist the production managers'
7 units where their poppies are to be mailed. The location

8 of each PPM versus the units will be considered when
9 making the assigned area (2022).

10 "3(a) The Department Chairman shall send a copy
11 of each Poppy order to the PPM that is the designated
12 area.

13 "3(b) The Department Chairman shall notify the
14 Department Treasurer of each PPM's supply needs. The
15 Department Treasurer shall order the needed supplies for
16 each PPM requesting delivery to each PPM directly.

17 "Poppy Production Manager shall keep track of
18 poppies made on a monthly basis. The PPM will forward a
19 monthly timesheet with a current Poppy count along with
20 the up-to-date count to the Department Chairman. The
21 monthly count will include the names of the volunteers and
22 hours worked. (2022).

23 "The rules shall be sent/given to each Poppy
24 Production Manager for signature by the Poppy Production
25 Manager. Four copies shall be signed and distributed as

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1 follows: One, Department Chairman. Two, Department
2 President. Three, Department Office, and four, to be
3 retained by the unit/district. (2022).

4 "At the close of production the PPM shall take an
5 inventory (in triplicate) of all left over materials on

6 hand. Copies shall be sent to the Department Office, the
7 Department Chairman, and retained by the PPM. (2022)."

8 Madam President, by the direction of the Poppy
9 committee, I move that this new section to the Department
10 Poppy Code be approved as read.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There's a motion on
12 the floor to add the Code 13 as: "Poppy production by
13 units or districts. 1. That there is an insufficient
14 number of VA facilities to produce poppies to meet the
15 needs of all units of the Department, the Department
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20 poppies made on a monthly basis. The PPM will forward a
21 monthly timesheet with a current Poppy count along with
22 the up-to-date count to the Department Chairman. The
23 monthly count will include the names of the volunteers and
24 hours worked. (2022).

25 "5. The rules shall be sent/given to each Poppy



1 Production Manager for signature by the Poppy Production

2 Manager. Four copies shall be signed and distributed as
3 follows: One, Department Chairman. Two, Department
4 President. Three, Department Office, and four, to be
5 retained by the unit/district. (2022).

6 "6. At the close of production the PPM shall
7 take an inventory (in triplicate) of all left over
8 materials on hand. Copies shall be sent to the Department
9 Office, the Department Chairman, and retained by the PPM.
10 (2022)."

11 Is there any further discussion?

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none, all
14 in favor say aye.

15 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Motion carried.

19 (Applause.)

20 POPPY CHAIR HAYES: Thank you. Code 13 now
21 reads: "The original Unit Poppy Financial Report, along
22 with the checks, shall be sent immediately to the
23 Department Office by the first Friday in June. A copy
24 shall be sent to the Department Chairman and District
25 Chairman. Unit and District report deadlines will be



1 determined annually by the Department Chairman with enough
2 time to adhere to the National deadline."

3 The proposed code change is to delete Section 13
4 because that is now addressed in Code -- Code 4(b). Madam
5 President, I move that Section 13 be removed per the Poppy
6 committee.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There's a motion on
8 the floor to remove Section 13. Any discussion?

9 (No response.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none, all
11 in favor?

12 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Motion carried.

16 POPPY CHAIR HAYES: Certificates were given to
17 the represented districts. Madam President, this
18 concludes my committee report. May I continue with my
19 supplemental report?

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Yes.

21 POPPY CHAIR HAYES: This year we had the
22 opportunity to add some new things to the Poppy program.
23 We found out that every military base has an Armed
24 Services YMCA that helps service members and their

25 families. We also found out that donating to these food

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1 banks are an accepted use of Poppy funds.

2 In the November bulletin, chairmen were
3 encouraged to send Poppy money to the California Military
4 Installations at Camp Pendleton and Twentynine Palms. Can
5 you believe units donated \$10,400 to these food banks?

6 (Applause.)

7 POPPY CHAIR HAYES: In addition, Unit 149 donated
8 2,000 pounds of food to military families and Unit 694
9 donated \$400 to local food banks. Since this year marked
10 the 100-year anniversary of the American Legion Auxiliary
11 adopting the Poppy as the Memorial Flower, units were
12 asked to find ways to celebrate. There were many awesome
13 celebrations that were shared with you at DEC. Since
14 then, Unit 494 reported in their end-of-year report that
15 they hosted the final District 28 meeting of 2021. At the
16 meeting they acknowledged the 100-year anniversary with a
17 commemorative cake bearing our ALA emblem and poppies. A
18 total of 32 units reported that they celebrated the
19 100-year anniversary.

20 The National ALA president asked all members to
21 participate in the National Poppy Challenge which is to
22 put a Poppy in the windows of all veterans. The 30 units

23 accepted the challenge to circulate Proud Home of a
24 Veteran and Proud Home of Veteran Caregiver Cards. The
25 cards were handed out at functions, local events, door to

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1 door, and some were mailed out to their Legion members.

2 While the midyear Poppy report was full of
3 interesting information that units reported on for the
4 first half of the year, there is a whole lot more that has
5 since been done. Unit 377, a District 20 member Mahala
6 Beery was making felt Poppy pins. The unit president's
7 mother who collects buttons loved the pins so much, she
8 denoted beautiful and plain buttons to be used for the
9 felt Poppy pins. Coincidentally her name is Mrs. Flanders.
10 And yes, she is a descendant of the Belgium Flanders
11 family.

12 A special Poppy pin was made for Mrs. Flanders
13 with one of her special buttons. These felt Poppy pins
14 with official Flanders buttons have also been donated to
15 our Ways & Means committee for the convention so you can
16 all see what they look like.

17 One unit in District 16 made a short video at a
18 local cemetery to promote National Poppy Day. It began
19 with the unit's Miss Poppy receiving a Poppy from their
20 Poppy Chairman. She then placed a wreath in front of the

21 post's plaque while unit members were standing behind a
22 member of their post playing Taps on his bugle. The video
23 concluded with the release of two dozen doves.

24 Unit 742, District 21 promoted participation in
25 veteran events including monthly breakfast get-togethers.

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1 One was held at a city council meeting to promote National
2 Poppy Day. A shadowbox memorial display of the 13
3 soldiers lost in Afghanistan hangs in the post. Photos of
4 the fallen are framed and surrounded by 13 poppies.

5 Juniors from Unit 258 made Poppy wreaths and
6 placed them in honor of those who lost their lives in a
7 small plane accident. Unit 519, District 21 held a
8 dedication at the American Legion Auxiliary Memorial
9 Garden with a sit-down dinner and entertainment. Two city
10 dignitaries were presented with a Poppy wreath.

11 Most of you know that our ALA was short two Poppy
12 production facilities, Yountville Veterans Home and the VA
13 Long Beach Medical facility -- or Medical Center leaving
14 only one production facility and a manager. Poppy
15 Production Manager Lois Cornish who works with the
16 veterans at the San Diego Wellness & Vocational Enrichment
17 Clinic, otherwise known as WAVE, took it upon her
18 shoulders with work extra hard to pick up the slack.

19 Lois, with the help of two units that assisted
20 the veterans at the WAVE Clinic, completed 88,500 poppies.
21 Lois actually saved the California Poppy program this
22 year.

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Poppy Chairman Jean
25 Sudbeck and members of 327 in District 29 stepped up and

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1 volunteered to make enough poppies to fulfill the Poppy
2 orders from two districts, making a total of 16,288. Both
3 Lois and Jean deserve a standing ovation.

4 (Applause.)

5 POPPY CHAIR HAYES: I thank Lois for all of her
6 help this year. I couldn't have done it without her.

7 Madam President, may I award the first place
8 awards at this time?

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Please.

10 POPPY CHAIR HAYES: For certificate of
11 recognition to Ivy Clanham of Unit 149 is awarded First
12 Place for the Poppy program 2021-2022 supplemental report.

13 (Applause.)

14 POPPY CHAIR HAYES: It was her unit that made
15 13,000 poppies. Certificate of recognition to Linda Hunt,
16 District 16 was awarded first place for the Poppy Program

17 2021-2022 supplemental report.

18 (Applause.)

19 POPPY CHAIR HAYES: Then we have a certificate of
20 recognition to Rebecca Avila awarded first place theme
21 free in the Poppy poster contest in the Poppy program.

22 (Applause.)

23 POPPY CHAIR HAYES: And there's also a check.
24 The Poppy display awards I need to -- there's been a
25 couple changes so I need to address that later if it's all

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1 right.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Fine.

3 POPPY CHAIR HAYES: And then I have a special
4 award. Lois, could you please come up here? I'd like to
5 present you with this for everything that you've done.

6 (Applause.)

7 POPPY PRODUCTION MANAGER CORNISH: I have
8 enjoyed the last 20 years -- can you hear me? I have
9 enjoyed the last 20 years that I've worked with the
10 veterans making poppies. Every year I say I have the best
11 people in San Diego County and it's still happening. And
12 they just came to. I mean they hit it hard and made all
13 those poppies with the help of Escondido Unit 149 and Mesa
14 Unit 282. They made -- Mesa made 7,000 and Escondido made

15 13,000 and my veterans made the rest.

16 (Applause.)

17 POPPY PRODUCTION MANAGER CORNISH: They're the
18 ones that deserve this. And I thank you all. And if I
19 made a mistake in your order, I'm sorry. And the last
20 one, the last ones that we were asked to send out were
21 those that were assessed and my Poppy makers came back.
22 They were terrific people. And I never have had two
23 people in the same year after year. Different ones every
24 year. And we have gone through 12,000 people. But as
25 long as I'm able to do it, I will continue with

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1 everybody's blessing.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Thank you, Lois.

4 POPPY CHAIR HAYES: I have thoroughly enjoyed
5 being your Poppy Chairman. Thank you for making this
6 program and year a pleasant memory. You are an awesome
7 team. And I thank the Poppy committee for the additional
8 help yesterday and everything they did in the Poppy
9 committee.

10 Thank you, Madam President, for asking me to be
11 the 2021-2022 chairman. It's such a wonderful worthwhile
12 program. Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Thank you.

15 Linda, are you ready? Susan Baker, are you
16 ready?

17 Okay. Susan, I didn't see you behind Linda.

18 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: I was hiding.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Yes. I would like
20 to.

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24 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: Madam President -- I'm
25 doing it this way. Madam President and Auxiliary members,

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1 I have some very exciting news for you. As of this
2 morning, Department is at 99.49 percent of goal.

3 (Applause.)

4 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: We have 17,843 members
5 in the ALAMIS and we only need 91 more to reach the
6 magical number. I have a solution for making California a
7 golden partner, and with your help we can make it a
8 reality. We currently have 142 unpaid juniors. I have
9 the list right here. The collective cost of this per
10 capita is \$426. I understand this is more renewals than

11 we need for goal; however, wouldn't it be wonderful to
12 invest in the future of our organization and send Madam
13 Department President Dee Ann off to National Convention as
14 a gold department.

15 If each of you would be willing to donate \$2, we
16 could easily raise the per capita needed. Any funds in
17 excess would be donated to Madam President's special
18 project. And by investing in our juniors, it would put us
19 at 100.28 percent. Let's do it. Let's make it happen.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yesterday we
21 received a \$50 donation from District 7. That's going to
22 pay for our first 12.

23 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: And I have some bags
24 here that we're going to pass around.

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Have the

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1 Juniors pass them around. Okay. They're right back here.

2 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: All right. Thank you.
3 Wonderful. Here's some Juniors. No, they can do the
4 bags. There you go.

5 Okay. And so a little bit of bedlam is
6 happening. Please, can I have your attention. Oh, God
7 bless you. Please, this is -- this is Donna Mattox, Area
8 5 Membership Rep. She has an important announcement for

9 you.

10 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AREA 5 MATTOX: Good
11 afternoon, ladies. Our Fifth Area, we meet every other
12 month. We have opportunity drawings. If everyone for the
13 Fifth Area could please stand up for the five districts
14 that we have. Thank you, ladies. This year District 29
15 with a percentage of 106 percent -- 106.16 percent came in
16 first place in our Fifth Area.

17 (Applause.)

18 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AREA 5 MATTOX:
19 Congratulations, ladies. And they just told me from the
20 opportunity drawings, they get that plus a first place
21 trophy. They are donating the \$357.

22 (Applause.)

23 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: Okay. Let's get these
24 into ALAMIS so that we can do this. That's a lot of
25 money. I like it. Thank you. Oh, and here's \$100 from

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1 District 21.

2 (Applause.)

3 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: It's raining bucks.

4 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: We've got a
5 \$100 donation from Melanie Taylor.

6 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: Thank you. All right.

7 We've got to get that into ALAMIS first. So we are going
8 to go to convention as a golden department.

9 (Applause.)

10 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: Okay.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Right now we're
12 11th at National, so --

13 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: But we're number one
14 really, like Linda says.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: And Western
16 Division is number one.

17 (Applause.)

18 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: Ladies, I thank you for
19 your hard work. You've done a lot of hard work. It's
20 been a hard year, but it was worth the effort. I really
21 think so. Communication is everything and oversight is so
22 important. So thank you for that. I'm through with my
23 asides now. Let's get down to business.

24 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT TEAM AREA 2 CANONIZADO: Madam
25 President, District 8, San Francisco Unit 1 wants to say

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1 thank you for being -- my unit being 100 percent. We made
2 it. So I've got \$7. Here you go. Thank you for
3 everything because we need the president coming in again,
4 I'm very proud to be part of this group. Thank you.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Thank you, Teresa.

6 Thank you all, girls.

7 (Applause.)

8 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: Okay. I'll start with
9 my committee report. The convention committee on
10 Membership met on June 23rd, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the
11 Cedar Room at the Wyndham Hotel in Visalia, California.
12 The statistical report of this chairman appears on page 22
13 in the Book of Reports.

14 Dolly Rios, District 9, Unit 202 was appointed
15 secretary. Cece Harvey, District 13, Unit 564 was
16 appointed chaplain. Arlene Smith, District 11, Unit 108
17 was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. The chaplain offered
18 prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A total
19 of 16 delegates answered roll call. There were six
20 visitors present.

21 The committee agreed upon the following report:
22 The code was read and the committee approved the following
23 changes to put before the general membership for approval.
24 There was a housekeeping change in item 3 that doesn't
25 require member approval.

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1 Moving on, next would be item 6 which now reads:

2 "The District President shall be responsible for providing

3 assistance or information on transferring members whose
4 Unit Charters are being cancelled. (2015)."

5 The committee recommends that item 6 be amended
6 to read as follows so that the District Presidents know
7 they are responsible for providing oversight and
8 information to Units on the transfer of members from Units
9 whose charters are being cancelled. It would read: "The
10 District President shall be responsible for providing
11 oversight and information on transferring members from
12 Units whose charters are being cancelled. (2022)."

13 I move for approval.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Motion on the floor
15 to change item 6, "The District President shall be
16 responsible for providing assistance or information or
17 transferring members whose Unit Charters are being
18 cancelled. (2025)." It's recommended -- that's "(2015.)"

19 "The District Presidents shall be responsible for
20 providing oversight and information on transferring
21 members from Units whose Charters are being cancelled.
22 (2022)."

23 Any further discussion?

24 (No response.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none, all



1 in favor?

2 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Motion carried.

6 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: Thank you. Item 8 now

7 reads: "The Department Office shall publish weekly

8 updates on the Department website the Membership

9 statistical information provided from National. (2016)."

10 The committee recommends that item 8 be rewritten

11 as follows to clean up awkward language: "The Membership

12 statistical information provided from National shall be

13 published weekly on the Department website by the

14 Department Office. (2022)."

15 I move for approval.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There's a motion on

17 the floor to change item 8 -- sorry. Code 8 -- I'm

18 reading off the paper, so -- "The Department Office shall

19 publish weekly updates on the Department website the

20 Membership statistical information provided from National.

21 (2016)."

22 Code 8 will read: "The membership statistical

23 information provided from National shall be published

24 weekly on the Department website by the Department Office.

25 (2022)."



1 Any further discussion?

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none, all
4 in favor?

5 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Motion carried.

9 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: Thank you. Item 9 now
10 reads: "When a District achieves goal, an appropriate
11 notification shall be sent from the Department Office to
12 the District President with a copy to the Department
13 President at the discretion of the Department Membership
14 Chairman. (1990)."

15 The committee recommends that item 9 be amended
16 as follows as it should be the Department Membership
17 Chairman's responsibility to congratulate districts and
18 notify the Department President when goal is achieved, not
19 the Department Office. So it would read: "When a
20 District achieves goal, an appropriate notification shall
21 be sent by the Department Membership Chairman to the
22 District President and Membership Chairman, with a copy to
23 the Department President. (2022)."

24 I move for approval.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Item 9 now reads:

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1 "When a District achieves goal, an appropriate
2 notification shall be sent from the Department Office to
3 the District President with a copy to the Department
4 President at the discretion of the Department Chairman.
5 (1990)."

6 It will read, it will be changed to: "9. When a
7 District achieves goal, an appropriate notification shall
8 be sent by the Department Membership Chairman to the
9 District President and Membership Chairman with a copy to
10 the Department President. (2022)."

11 Any further discussion? No. It's been seconded
12 in committee. Any further? Is there any further?

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All in favor?

15 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: It's approved.

19 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: Thank you. Now under

20 "Department Awards," item 1 now reads: "Early Bird

21 Citation. Awarded to Units equaling or exceeding their

22 membership of the previous year's actual membership at
23 close of books (not goal) by postmark date of November
24 12."

25 The committee recommends amending this item as

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1 well to comply with the deadline set by National. It
2 would read: "Early Bird Citation. Awarded to Units
3 equally or exceeding their membership of the previous
4 year's actual membership at close of books (not goal) by
5 November 11th and verified by ALAMIS."

6 I move for approval.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There's a motion on
8 the floor to change Code 1, "Early Bird Citation. Awarded
9 to Units equaling or exceeding their membership of the
10 previous year's actual membership at the close of books
11 (not goal) by postmark date of November 12."

12 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TOZIER: 11th.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: She's reading the
14 original code.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: It will now read:
16 "Early Bird Citation. Awarded to Units equaling or
17 exceeding their membership of the previous year's actual
18 membership at close of books (not goal) by November 11 and
19 verified by ALAMIS."

20 Any further discussion?

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All in favor?

23 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All opposed?

25 (No response.)

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Motion carried.

2 Thank you.

3 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: And finally, under
4 "Department Awards," item 6(a) now reads: "6(a) Unit must
5 have received a Department Membership Citation." This
6 rule relates to the Edward Elks Memorial Award, formerly
7 the Colleen Award, which requires that the Unit reach goal
8 to be eligible for the award.

9 The committee recommends amending 6(a) as
10 follows: "Unit must have received a Department goal
11 citation."

12 I move for approval.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There's a motion on
14 the floor to change item 6(a): "Unit must have received a
15 Department Membership Citation." This rule relates to the
16 Edward Elks Memorial Award, formerly the Colleen Award
17 which requires that the unit reach goal to be eligible.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Any further -- I
17 was going to say "destruction." Any further discussion?

18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All in favor?

20 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none,
24 motion carries.

25 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: 100 percent reporting

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1 certificates were given to District 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13,
2 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, and 29. And awards
3 for second and third place supplementals were awarded in
4 committee. The Commish thanked the District Chairmen for
5 their year-end reports and the fabulous work done by the
6 Department of California this year. A closing prayer was
7 given and the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

8 Madam President, may I continue with my report?

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Please.

10 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: I don't know why every
11 time -- excuse me.

12 Okay. Your Surfing Competition Commish is
13 extremely proud of the work completed by the Department of

14 California units and districts to ensure that our
15 membership numbers remain healthy. As we recover from the
16 COVID-19 pandemic, so does Auxiliary membership. At the
17 close of books on May 10th, the Department had 17,326
18 members including 16,037 seniors and 1,289 juniors. We
19 were at 96.61 percent of our goal of 17,924. That should
20 have been 934 members.

21 This represents an increase of over 255 over last
22 year. A total of 1,608 new members joined the California
23 Auxiliary this year, and of these 55 are male. Thanks for
24 your hard -- thanks to your hard work, our Department will
25 receive a National \$250 Show Me the Money Award.

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1 (Applause.)

2 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: Eight California units
3 met the requirements for the National Unit Award For
4 Excellence for reaching goal by November 11th. Twenty-six
5 units and one district reached goal or better by December
6 31st, 2021, and an additional 74 units and eight districts
7 also attained goal by the close of books on May 10th. We
8 have had some other units, additional units make goal
9 since then.

10 Another eight units -- another eight units and
11 three districts reached goal by June 10th. Way to go,

12 California.

13 (Applause.)

14 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: Seventy-eight units
15 reached goal plus two or more by May 10th. The complete
16 list of goal units and Josie Melgard award winners was
17 placed in district caucus packets.

18 Now if your unit received a Josie Melgard award,
19 please rise and be recognized. Come on. Stand up.
20 That's goal plus two. There you go.

21 (Applause.)

22 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: Working the program.
23 Love it. Of the 244 active units in California, 211
24 submitted year-end reports to their respective District
25 Chairman and the Commish is happy to share with you some

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1 of their wonderful accomplishments in this program.

2 We'll start with James V. Perneti Unit 166 in
3 District 12. They reached 119.44 percent of goal simply
4 by holding membership drives at local -- I'm sorry -- at
5 social and veteran events throughout the year and reaching
6 out to Post 166 spouses and VFW members.

7 District 16 units actively promoted membership.
8 San Luis Obispo Unit 66 maintains a telephone tree system
9 which is used to check on members and encourage them to

10 renew their membership.

11 William Bill Proud Unit 211 held a luncheon and
12 invited all members to attend with a friend as a way to
13 recruit new members.

14 Walter Ski Gamulski Unit 482 partners with the
15 Daughters of the American Revolution and the local Chamber
16 of Commerce at community events to entice members to join
17 the Auxiliary.

18 Camarillo Unit 741 members manned membership
19 tables at numerous community events where Auxiliary and
20 Membership information was prominently displayed.

21 District 17 Units revised their Standing Rules to
22 include paying the per capita for members 85 years and
23 older who reside in existing living facilities and nursing
24 homes and also paid the per capita for active duty female
25 veterans. Upon separation from service the veteran will

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1 then pay only the per capita to the district.

2 District 18 members in Monterey Park Unit 397 all
3 paid their 2022 dues online and the Unit was at 121.43
4 percent on May 10th. That's not bad.

5 (Applause.)

6 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: District 21 unit members
7 attended community events where they distributed a

8 marketing flyer and flag star business style card created
9 by an Auxiliary member. These tools have helped to
10 increase membership district wide.

11 District 25 units challenged each other to see
12 who could achieve the highest percentage of goal for the
13 year, and the unit with the largest percentage by the last
14 district meeting of the year received a fire pit.

15 George Tadlock -- I'm sorry. George Tadlock
16 E-Unit 472 in District 26 made goal by December 31st and
17 21 of their 39 members paid dues online.

18 A member of District 28 Prunedale Unit 593
19 recruited 14 new members and is eligible for a 10 New in
20 2022 Award from National.

21 (Applause.)

22 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: California's Membership
23 year began with a two-day Department workshop in Clovis,
24 California where information on current program materials
25 including brochures, handouts, unit membership records,

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1 and their safekeeping was reviewed.

2 At our Mid-Year Department Executive Committee
3 meeting, Department hosted a Program Fair and visitors to
4 the Membership table were invited to answer a ten-question
5 quiz about the Auxiliary. Those who scored 100 percent

6 received a grab bag prize for their perfect 10 scores. At
7 the midyear Membership party during DEC, certificates were
8 awarded to all units and districts who reached 35 percent,
9 75 percent, and goal by December 31st.

10 The Commish wrote articles pertaining to
11 Membership which were published in the September, January,
12 March, and June issues of the Auxiliary Hub. Additionally
13 the Commish also wrote monthly Membership bulletins that
14 are also published on the website.

15 Chairing Membership for the Department of
16 California this year has been extremely challenging, yet
17 very, very rewarding. This chairman believes that paying
18 dues online is the way of the future. The process is easy
19 and can be accomplished without having to leave the
20 comfort of one's home, something many members find most
21 appealing. I being one of them.

22 It is inevitable that ALAMIS will soon only do
23 business online. Three California units participated in
24 an online pilot program for Membership this year and all
25 appear to be extremely happy with their processing

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1 experiences.

2 However, it is important to remember that not all
3 chairmen are computer savvy. Some do not have Internet,

4 computers, or tablets, which makes it very difficult for
5 them to keep up with the ebb and flow of information in
6 the techie world. So instead of emailing and texting
7 program information to those members, the Commish sends it
8 to them the old-fashioned way, via the U.S. Postal
9 Service.

10 Moving forward we must continue to find ways to
11 accommodate the nonusers at all levels. If we're to
12 experience continued success as an organization, we must
13 not leave anyone behind. Communication and information
14 coupled with patience and understanding are paramount to
15 establishing good working relationships with unit and
16 district chairmen. We don't all work at the same speed or
17 see things in the same light, however, making time to
18 provide instruction and guidance to members who request
19 help has certainly enabled this chairman to forge some
20 lasting friendships within the organization.

21 This concludes my statistical report, Madam
22 President. May I continue with my awards?

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Please.

24 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: Okay. I need two hands
25 for this. So the award for membership first place, the

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1 award for Best Supplement District Supplemental goes to

2 Ann Kelley, District 12.

3 (Applause.)

4 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: First place Best Unit
5 Supplemental goes to Suzanne Winters, Fair Oaks Unit 383,
6 District 6.

7 (Applause.)

8 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: Okay. The Ethel Flynn
9 Award for the unit with the greatest numerical gain over
10 goal from last year's clothes of books to May 10th goes to
11 Newport Harbor Unit 291. We need somebody to come up.

12 (Applause.)

13 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: The Estella Hannell
14 Memorial Award for the district with the greatest
15 numerical gain over goal from last year's close of books
16 to May 10th, 2022 goes to Carol Borgman, District 29,
17 Membership Chair, with an increase of 209 members.

18 (Applause.)

19 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: Okay. All right. And
20 then the Edward Elks Memorial Award and check for \$100
21 goes to Monterey Cypress Unit 694, District 28, Rebecca
22 Glenny, President.

23 (Applause.)

24 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: She's near and dear to
25 my heart.



1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: If nobody knows
2 her, she's our webmaster.

3 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: And finally Rodi
4 Andreescu is not here, is she? I do have -- at DEC, the
5 Commish decided that she would make a personal donation of
6 \$100 to the District Membership Chair whose district had
7 the largest percentage of goal by May 10. And the cash
8 award is to be used to promote ALA members in 2022-2023.
9 I'm please to announce that the winner of the Surfing
10 Commissioner's Longboard Award ending the year at 123.66
11 is Rodi Andreescu, District 17, Membership Chair.

12 (Applause.)

13 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: Well, money bags over
14 here informs me that our little collection was \$845.44.

15 (Applause.)

16 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: That's a morning. I've
17 done my work, now I can go home.

18 Madam President, I'd like to go -- never mind.
19 In closing, please remember enthusiasm is catchy and there
20 is no "I" in team. Thank you for this appointment, Madam
21 President. And as you say, the Department of California
22 Auxiliary will continue to turn heads and make waves as we
23 move into the 2022-'23 year.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Thank you, Susan.

25 (Applause.)

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1 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: More money.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Is Allyn in the
3 house? Allyn Kau. We're going to have VA&R and then
4 Girls State.

5 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: I'd like to have all of the
6 medical representatives please line up at the back of the
7 room. All of the medical representatives and deputies
8 please line up at the back of the room. I should have
9 said hospital representatives and deputies.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: We're going to have
11 to do this after Elections.

12 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: I'm sorry. I've been
13 replaced by Elections.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: We were just going
15 until 10:00 o'clock.

16 Ladies, we will have a 15-minute recess as the
17 district presidents will take a roll call and be able to
18 report when the secretary calls.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Never mind.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Ladies, we're going
21 to take a five-minute break real quick

22 (Recess from 9:59 a.m. to 10:11 a.m.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: This session will
24 come to order. Will everyone please be seated with their
25 respective districts. Please remember that only delegates

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1 and alternates taking the place of delegates will be
2 allowed to be in the room during elections.

3 Will the Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant
4 Sergeant-at-Arms see that everybody who's in the lobby
5 knows that doors are being closed for the election process
6 and if they want to come in, do so immediately, checking
7 their badge and then closing the doors. No one will be
8 permitted to enter or leave except in an emergency until
9 the Chair states that the elections are concluded.

10 We will now have the report of Election Chairman
11 Kathy Newlen followed by the reading of the election
12 rules.

13 ELECTIONS CHAIR NEWLEN: You want me to report
14 first on the election first?

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16 ELECTIONS CONVENTION REPORT

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18 ELECTIONS CHAIR NEWLEN: The convention committee
19 on Elections met on June 23rd, 2022 in the Laurel Room.

20 The statistical report of this chairman appears on N/A in

21 the Book of Reports. There isn't one.

22 Lois Cornish was appointed as our secretary,
23 Yvonne Evans offered prayer, and Janet Payne was appointed
24 as our Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 13 district delegates
25 answered roll call. There were two visitors present.

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1 The committee agreed upon the following report.
2 There are no codes for Elections committee, but the
3 committee of the Elections is in the Department Standing
4 Rules found on page 7 and 8 as item 2 with sub items (a)
5 through (m). The Standing Rules were presented and minor
6 housekeeping changes with the exception of (l) and (m).
7 No change to the existing Standing Rules except for the
8 addition of clarification in wording.

9 Standing Rule 2(1) reads: "The vote of any
10 delegate absent and not represented by an alternate shall
11 be cast by the Chairman of the delegation." That is how
12 it reads now.

13 The clarification that I'm proposing to be added
14 to the Standing Rule 2(1) reads: "If there is no one
15 present from the Unit Delegation at the time of the vote,
16 those votes are null and void." I think most of us know
17 that, but there are some that don't so I thought that
18 would be a good clarification.

19 I move to add the proposed clarification to the
20 end of the existing Standing Rule 2(1). It will read in
21 its entirety: "The vote of any delegate absent and not
22 represented by an alternate shall be cast by the Unit
23 Chairman of the delegation. If there is no one present
24 from the unit delegation at the time of the vote, those
25 votes are null and void."

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1 Any discussion?

2 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Hold on. You
3 guys are out of order. It's the Chair. The Chair will
4 call for that.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There's a motion on
6 the floor to propose a clarification to the end of
7 Standing Rule 2. It will read: "The vote of any delegate
8 absent and not represented by an alternate shall be cast
9 by the Unit Chairman of the delegation. If there is no
10 one present from the unit delegation at the time of the
11 vote, those votes are null and void."

12 Any further discussion?

13 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Madam
14 Department President, Anita Biggs, Past Department
15 President. These changes to the Standing Rule need to go
16 to the Constitution & Bylaws Chairman. The Elections

17 Chairman should confer with the Constitution & Bylaws to
18 change our standing rules.

19 Did you confer with Gloria?

20 ELECTIONS CHAIR NEWLEN: Well, I had no -- I was
21 unaware. Whatever you let me know. If you want me to do
22 that, just let me know.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: If Anita is
24 correct, which is probably correct, at the recommendation
25 the incoming Constitution & Bylaws Chairman we need to go

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1 through with them.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: These changes have
3 not been seen by our Constitution & Bylaws Chairman Gloria
4 Williams, so these changes will be handed to the incoming
5 Constitution & Bylaws Chairman for review for vote next
6 year or possible change.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Already putting you
8 to work.

9 ELECTIONS CHAIR NEWLEN: So, Madam President,
10 before I read the rules for the election, I want to thank
11 you for this appointment. This is a first for me for this
12 kind of appointment, so --

13 All right. The committee on Elections. The
14 purpose of the Election Committee is to review existing

15 rules, make appropriate changes, and present them to the
16 delegation at the appropriate time. But also it needs to
17 go through the Constitution & Bylaws.

18 A. Said committee shall consist of a chairman
19 appointed by the Department President and one member
20 appointed from each district delegation by the District
21 President.

22 B. It shall be the duly -- duty of said election
23 committee to count the ballots without regard to the
24 district groupings, and the election committee chairman
25 shall announce the number of votes cast for each

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1 candidate. It's the last page of the document I gave you.

2 C. No one shall be permitted to enter or leave
3 meeting room during voting.

4 D. District roll call shall be taken to
5 determine that a quorum is present at the time of roll
6 call.

7 E. Each district president shall be responsible
8 to the convention to report the number of units in good
9 standing partially or wholly represented by duly elected
10 delegates or alternates present in the delegation at the
11 time of roll call.

12 F. District roll call shall be taken for the

13 purpose of obtaining voting strength of the convention.
14 Each District President shall be responsible to the
15 convention body that the number of votes cast shall not
16 exceed the voting strength at the time of roll call.

17 G. When there is but one candidate for all
18 offices or Member of Finance Committee, the nominee shall
19 be elected viva voce.

20 When there is more than one -- excuse me. H.
21 When there is more than one candidate for office or member
22 of Finance Committee, election shall be by written ballot.

23 I. When there are three or more nominees for
24 office, Junior Member of Finance, or endorsement for
25 National Office, unless one nominee receives a majority

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1 vote on the first ballot, the nominee receiving the lowest
2 number of votes shall automatically be dropped before
3 proceeding with the next ballot.

4 J. All members seeking National Office shall be
5 endorsed at a Department Convention by a majority vote not
6 more than three years prior to the date they are to be a
7 candidate for office. Vote shall be by viva voce, unless
8 there is more than one candidate then the vote shall be by
9 ballot.

10 K. Procedure of election shall be written ballot

11 cast by delegated body. Each delegate shall cast their
12 ballot in a sealed individual district ballot receptacle.
13 The District President and the district member of the
14 election committee shall be in charge of said receptacle.
15 When the balloting is completed in each district, the
16 District President and district member of the election
17 committee shall deliver the ballot receptacle to the
18 chairman of the election committee who shall remain on the
19 platform in the convention hall until ballots from all
20 districts have been deposited. That was changed in 2019.

21 The vote of any delegate -- this is on L --
22 absent or not represented by an alternate shall be cast by
23 the chairman of the delegation.

24 M. Last, but not least, a majority of votes cast
25 shall elect except in the case of national delegates and

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1 alternates wherein a plurality vote shall elect.

2 That is the complete list. At this time I think
3 most of our votes are going to be viva voce. Is there
4 anything else I need to do at this point?

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Will the District
6 Presidents please proceed to the microphone and line up
7 numerically. The Secretary will call the roll of
8 districts in numerical order. Are the doors secured? No

9 one entering, please.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. District 1
11 there is nobody present, so zero.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Ladies.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 2, how
14 many delegates?

15 DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT SANDERS: Mary Sanders,
16 District 2, four delegates.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you.
18 District 3 nobody is present. Zero delegates. District
19 4.

20 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT BROWN: District 4, Nancy
21 Brown, we have three votes.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you.
23 District 5.

24 DISTRICT 5 PRESIDENT JEWELL: District 5, Lynn
25 Jewell. We have two delegates.

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1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you.

2 District 6.

3 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT WINTERS: Suzanne Winters,
4 District 6. We have 19.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you.

6 District 7.

7 DISTRICT 7 PRESIDENT MUNROE: Melise Munroe,
8 District 7, 11.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you.
10 District 8.

11 DISTRICT 8 PRESIDENT CANONIZADO: San Francisco
12 1. Oh, Teresa Canonizado, District 8, San Francisco Unit
13 1.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you.
15 District 9.

16 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT BEAN: Vicky Bean. Four
17 delegates.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you.
19 District 10.

20 DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT MAR: Susan Mar, District
21 10. Six.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you.
23 District 11.

24 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT MUNROE: Twelve.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you.

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1 District 12.

2 DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT ESTAVILLO: District 12
3 Elizabeth Estavillo. Our strength is seven.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you.

5 District 13.

6 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT NEWLEN: District 13, five.

7 Six?

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Did somebody leave?

9 Is somebody not here?

10 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT NEWLEN: No. Three and

11 five.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I have you as six.

13 Debbie is four and two.

14 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT NEWLEN: You're right. It

15 is four and two. Six. Thank you.

16 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT HURADO: Debbie Hurado,

17 District 14. We have 17.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you.

19 District 15.

20 DISTRICT 15 PRESIDENT RISNER: Genieca Risner,

21 District 15. We have 17.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you.

23 District 16.

24 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT OCLARAY: Terry Oclaray,

25 District 16. We have 26.

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1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Perfect. Thank

2 you. District 17.

3 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT NUNEZ: Teresa Nunez. We
4 have one.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you.
6 District 18.

7 DISTRICT 18 PRESIDENT TABACCHI: We have 19.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you.
9 District 19.

10 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT DIEBEL: We have 19. Tammy
11 Sollazzo has left.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Who?

13 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT DIEBEL: Tammy Sollazzo.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Unit -- what unit
15 is she in?

16 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT DIEBEL: 496 if I can
17 remember correctly.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: But she's a
19 delegate in her own right.

20 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT DIEBEL: In her own right.
21 That's why I took out one. So we were at 20, we take her
22 off, we're now at 19.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I had 21. You've
24 got two more that showed up this morning?

25 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT DIEBEL: I just talked to



1 you just a little bit ago and you said we only had 20.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I had you at 21.

3 Can you grab the --

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Almost had it.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yeah. Go on the

6 other side. District 20.

7 DISTRICT 20 PRESIDENT LANDAN: We have 20.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Correct. Thank

9 you. District 21.

10 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT FEDEROWSKI: District 21

11 has 16.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you.

13 District 22.

14 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT MANNO: Sixteen.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: You have more

16 people register this morning. Go talk to Debbie, please.

17 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT MANNO: How about 19?

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: You're correct now.

19 District 23.

20 DISTRICT 23 PRESIDENT WALLACE: District 23 is

21 20.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 23 is

23 correct. Thank you. Twenty-four.

24 DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT ROMANO: Thirteen.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you.



1 District 25.

2 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT KURKOSKE: Thirty-five.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: No. Oh, wait. You
4 had four leave. My copy is not corrected. You are
5 correct.

6 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT KURKOSKE: Thank you.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I somehow got the
8 one copy that didn't get corrected for them of course.

9 District 26.

10 DISTRICT 26 PRESIDENT TOYE: District 26 has six.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: You have -- Allyn
12 is still here; right?

13 DISTRICT 26 PRESIDENT TOYE: Nancy was.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: But I had --

15 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Allyn is here.

16 DISTRICT 26 PRESIDENT TOYE: Yeah.

17 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Did somebody
18 leave?

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: You were at seven
20 this morning and then Allyn came.

21 DISTRICT 26 PRESIDENT TOYE: Okay.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Go to the sandbox.

23 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT WHITE: Nine.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: You have one more
25 this morning, but it should count for four.

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1 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT WHITE: We want the sign --
2 okay.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I think I gave you
4 the wrong number. And we had it -- oh, yeah.

5 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT WHITE: Yeah.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: So we're fine. So
7 LuAnn was --

8 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT WHITE: Diane was there and
9 she signed it.

10 CREDENTIALS CHAIR HURADO: She's has 20. That
11 person that registered is two votes for 19. We have them
12 at 21.

13 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Wait a minute.
14 Who are you guys talking about?

15 CREDENTIALS CHAIR HURADO: District 19.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Can we finish
17 the districts?

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes, ma'am. Go to
19 the sandbox.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Go to the sandbox.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 28, I have

22 17 delegates. I know that's correct because I went and
23 verified right before we walked over here. District 29.

24 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: Carol Borgman.
25 District 29, ten.

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1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you. And
2 then District 30 there's nobody present. We're going to
3 go back to District 19.

4 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT DIEBEL: We had 21. Tammy
5 Sollazzo is not here so we're down to 19.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Perfect.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Kids are still
8 playing in the sandbox.

9 DEPARTMENT EDUCATION CHAIR FALKENBERG: Liz,
10 District 28?

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I said it.
12 District 28 I said there was 17.

13 DEPARTMENT EDUCATION CHAIR FALKENBERG: We
14 couldn't hear you.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Sorry.

16 DEPARTMENT RULES CHAIR MOORE: They want to know
17 26 and 27 had how many?

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: They're in the
19 sandbox.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Twenty-six we're
21 still verifying. Twenty-seven we're verifying.

22 NEC WOMAN MARTINEZ: Yeah, they're in the
23 sandbox.

24 DEPARTMENT RULES CHAIR MOORE: They're in the
25 sandbox.

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1 CREDENTIALS CHAIR HURADO: She has eight.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 26?

3 DISTRICT 26 PRESIDENT TOYE: Eight.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Perfect. Thank
5 you.

6 DEPARTMENT RULES CHAIR MOORE: Can you repeat 29
7 again?

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Twenty-nine has
9 ten.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: We need a surfing
11 song.

12 (Music playing.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Okay. Ladies, hold
14 onto your balls.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 27.

16 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT WHITE: Ten.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: For a total of 343.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Debbie, Credentials

21 Chairman Debbie Hurado will give the final credential

22 report and we will have -- we will now have our elections.

23 As soon as the Credentials Chairman has tallied the

24 totals, we will have a final credential report.

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1 FINAL CREDENTIALS REPORT

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3 CREDENTIALS CHAIR HURADO: Okay. I think I want
4 to thank President Dee Ann for giving me this opportunity
5 to grow.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Is that grow gray
7 hair?

8 CREDENTIALS CHAIR HURADO: I think so. Madam
9 President Dee Ann, thank you for the honor of serving you
10 and the Department of California on this chairmanship. It
11 has been a challenging yet valuable learning experience.

12 This morning I met with the District Presidents
13 and Department Secretary Liz Doidge. We went over the
14 procedures on how to poll the districts and what is
15 expected. Questions were asked answered and we -- I think

16 a lot of people learned a lot of things about how to count
17 numbers. And we had it down, but then some people left.
18 So questions were asked and answered and so hopefully we
19 can catch a wave to a speedy election.

20 My sincere appreciation to Lois Cornish and Vicky
21 Crow for helping to avoid a wipeout. Also Department
22 Secretary Liz Doidge, Credentials Chairman Danielle White,
23 and all the members who stepped up and took roles of
24 registration secretaries when they saw the need.

25 I want to especially thank Lucy Rocha and Linda

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1 Ferris who worked the registration tables constantly and
2 for all of you who worked. You did an outstanding job.

3 I want to interject that when you get the numbers
4 of registered secretaries, they are very, very few and you
5 get to convention and they said, oh, well, every district
6 should have one. They do not. So, you know, if that's
7 something you like to do and like to sit and talk to
8 people as they come in, register, sign up.

9 And so my final word on that is the great surfing
10 word "Cowabunga." The total strength of this convention
11 is 343, divided by half is 172, plus one shows that we
12 need 173 votes to elect. Thank you again.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Thanks, Debbie.

15 The election now of the Department President.

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17 RATIFICATION OF ELECTIONS

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19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There is but one

20 nominee for the office of Department President, Gloria

21 Williams. All in -- where is Gloria? Stand so we know

22 who we're voting for.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Get up.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Gloria, will you

25 stand up, please, and then mosey on down to the front here

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1 so we can see our candidates afterwards.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Okay. All those in

4 favor of electing Gloria Williams for Department

5 President, signify by saying aye.

6 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Opposed say no.

8 (No response.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: You have elected

10 Gloria Williams for Department President for 2022-2023.

11 Congratulations, Gloria.

12 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you.

13 Thank you.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There is but one
15 nominee -- please be seated in your delegation.

16 Gloria, you can stay up here with me.

17 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: I'm
18 following instructions.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There is but one
20 nominee for the office of Department Vice President,
21 Glenda Schultz.

22 Will you stand?

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All those in favor
25 of electing Glenda Schultz for the Department Vice

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1 President, signify by saying aye.

2 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none,
6 you've elected Gloria -- Glenda Schultz for Department
7 Vice President for 2022-2023.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Congratulations,

10 Glenda.

11 Elections of Junior Member of Finance. There is
12 but one candidate for the office of Junior Member of
13 Finance, Teresa Nunez. All those in favor -- all those in
14 favor of electing Teresa Nunez for Junior Member of
15 Finance, signify by saying aye.

16 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: You've elected
20 Teresa Nunez as Junior Member of Finance for the year
21 2022-2023.

22 Congratulations, Teresa.

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Okay. We will now
25 proceed. You get all the photos. The secretary will now

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1 read the names of the nominees for delegates to the
2 National Convention.

3 Thank you, ladies. Congratulations.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Again please sit
6 with your delegation.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Do I read off the

8 National Delegates? Okay. So National Delegates are
9 Department President Dee Ann Graham, President Elect
10 Gloria Williams, Secretary Elizabeth Doidge, and National
11 Chairman Melanie Taylor. Do I have to read all the ones
12 that passed or just the ones --

13 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: The ones that
14 were nominated.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 7 Glenda
16 Schultz. District 9 Linda Workman. District 11 Grace
17 Huston. District 14 Debra Hurado. District 16 Linda
18 Fercho. District 17 Teresa Nunez. District 18 Maureen
19 O'Brien-Sacco. District 20 Nancy Heinisch. District 22
20 Suzanne Tozier. District 23 Anita Biggs. District 25
21 Carol Fuqua. District 27 Danielle White, and District 28
22 Susan Baker.

23 I move that we elect these delegates to National
24 Convention.

25 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Second.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There's a motion on
2 the floor to -- I'm losing it. There's a motion on the
3 floor to elect the delegates for National Convention as
4 read. All in favor?

5 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: I forgot the
7 discussion. Do you want to talk about this?

8 (No response.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All in favor say
10 aye.

11 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none,
15 motion carried. You have elected the delegates to
16 National Convention. Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: The secretary may
19 now read the list of nominees for the Alternates to
20 National Convention.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 2 Carolyn
22 Glenn. District 7 Bonnie Bradbury. District 11 Marcia
23 Munroe. District 16 Cynthia Oliphant. District 16 Tracy
24 Varnell Fercho. District 6 Gina Lugo-Tully. District 20
25 Linda Hayes. District 22 Lois Cornish. District 23 Lucy

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1 Hunt. District 24 Martha Romano. District 25 Tami Bell.
2 District 26 Arlene Muller, and District 27 Susan
3 Zimmerman.

4 I move that we accept or elect the alternates to
5 National Convention.

6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: Second.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: It's been moved and
8 seconded to elect the alternates as read. Is there any
9 discussion?

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All those in favor
12 say aye.

13 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none,
17 you've elected the alternates to National Convention.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Elected delegates
20 and alternates you can pick up your packets in the
21 department headquarters. And you have to sign for them.

22 We will now proceed to ratify the election of
23 District Presidents and Vice Presidents. Madam Secretary,
24 please read the names of District Presidents Elect.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I forgot about that

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2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: It's easy to
3 forget.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yeah, but it's not
5 here. It's on my laptop in the office.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: So where's the
7 surfer girl with the music? That would be the Transistor
8 Sister. I don't know if you guys heard all the names of
9 my chairmen, but she was Transistor Sister. And a little
10 story about Gloria. I had her as Salty Sister and she
11 said: "Dee Ann, no," she goes, "I need another name." So
12 I gave her three choices and she came up with Moana. So I
13 thought that was clever. And that is a surfer term.

14 (Music playing.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Okay. Hold onto
16 those balls, ladies. We have to get serious.

17 Ladies, the back door is to be locked. Delegates
18 and alternates have to stay seated during the elections.

19 Madam Secretary, please read the names of the
20 District Presidents Elect.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 1 I have
22 not received anything. District 2 -- District 1 nobody.
23 District 2 Judy Henderson. District 3 Lola Ramey.
24 District 4 Nancy Brown. District 5 Linda Karnstedt.
25 District 6 Suzanne Winters. District 7 Melise Munroe.



1 District 8 Teresa Canonizado. District 9. I know I
2 received it, but I don't have it in my spreadsheet.
3 Vicky -- that's what I thought.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Say it again.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Workman. District
6 9 is Linda Workman. District 10 Susan Mar. District 11
7 Arlene Smith. District 12 I do not have. District 13 is
8 Cindy Newlen. District 14 is Debra Hurado. No?

9 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT HURADO: Yeah.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. This is why
11 paperwork getting in in time is important because I didn't
12 have time to do this. District 15 is Zana Chaney.
13 District 16 I do not have. District 17 is Teresa Nunez.
14 And I totally forgot about this. I should have done this
15 last night. District 18 is Yolanda Zuniga.

16 District 19 I do not have. District 20 I do not
17 have. I have emailed you guys a couple times. District
18 21 is Ellen Federowski. District 22 is Maureen Giacalone.
19 District 23 is Cassandra Brown. District 24 is Martha
20 Romano. Twenty-five is Cindy Rogers. Twenty-six is Peggy
21 Toye. Twenty-seven is Danielle White. Twenty-eight is
22 Esther LePore. Twenty-nine Carol Borgman. And I do not
23 have anybody for District 30.

24 I move that we accept the --

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DEPARTMENT TREASURER TOZIER: Wait a minute.

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DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT DIEBEL: Madam President,

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Linda Diebel, 19th District.

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DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Wait a minute.

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Where's the mic?

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DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Coming up.

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DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT DIEBEL: Linda Diebel, 19th

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District President. Our newly elected District President

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is Becky Bullard, B-U-L-L-A-R-D.

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DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I have that one in

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my email.

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DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT DIEBEL: And do you want

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the First Vice's name? Debbie Butler -- I'm sorry. Diane

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Livas, L-I-V-A-S. And then Debbie Butler is third vice --

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Second Vice. Second Vice. Thank you.

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DISTRICT 20 PRESIDENT LANDAN: Jackie Landan,

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District 20. Our candidate, our president is Carol

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Harville. Our First Vice has nobody, but --

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POPPY CHAIR HAYES: Linda Hayes.

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DISTRICT 20 PRESIDENT LANDAN: Linda Hayes. Our

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third one is Liz Tunge. Second Vice is Liz Tunge.

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DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. Thank you.

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DISTRICT 12 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT KELLEY: Ann

23 Kelley, District 12. Our President Elect is Elizabeth
24 Estavillo and the First Vice President is Terry Snow.
25 Thank you.

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1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: You don't have a
2 Second Vice?

3 DISTRICT 12 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT KELLEY: Oh,
4 Second Vice is Maryann Watson.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you.

6 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT OCLARAY: Hi. Terry
7 Oclaray, District 16. I am the incoming president, Marion
8 Rocha-Carlos is First Vice and Laurie Richards is our
9 Second Vice.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you.

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Linda Workman,
12 District 9. District 9 was correct that Vicky Bean is the
13 District President and our First Vice is Helaine Dolly
14 Rios.

15 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Who's the
16 Second?

17 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: We have no
18 Second.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Carol, do you guys
20 have --

21 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: Do you want the
22 First and Second?

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes.

24 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: The first one is
25 Jeanne Sudbeck and Second Vice is Kay Hamby.

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1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: What was it?

2 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: Kay Hamby.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: My district, what
4 is the Second Vice's name? Does anybody know? District
5 28, Kimberly, what's your last name again?

6 DISTRICT 28 DELEGATE STEWART: Stewart.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you.

8 Do you want me to reread through?

9 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: What do you
10 have for 5?

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 5, do you
12 guys have your officers?

13 DISTRICT 5 PRESIDENT JEWELL: Yes, we do.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Could you give me
15 the list?

16 DISTRICT 5 PRESIDENT JEWELL: Okay. First Vice
17 is Linda Karnstedt.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Oh, I do have it.

19 It's just not in my spreadsheet. I do have it. It's
20 right here. Because I read president. It's right here.

21 All right, you guys. Okay. President District 1
22 I have nobody. District 2 Judy Henderson. District 3
23 Lola Ramey. District 4 Nancy Brown. District 5 Linda
24 Karnstedt. District 6 Suzanne Winters. District 7 Melise
25 Munroe. District 8 Teresa Canonizado. District 9 Vicky

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1 Bean. District 10 Susan Mar. District 11 Arlene Smith.
2 District 12 Elizabeth Estavillo. District 13 Cindy
3 Newlen. District 14 Debra Hurado. District 15 Zana
4 Chaney. District 16 Terry Oclaray. District 17 Teresa
5 Nunez. District 18 Yolanda Zuniga. District 19 Becky
6 Bullard. District 20 Carol Harville. District 21 Ellen
7 Federowski. District 22 Maureen Giacalone. District 23
8 Cassandra Brown. District 24 Martha Romano. District 25
9 Cindy Rogers. District 26 Peggy Toye. District 27
10 Danielle White. District 28 Esther LePore. District 29
11 Carol Borgman, and District 30 nobody.

12 I move that we elect the District Presidents for
13 the 2022 -- I ratify the election of District Presidents
14 for the 2022-2023 year.

15 NEC WOMAN MARTINEZ: Second.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: It has been moved

17 and seconded that we ratify the District Presidents. Is
18 there any discussion?

19 (No response.)

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

22 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: You have ratified

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1 the election of District Presidents.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Madam Secretary,
4 please read the list of District First Vice Presidents
5 Elect.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Sorry you guys.
7 First Vice Presidents. District 1 there's nobody.
8 District 2 Carolyn Glenn. District 3 Wendy Jacobs.
9 District 4 Tracy Neff. District 5 Lynn Jewell. District
10 6 Verlene Castoreno. District 7 Maryann Ward. District 8
11 Dara Wong. District 9 Helaine Dolly Rios. District 10
12 Elizabeth Parshall. District 11 Grace Huston. District
13 12 Terry Snow. District 13 Leah Williamson.

14 District 14 is vacant. District 15 Linda

15 Carmichael. District 16 Marion Rocha-Carlos. District 17
16 Lupe Galavez. District 18 Gabrielle Ramos. District 19
17 Diana Livas. District 20 Linda Hayes. District 21
18 Danielle Pantanella. District 22 Janie Jackson. District
19 23 Valerie Hill. District 24 Melissa Card. District 25
20 Barbara Toth. District 26 Arlene Muller. District 27
21 Joyce Crowick. District 28 Rebecca Glenny. District 29
22 Jeanne Sudbeck, and District 30 nobody.

23 I move that we ratify the First Vice District
24 Presidents for the '22-'23 year.

25 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Second.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: It has been moved
2 and seconded that we ratify the election of the District
3 First Vice Presidents. Is there any discussion? Maureen.

4 AMERICANISM CHAIR O'BRIEN-SACCO: Maureen
5 O'Brien-Sacco, Unit 13, District 18. I'm curious about
6 the First Vice President for District 17 who is still
7 currently a member of District 18. Wouldn't that transfer
8 her? She's still a member of Unit 280 in the 18th
9 District.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I don't have it
11 down.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Thank you, Maureen.

13 Gloria, your phone is ringing. \$5, Sweetheart.

14 Gloria, your phone is ringing, baby. Anybody got \$5 for

15 Gloria Williams, our incoming president?

16 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: We'll have to
17 have a fundraiser.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hey, did I win
19 anything last night? No. We're verifying membership.
20 Hold on.

21 DISTRICT 8 PRESIDENT CANONIZADO: I have a ten.
22 Can anybody break a ten?

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: They got \$845
24 earlier. They probably do have it.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Some of that money

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1 goes to VA&R TFA, you know. Did you hear that little -- I
2 heard that. My membership is going up and so is my
3 special project.

4 (Music playing.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: I don't want
6 anybody to get hurt because they might be -- Gloria may be
7 picking them for officers and chairmen, so we don't want
8 any injuries. We don't want any lame ducks. There's a
9 ball in the middle of the floor.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: We're ready now.

11 Okay. So it has been determined that Lupe has transferred
12 into District 17 as of now, but as of the District 17
13 election she was not part of their district so as of today
14 District 17 First Vice is vacant. So the ratification
15 will include the rest of the districts minus District 17
16 or District 17 vacant.

17 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: So you need to
18 repeat it.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Reread it.
20 District 1 vacant. District 2 Carolyn Glenn. District 3
21 Wendy Jacobs. District 4 Tracy Neff. District 5 Lynn
22 Jewell. District 6 Verlene Castoreno. District 7 Maryann
23 Ward. District 8 Dara Wong. Dara Wong. District 9
24 Helaine Dolly Rios. District 10 Elizabeth Parshall.
25 District 11 Grace Huston. District 12 Terry Snow.

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1 District 13 Leah Williamson. District 14 vacant.
2 District 15 Linda Carmichael. District 16 Marion
3 Rocha-Carlos. District 17 vacant. District 18 Gabrielle
4 Ramos. District 19 Diana Livas. District 20 Linda Hayes.
5 District 21 Danielle Pantanella. District 22 Janie
6 Jackson. District 23 Valerie Hill. District 24 Melissa
7 Card. District 25 Barbara Toth. District 26 Arlene
8 Muller. District 27 Joyce Currit. District 28 Rebecca

9 Glenny. District 29 Jeanne Sudbeck, and District 30 is
10 vacant.

11 I move that we ratify the District First Vice
12 Presidents for the 2022-2023 year.

13 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Second.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: It has been moved
15 and seconded that we ratify the election of the District
16 First Vice Presidents. Is there any further discussion?

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All in favor say
19 aye.

20 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: You have ratified
24 the election of the First Vice Presidents.

25 Madam Secretary, please read the list of the

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1 Second Vice Presidents Elect.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District Second
3 Vice. District 1 pass. District 2 Jerilyn Mouser. I'm
4 sorry. District 3 Denise Piazza. District 4 Elaine
5 Baker. District 5 Kelly, I'm sorry, Germeraad. District
6 6 Martha Zendejas. District 7 Bonnie Bradbury. District

7 8 Constance Pleasant. District 9 vacant. District 10
8 Jasmin Crews. District 11 Ann Scholl. District 12
9 Maryann Watson. District 13 Helen Hymes. District 14
10 Deborah Ennen. District 15 Katherine Johnson. District
11 16 Laurie Richards. District 17 Katherine Alvarez.
12 District 18 Stephanie Huff. District 19 Debbie Butler.
13 District 20 Elizabeth Tunge. District 21 Sharon
14 Mordetzky. District 22 Karen Gobrin. District 23 Yvonne
15 Evans-Cana.

16 DISTRICT 23: Uh-huh, that's right.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 24 Deloris
18 Artis. District 25 Tamra Bell. District 26 Cindy
19 McReynolds. District 27 Rosemary Todd. District 28
20 Kimberly Schuler. District 29 Kay Hamby, and District 30
21 vacant.

22 I move that we ratify the Second District Vice
23 Presidents for the '22-'23 year.

24 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Second.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: It has been

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1 moved to --

2 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Linda Workman,
3 Past Department President. For District 10 Jasmin Crews
4 is now Jasmin Cary.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: It has been moved
6 that we ratify the elections of District Second Vice
7 Presidents. Is there any discussion?

8 (No response.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All in favor, say
10 aye.

11 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Opposed say no.

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: You have ratified
15 the election of the District Second Vice Presidents.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: This concludes the
18 election. We're going to continue with the reports.
19 Allyn Kau. Ladies, we're running a little bit late so if
20 you may quiet as our Girls State and VA&R give their
21 reports.

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23 GIRLS STATE CONVENTION REPORT

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25 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR KAU: Madam President, I

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1 will begin with my convention committee meeting report.

2 The convention committee on Girls State met on June 23rd,

3 2022 in the Laurel Room. The statistical report of this
4 Chair appears on page 21 in the Book of Reports. Sherry
5 Core, District 15, was appointed secretary, Esthela
6 Torres de Siegrist from District 18 offered prayer, and
7 Deana Guardado from District 15 was appointed
8 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 19 district delegates
9 answered roll call. There were six visitors present.

10 The Girls State code was read. Six proposed
11 changes were recommended by the -- that were recommended
12 by the Girls State committee were presented.

13 Madam President, may I now present the
14 committee's proposed Department code changes?

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Please. I need a
16 copy. Everyone at the head table.

17 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR KAU: That is an oh-no, I
18 don't have it. You could fire me.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Allyn, can we have
20 VA&R come up while they're making copies for you? Glenda
21 Schultz.

22 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR KAU: Absolutely. I'm sorry
23 for my mistake.

24 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: Okay. So I was replaced by
25 a lot of people. So again, can I have all the hospital



1 representatives join together at the back of the room,
2 please. I think I've forgotten my glasses. Never mind.
3 I found them.

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5 VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION CONVENTION REPORT

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7 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: Madam Department President,
8 convention committee on Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
9 met on June 23rd, '22 in the Maple Room of the Wyndham
10 Hotel in Visalia, California. The statistical report
11 appears on page 24 of the Book of Reports. Serving as
12 secretary was Joan Cannon, District 11. Kathryn Johnson,
13 District 15, offered prayer, and Suzanne Winters, District
14 6, was appointed sergeant-at-arms. A total of 19 district
15 delegates answered roll call and there were five visitors
16 present.

17 The committee agreed upon the following report.
18 The code was read and the following code changes were
19 recommended. Medical Center Representative number 2 now
20 reads: "The Department Chairman shall hold orientation
21 meetings for all new representatives at a time suited for
22 maximum attendance. (2008)."

23 We voted to delete Code 2 in its entirety. By
24 direction of the committee, I move to make the code
25 change. I think Madam President is looking for her copy.



1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Medical Center
2 Representative Code 2 now reads: "The Department Chairman
3 shall hold orientation meetings for all new representative
4 at a time suited for the maximum attendance. (2008.)"

5 It shall now -- it shall be now deleted in its
6 entirety. Any discussion?

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All in favor?

9 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none,
13 motion carried.

14 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: Number 5 now reads:
15 "Representatives, Deputies, and Poppy Production Managers
16 shall receive a copy of all policies pertaining to the
17 program, copies of the District Chairman's bulletin, a
18 list of District Chairman and a copy of the National VAVS
19 work plan. (1994)."

20 Number 5 shall read: "Representatives and Poppy
21 Production Managers shall receive a copy of all policies
22 pertaining to the program, copies of the Department
23 Chairman's bulletins, a list of District Chairman from the

24 Department Secretary, and a copy of the National Center
25 for Development and Civic Engagement, (CDCE)."

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1 By the direction of the committee I move to make
2 the code change.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There's a motion on
4 the floor to change Code 5: "Representatives, Deputies,
5 and Poppy Production Managers shall receive a copy of all
6 policies pertaining to the program, copies of the
7 Department Chairman's bulletins, a list of District
8 Chairmen and a copy of the National VAVS work plan.
9 (1994)."

10 Code 5 shall read: "Representatives and Poppy
11 Production Managers shall receive a copy of all policies
12 pertaining to the policy, copies of the Department
13 Chairman's bulletins, a list of District Chairman from the
14 Department Secretary and a copy of the National Center for
15 Development and Civic Engagement, (CDCE)."

16 By the direction of the committee, I move --
17 sorry. Any discussion?

18 (No response.)

19 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: I'm sorry. We missed after
20 CDCE "work plan." Is that in your notes? It's just
21 adding "work plan" after CDCE. National work plan.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Yes, Debbie.

23 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT HURADO: My district had a
24 problem with the CDCE work plan. So VA&R, it's not going
25 to be called VA&R or is this just one --

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1 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: It was VAVS.

2 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT HURADO: Or VAVS.

3 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: And they changed their name
4 so we have to do it.

5 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT HURADO: So it just wasn't
6 clear.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: National changed
8 their name last year.

9 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: Well, Veterans Affairs
10 changed it.

11 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT HURADO: What does it --
12 can you read what it stands for?

13 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: Center for Development and
14 Civic Engagement.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Center for
16 Development and Civic Engagement, CDCE plan. It's no
17 longer VAVS. There's no longer VAVS. New changes. Any
18 further discussion?

19 (No response.)

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

22 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Opposed no.
24 (No response.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none,

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1 motion carried.

2 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: Code number 7 now reads:
3 "The Department Chairman shall contact Representatives
4 early in the year for a needs list at their particular
5 center. Information shall be issued in bulletin form
6 regarding these needs and the Units through their District
7 Chairmen are encouraged to provide items to specific
8 center by contacting the Representative for instructions,
9 directions, and quantity desired. All needs that are sent
10 to Representatives by April 15th should be included in her
11 annual report to reach the Department Chairman by May 1st.
12 (2015)."

13 The proposed change shall read: "The Department
14 Chairman shall contact Representatives early in the
15 Auxiliary physical year for a needs list at their center.
16 Information shall be issued in bulletin form regarding
17 these needs and the Units through their District Chairmen

18 are encouraged to provide items to specific center by
19 contacting the Representative for instructions,
20 directions, and quantity desired. All needs that are sent
21 to Representatives by April 15th should be included in her
22 annual report to reach the Department Chairman by May 1st.
23 (2015.)"

24 By direction of the committee I move to make the
25 code change. And it's just adding "Auxiliary Physical

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1 Year."

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There's a motion on
3 the floor.

4 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: Fiscal.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There's a motion on
6 the floor to change Code 7: "The Department Chairman
7 shall contact Representatives early in the year for a
8 needs list at their particular center. Information shall
9 be issued in bulletin form regarding these needs and the
10 Units through their District Chairmen are encouraged to
11 provide items to specific center by contacting the
12 Representative for instructions, directions, and quantity
13 desired. All needs that are sent to Representatives by
14 April 15th should be included in her annual report to
15 reach the Department Chairman by May 1st. (2015)."

16 The new Code will read: "7. The Department
17 Chairman shall contact Representatives early in the
18 Auxiliary physical year for a needs list at their center.
19 Information shall be issued in bulletin form regarding
20 these needs and the Units through their District Chairmen
21 are encouraged to provide items to specific center by
22 contacting the Representative for instructions,
23 directions, and quantity desired. All needs that are sent
24 to Representatives by April 15th should be included in her
25 annual report to reach the Department Chairman by May 1st.

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1 (2015.)"

2 Any discussion?

3 HOSPITAL REP OLIPHANT: Is that "Fiscal year" or
4 "Physical year"?

5 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: I think we meant fiscal.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Did I say
7 "physical"?

8 HOSPITAL REP OLIPHANT: Well, she did and you
9 did. And I don't know if it's written that way or if it's
10 just what comes off our tongues.

11 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: It's written correctly.
12 It's written correctly. I did say "physical" and then I
13 corrected it.

14 HOSPITAL REP OLIPHANT: She said "physical"
15 though. It is "fiscal." Thank you. That's all I wanted
16 to know because I want to go by the correct word.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Thank you. Any
18 further discussions?

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All in favor say
21 aye.

22 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All opposed say
24 nay.

25 (No response.)

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none,
2 motion carried.

3 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: Code number 8 now reads:
4 "Medical Center Representatives who receive donations
5 directly from any source, other than Department allowance,
6 shall open a bank account and keep all funds from all
7 sources in that account. The Department Secretary and a
8 Deputy or an individual appointed by the District shall be
9 included as a signatory on the account."

10 The proposed change shall read: "Representatives
11 who receive donations directly from any source other than

12 Department allowance shall open a bank account or have a
13 line item in the District Account and keep all funds from
14 all sources in that account. The Department Treasurer and
15 Representative or Deputy or an individual appointed by the
16 District shall be included as a signatory on the account."

17 By direction of the committee, I move to make the
18 code change.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Motion has been --
20 there's a motion on the floor to change Code 8: "Medical
21 Center Representatives who receive donations directly from
22 any source, other than Department allowance, shall open a
23 bank account and keep all funds from all sources in that
24 account. The Department Secretary and a Deputy or an
25 individual appointed by the District shall be included as

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1 a signatory on the account."

2 The code is reads -- the code will read:

3 "Representatives who receive donations directly from any
4 source other than Department allowance shall open a bank
5 account or have a line item in the District Account and
6 keep all funds from all sources in that account. The
7 Department Treasurer and Representative or Deputy or an
8 individual appointed by the District shall be included as
9 a signatory on the account."

10 Any further -- I was going to say destructions.

11 Any further discussions?

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none, all
14 in favor.

15 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Motion carried.

19 Thank you.

20 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: Code 8(b) now reads:

21 "Representatives who don't receive any monies from any
22 source other than Department allowances will send a letter
23 to the Department Secretary and Department VA&R Chairman
24 stating no other funds are received and it is not
25 cost-effective for them to open a bank account."

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1 The proposed change shall read: "Representatives
2 who do not receive any monies from any source other than
3 the Department allowances will send a letter to the
4 Department Treasurer and Department VA&R Chairman stating
5 no other funds are received and it is not cost-effective
6 for them to open a bank account. (2018)."

7 By direction of the committee I move to make the

8 code change. Do we have a second?

9 UNIDENTIFIED DELEGATE: Second.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: The motion -- the
11 motion has been seconded. Are there any further
12 discussions?

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: So Code 8(b) will
15 read -- now reads: "Representatives who don't receive any
16 monies from any source other than Department allowance
17 will send a letter to the Department Secretary and the
18 Department VA&R Chairman stating no other funds are
19 received and it is not cost-effective for them to open a
20 bank account. (2018)."

21 On Code 8(b) will read: "Representatives who do
22 not receive any monies from any source other than the
23 Department allowance will send a letter to the Department
24 Treasurer and the Department VA&R Chairman stating no
25 other funds are received and it is not effectiveness for

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1 them to open a bank account. (2018)." It should be
2 (2022). Yeah, sorry. It should be (2022). Any further
3 discussion?

4 (No response.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none, all

6 in favor?

7 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Motion carried.

11 Thank you.

12 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: Okay. Under Medical Center
13 Gift Shops and Patient Remembrance, number 1 now reads --

14 DISTRICT 19 2nd VICE PRESIDENT BUTLER: Madam
15 President, Debbie Butler, District 19. How many more are
16 there of these? Because there's several ladies that need
17 to sit down.

18 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: They should sit down because
19 I still need to give my report and then we'll call them
20 up.

21 Number 1 now reads: "Christmas Gift Shops and
22 Patient Remembrance under the Department direction shall
23 be provided for patients in VA Medical Centers.
24 Assignment of where gifts are to be sent will be made by
25 the Department Chairman, who will evaluate the reports of

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1 the Representatives and the needs of the Centers.

2 (2015)."

3 The proposed change shall read: "Christmas Gift

4 Shops and Patient Remembrance under the Department
5 direction shall be provided for patients in VA Medical
6 Centers and Veterans Homes. Assignment of where gifts are
7 to be sent will be made by the Department Chairman, who
8 will evaluate the reports of the Representative and needs
9 of the Centers. (2020)." And the change is adding back
10 "Veterans Homes."

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: And you need to
12 change 2020 to 2022.

13 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: 2022. I'm sorry. By
14 direction of the committee, I make the code change.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: The motion on the
16 floor is to change Medical Center Gift Shops/Patient
17 Remembrance. Code 1: "Christmas Gift Shops and Patient
18 Remembrance under the Department direction shall be
19 provided for patients in VA Medical Centers. Assignment
20 of where gifts are to be sent will be made by the
21 Department Chairman, who will evaluate the reports of the
22 Representatives and the needs of the Centers. (2015)."

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24 Shops and Patient Remembrance under the Department
25 direction shall be provided for patients in VA Medical

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1 Centers and Veterans Homes. Assignment of where gifts are

2 to be sent will be made by the Department Chairman, who
3 will evaluate the reports of the Representative and needs
4 of the Centers. (2022).

5 Any further discussion?

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All in favor?

8 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none, the
12 motion carries.

13 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: Code 3(a)3 now reads: "She
14 shall reassign Districts as needed to meet the needs of
15 the medical facilities of Veterans Homes."

16 The proposed change to 3(a)3 shall read: "The
17 Chairman shall reassign Districts as needed to meet the
18 needs of the medical facilities or Veterans Homes." So
19 it's just changing the pronoun "she."

20 By the direction of the committee I move to make
21 the code change.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There's a motion on
23 the floor to change 3(a)3. It now reads: "She shall" --
24 she shaw -- she saw seashells down by the seashore. "She
25 shall reassign Districts as needed to meet the needs of



1 the medical facilities or the Veterans Homes."

2 The new code is revised as -- revised as 3(a)3:

3 "The Chairman shall reassign Districts as needed to meet
4 the needs of the medical facilities or Veterans Homes.
5 (2022)."

6 Any further discussion?

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All in favor, say
9 aye.

10 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Opposed say no.

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none,
14 motion carried. Thank you.

15 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: Code 4 now reads: "The
16 Department Chairman shall be notified the opening and
17 closing dates of the Gift Shops and Patient Remembrance in
18 VA Medical Centers as determined by the VAR" -- I'm sorry.
19 "VA medical center staff and the Representatives. This
20 information shall be sent to Units by October 1st, if
21 possible."

22 The proposed change shall read: "The Department
23 Chairman shall be notified of the opening and closing
24 dates of the Gift Shops and Patient Remembrance in VA

25 Medical Centers and Veterans Homes by the Facility staff

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1 and the Representatives. This information shall be sent
2 to units by October 1st, if possible." And it's adding
3 "and Veterans Homes by the Facility staff."

4 By direction of the committee, I move to make the
5 code change.

6 UNIDENTIFIED DELEGATE: Second.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Motion has been
8 seconded. The Code 4 change: "The Department Chairman
9 shall be notified the opening and closing dates of the
10 Gift Shops and Patient Remembrance in VA Medical Centers
11 as determined by the VA medical center staff and the
12 Representatives. This information shall be sent to Units
13 by October 1st, if possible."

14 Code 4 will now read: "The Department Chairman
15 shall be notified of the opening and closing dates of the
16 Gift Shops and Patient Remembrance in VA Medical Centers
17 and Veterans Homes by the Facility staff and the
18 Representatives. This information shall be sent to units
19 by October 1st, if possible (2022)."

20 Any further discussion?

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All in favor?

23 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.
24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All opposed?
25 (No response.)

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none,
2 motion carried.

3 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: And we have a housekeeping
4 change after "Rules" and before number 1 on the Mid-Year
5 Report Forms heading, a heading called "Reporting." By
6 the direction of the committee I move to make the code
7 change.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: We don't need a
9 motion for a housekeeping.

10 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: There were no resolutions or
11 recommendations. Presentations of citations and awards
12 for 100 percent reporting, second and third place awards
13 were handed out. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

14 Madam President Dee Ann, may I continue with my
15 supplemental?

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Please.

17 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: In true form California
18 stepped right up to support our National President Kathy
19 in moving her mission of "Caring for Those Who Care for
20 Others" forward. There are so many of our members that

21 are reluctant to admit that they are unsung heroes. They
22 spend countless hours caring for veteran family members.
23 These heroes do not want recognition. From their hearts
24 they provide endless love and care to these very special
25 family members. They provide daily meals, medication, and

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1 childcare for families with children. They presented
2 "Proud Home of a Veteran Caregiver" signs to be placed in
3 windows.

4 Another example of our many ways of caring for
5 our caregivers is that we have a Vietnam Era Veteran
6 Legionnaire that is severely disabled as a result of Agent
7 Orange and a severe stroke. He needs 24-hour support.
8 His wife is his full-time caregiver. Their daughter and
9 her family take up the slack. Even their granddaughter
10 and teenage grandson are there to help in the caregiving.

11 We have a member whose mom was married to a
12 veteran who is deceased. She is now in her eighties and
13 requires assistance. So she is now a caregiver to her mom
14 and gives support to her husband who has PTSD and needs
15 help to remain on track.

16 We know not everyone thinks of themselves as a
17 caregiver, but we have members and families that lovingly
18 give various degrees of caregiving as a daily part of

19 their lives.

20 Our members helped veterans with medical care
21 during the COVID-19 pandemic by providing transportation,
22 preparing daily meals, food deliveries, housecleaning,
23 sanitizer items, masks and gloves. We provided bottled
24 water and granola bars to healthcare workers giving
25 vaccinations to workers during the West LA Veterans

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1 Hospital COVID-19 vaccination events. One of our
2 districts petitioned Congress to lower drug prices for
3 veterans.

4 Another of our units had a very busy year
5 providing for the wellbeing of our Veterans and their
6 families. They spent days and nights in search of
7 Homeless Veterans. They went along the freeways, under
8 the bridges, in parks, parking lots, in the hills and even
9 on Skid Row. They offer to help them with housing through
10 the VASH counselors who then help them in securing VA
11 benefits. They visit regularly with the ones who are not
12 ready to move on and bring them much needed supplies.

13 This year they connected with 225 women through the Women
14 Vets on Point mental health program. This program helps
15 with their needs in housing, childcare, employment
16 services and PTSD counseling.

17 The Unit has two life coaches who provide
18 guidance and a strategic plan that helps these deserving
19 women get back on track. For them to know they are not
20 alone means the world to them. They are working with nine
21 deported veterans who were honorably discharged to bring
22 them home to their families. These veterans were pardoned
23 by past California Governor Jerry Brown.

24 One of our units teamed up with our Homes For Our
25 Troops to help with a home for a Marine chief warrant

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1 officer who was diagnosed with service-related ALS. He is
2 wheelchair bound and totally dependent upon his healthcare
3 workers. His home was completed with the exception of
4 landscaping. Our members, with the assistance of other
5 local service organizations and the community were able to
6 totally landscape the yard in one day. I was there. It
7 was beautiful.

8 The veteran and his family could not hold back
9 their tears at the key presentation. It was amazing to
10 see the attendance at that presentation. There was a huge
11 procession that included his very proud family, many, many
12 first responders, American Legion Riders, Patriot Guard
13 Riders, local dignitaries and a bustling community. He is
14 now in his own home close to his family in a community he

15 grew up in. And when they presented him keys, he cried.

16 So did I.

17 One of our dual members, a retired USNS Comfort
18 Rear Admiral calls 50 plus veterans each month to check on
19 them and their families. She invites them monthly to
20 Legion Family functions and the Navy League meetings.

21 Northern California had some major snow storms
22 this winter that left families without power for over a
23 month. Our Legion Family worked together with their local
24 electric company to provide a warming center. In addition
25 to providing a warm place to stay, they offered three hot

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1 meals a day, boxes of food, blankets, phone charging
2 stations and firewood that was provided by the local PG&E.

3 For Military Appreciation in May, one of our
4 members lead units in a food drive for soldiers and their
5 families that are facing food insecurities. At Travis Air
6 Force Base donations were collected for a local Air Force
7 Base food pantry where soldiers shop at no cost to them.
8 2,500 pounds of food were collected in April and the goal
9 was to double that for May.

10 Our dedicated members love serving our Veterans
11 and our communities. I am extremely proud of them and all
12 the work that they do without batting an eye. I am even

13 prouder to share with you all that they selflessly do.
14 Our representatives are on the front lines at our VA
15 Hospitals, Veterans Homes, Clinics and Living Centers.
16 They give countless hours with tremendous pride to the
17 Department of Veterans Affairs. I am so proud of all of
18 them.

19 Madam President Dee Ann, may I have your
20 permission to have the Hospital Representatives and
21 Deputies escorted to the front of the room?

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Absolutely.

23 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: Come on up, ladies.

24 (Processional.)

25 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: I'm going to announce them

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1 in alphabetical order throughout how they were listed. So
2 on Central California VA Healthcare System Fresno VA
3 Medical Center Cynthia Oliphant. Suzanne will be giving
4 you a certificate of our appreciation. Deputy Barbara
5 Novack. Deputy Sandra Dowell.

6 Loma Linda VA Healthcare System. Loma Linda VA
7 Medical Center representative Sandra Kurkoske. Deputy
8 Evette Luwonda. And, Sandy, you may not get a certificate
9 because I did not get yours printed because you were
10 changed at the last minute.

11 Long Beach VA Healthcare Center. Long Beach VA
12 Medical Center Representative Pat Alvarez. Deputy Becky
13 Bullard. Deputy Cynthia Mayfield. Deputy Debbie Butler.
14 Cabrillo CVOC. Deputy Jean Cooley-Desmueles.
15 Greater Los Angeles VA Healthcare System. Los
16 Angeles VA Medical Center Representative Ellah Wallace.
17 Deputy Vi Walquist. Los Angeles VA Outpatient Clinic
18 Deputy Patricia Jackson-Kelley. Los Angeles Ambulatory
19 Center Deputy Diana Williams. East Los Angeles CVOC
20 Deputy Pam Hicks.
21 Bakersfield CVOC Deputy Barbara Goodlow.
22 Sierra Nevada VA Healthcare System. Auburn
23 Outpatient Clinic Deputy Bonnie Chavoya. Santa Maria CVOC
24 Dorothy Davis.
25 Northern California VA Healthcare System Mather

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1 VA Medical Center Representative Suzanne Winters.
2 Redding Outpatient Clinic Deputy Barbara Dailey.
3 Fairfield Outpatient Clinic Kelly Germeraad. If
4 Suzanne does not have some of these, I knew they were not
5 here so I put the certificates in their district folder.
6 And I've been given one that I need to correct already.
7 So if I misspelled their names, please see me. I'm more
8 than happy to change it.

9 Palo Alto VA Healthcare System. Palo Alto VA
10 Medical Center Representative Connie Raya. Deputy Arlene
11 Muller. Deputy Joyce Henderson-McLeod. Livermore VA
12 Medical Center Deputy Grace Huston.

13 San Diego VA Medical Care System. San Diego VA
14 Medical Center Representative Susie Tozier. Deputy Irma
15 Manthai. Deputy Donna Smith.

16 Wellness & Vocational Enrichment Center Clinic
17 WAVE, Poppy Production Manager Lois Cornish.

18 San Francisco Healthcare System VA Medical Center
19 Representative Lorraine Sullivan.

20 California Veterans Homes. Barstow Veterans Home
21 Representative Angie Acosta. Deputy Judy Samples. Chula
22 Vista Veterans Home Representative Lois Cornish. Fresno
23 Veterans Home Representative Gloria Sinopoli. Lancaster
24 Veterans Home Representative Linda Hayes. Ventura
25 Veterans Home Madeline Lee. West Los Angeles VA Veteran

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1 Home Deloris Artis. Deputy Marisa Naylor-Jones.

2 So these are unsung heros. Please stand and
3 support show your love and support for these heroes.

4 (Applause.)

5 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: And from the bottom of our
6 hearts, thank you all. At this time Pat Alvarez has a

7 presentation that she would like to make.

8 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE ALVAREZ: Linda, we've
9 had a rough year. Sometimes we got to see her, sometimes
10 we didn't. So you can remember all of us.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Glenda, can you
12 just collect the gifts and expedite the meeting, please.
13 We'd all love to see the gifts. Thank you.

14 (Applause.)

15 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: Thank you all so much. And
16 I would just like to add that I did miss some events that
17 I should have been at, but I went through a bout of cancer
18 myself and then I lost my son. So thank you all for the
19 wonderful cards and --

20 (Applause.)

21 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: Madam President Dee Ann,
22 this concludes my report. Can I continue with my first
23 place awards?

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Please.

25 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: A list of all the awards

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1 will be posted in the Department Office following with
2 this report. The First Place District Supplemental
3 Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation, Barbara Toth, District
4 Chairman District 25.

5 (Applause.)

6 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: The First Place Unit
7 Supplemental goes to Madeline Lee, Chairman, Unit 741.

8 (Applause.)

9 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: Madam President, it's been
10 my honor to serve you as our VA&R Chairman this year.
11 Thank you for your wonderful support and all of your
12 friendship. This concludes my report.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Thank you, Glenda.
14 Sergeant-At-Arms, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, and
15 Distinguished Guest Chairman, would you please bring to
16 the stage Michael Smith Director -- American Legion Riders
17 Director Mike Smith, along with Marc Lawrie,
18 Sergeant-at-Arms, and Mick Sobczak, Past President Rider.

19 (Processional.)

20 ALR DIRECTOR SMITH: Move this up. I haven't
21 moved a speaker up. This is a first. He's unusually
22 tall. So it's -- I have a bunch of written notes. It's
23 almost lunchtime, isn't it? All right. I'm known to be
24 very brief, but I'm going to be very, very brief. How
25 about that? Outstanding.

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1 All right. You already know I'm Mike Smith. I
2 am the current State Director for the American Legion

3 Riders. I am from Post 20, Chapter 20 out of Porterville.
4 Where's my Porterville? There they are. It was a -- and
5 District 15. That is right.

6 Welcome to our district. Hope you're enjoying
7 the Central Valley heat. It's wonderful. The ride here
8 was arduous. It was like 36 minutes. It was terrible.

9 So with me today I have Marc Lawrie. He is our
10 state Sergeant-at-Arms. Marc comes to you from Chapter
11 328, Post 328 Norco. Over to my left, your right, is Mick
12 Sobczak, our Department Historian. He's going to be
13 following me everywhere.

14 (Applause.)

15 ALR DIRECTOR SMITH: So before I go on, I have
16 something for you. She says, oh, my gosh. We didn't have
17 time to put a chain on it so you could wear it like a
18 necklace. That's on you. I would like to present this to
19 you, Dee Ann, for all your support at the American Legion
20 Riders over the past year. Thank you very much.

21 (Applause.)

22 ALR DIRECTOR SMITH: I want to see a chain on it
23 next year. I get something too? Oh, I was looking for a
24 new key chain. And "Catch the Wave." Outstanding. How
25 California is that?



1 (Applause.)

2 ALR DIRECTOR SMITH: So as I promised you, I'm
3 going to keep this extremely short. I was going to talk
4 about this, that, and the other thing and this as well,
5 blah, blah. So I will say this. Everybody sees us in our
6 vests. And like the Legionnaires, I don't -- we don't
7 have a cap. We wear something that tells our history and
8 where we've been and what we do. And these vests right
9 here, this tells you where I've been, what I've done, what
10 I support and what I love. And that's the American Legion
11 Family. If you notice Auxiliary, Sons of American Legion,
12 and I have my Legion pin too. The American Legion Family
13 is on my vest.

14 (Applause.)

15 ALR DIRECTOR SMITH: Where are my Riders out
16 there? There they are. There they are. Outstanding.
17 Oh, supporters. That takes a lot of effort too. Thank
18 you very much.

19 Those folks, if you don't know, we do support
20 teams. And if you don't know what that is, those folks
21 don't meet the eligibility requirements to be a Rider, but
22 they do a lot of work and they're always there doing what
23 the chapter -- helping out with the chapter and doing the
24 work for our family. So we have -- we've got some
25 guidelines for our supporters so we can continue to



1 include our American Legion Family members.

2 All right. We're going to talk a little about
3 that. I'm just going to tell you, statistics are boring,
4 but I'm going to do it. So every year -- is this too --
5 am I too close? It sounds like I'm super loud. Good
6 grief.

7 So every year we compete for bragging rights who
8 can ride the most miles. At every convention we get that
9 overall mileage cup winner. Last year, that Chapter, and
10 they only get one, it doesn't matter if 20 go, if 30 go,
11 only one person rides, they only get the mileage for that.
12 So if you ride a hundred miles and you've got 500 people,
13 you only get a hundred miles. This chapter rode 30,194.
14 It was Norco 328.

15 (Applause.)

16 ALR DIRECTOR SMITH: They do a lot of great
17 things. But overall the American Legion Riders rode
18 184,633 last year and that was in support of veterans
19 organizations and veterans events. And that was us out
20 there supporting them. That equates into miles, time,
21 work, effort and money put out to support those things.

22 So I thank every one of you who continues to
23 support this program. Because without the American Legion

24 Family, we don't go anywhere. It's not just one branch.

25 So turn around and show them your vest. Whenever

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1 you see that going down the road, that's free advertising.

2 And he's a big guy. It went dead, so I will use my Marine

3 voice. That is all free advertising, but it's also an

4 invaluable way to recruit for our American Legion Family.

5 Because as you know, the American Legion Family

6 isn't just Legionnaires. It's not just Auxiliary members

7 or Sons. It's everybody involved. And everybody can be a

8 Rider.

9 I'm not riding with Marc on the back ever, ever

10 again, but that is -- does this work? Because I can use

11 this or yell at you. Because I don't want to yell at

12 anyone personally. She's so bad with the language.

13 And so in our spring DEC when I went to see the

14 American Legion, I put out a challenge to the entire

15 American Legion. And that was challenging them to donate

16 to the California Legacy Scholarship Run. And what that

17 does is also they donate to the National Legacy

18 Scholarship Fund. And everybody know what that is;

19 correct? We do? And I have said this before and other

20 people have said it so I'm parroting; it's not mine. We

21 have a debt we owe our brothers and sisters who aren't

22 able to make their dreams come true of their children
23 attending college and to leave no child of a veteran
24 behind ever.

25 So when I made the challenge, I hoped that a lot

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1 of people would sign up and rise to the occasion and
2 register and donate. I didn't get disappointed.
3 Everybody heard the call. And because of this, if we
4 wrote a check today, we would be writing a check for just
5 over \$53,000 to donate.

6 (Applause.)

7 ALR DIRECTOR SMITH: For those that were at the
8 convention, they know that I usually back up my words.
9 And it looks like it's coming back, but I let them shave
10 my head for \$3200. So I don't just talk the talk, I walk
11 the walk. And I'm thinking about I'm going to grow it
12 really big next year because I want \$5,000. And if you
13 really want to make another donation and get us to 5,5,
14 I'll take that money until August 1st.

15 Where is Rochelle? There she is. She is also
16 our Committee Chair for the Legacy Scholarship for
17 California. She does a lot of work. Thank you, Rochelle.

18 (Applause.)

19 ALR DIRECTOR SMITH: Just to give a contrast, we

20 started this three years ago. We started out with \$4300.

21 That was where we started. To 53.

22 So I'm going to end with this. We, and I'm
23 talking about the American Legion Family, have a long and
24 large legacy to continue. If you haven't taken the basic
25 training for everybody, look at that legacy and where it

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1 started over a hundred years ago. That's on us to
2 continue. And it was said by one of our Vice Directors
3 Cris Molina Unit 43 in Chapman 43, this next year together
4 that's how we're going to get this done. That's the
5 Riders' battle cry for the next year is just playing
6 together and that's how we're going to get the next
7 mission done. Thank you for letting me talk with you.

8 (Processional.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Can you hear me?
10 Can you hear me? Ladies, please bear with us. Can you
11 hear me now? Please bear with us as the program continues
12 to change like the waves.

13 So, Allyn, go ahead.

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15 GIRLS STATE CONVENTION REPORT (Resumed)

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17 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR KAU: Okay. So for Girls

18 State Unit/Unit Chairman's Responsibilities -- well, Madam
19 President, may I present from the committee the proposed
20 code changes now that we have some copies?

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Yes, please.

22 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR KAU: Girls State Unit/Unit
23 Chairman's Responsibilities. Add number 3(b) which will
24 now read: "Prior to the selection process, the Unit Girls
25 State Chairman and Unit President must review the written

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1 and/or video instruction about candidate selection and
2 abiding by federal and state anti-discrimination laws."

3 Madam President, at the direction of the
4 committee I move to add this item as number 3(b) to the
5 Girls State Code.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Sorry. I don't
7 have the code in front of me so I can't --

8 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: We don't have
9 anything yet.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Okay. There's a
11 motion on the floor to change unit -- there's a motion on
12 the floor to change Girls State Unit/Unit Chairman's
13 Responsibility 3(b) -- to add item 3(b)? You're going to
14 add it to Code 3: "Prior to the selection process, the
15 Unit Girls State Chairman and Unit President must review

16 the written and/or video instruction about candidate
17 selection and abiding by federal and state
18 anti-discrimination laws."

19 Any discussion?

20 (No response.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All in favor?

22 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none,

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1 motion carried.

2 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR KAU: Girls State Code
3 Director's Responsibilities number 1(b) now reads: "Shall
4 invite not more than four of the ALA Girls State Citizens
5 from the previous session to act as Junior Counselors to
6 participate in the sessions and be assigned specific
7 duties."

8 Girls State Code Director's Responsibilities 1(b)
9 will now read: "Shall invite not more than four of the
10 ALA Girls State Citizens from the previous session to
11 return to the current session and be assigned specific
12 staff duties."

13 I move to adopt the change to the Girls State

14 Code.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There's a motion to
16 change Girls State Code Director's Responsibilities 1(b):
17 "Shall invite not more than four of the ALA Girls State
18 Citizens from the previous session to act as Junior
19 Counselors, to participate in sessions and be assigned
20 specific duties (2020)."

21 Now Code 1(b) will read: "Shall invite not more
22 than four of the ALA Girls State Citizens from the
23 previous session to return to the current session and be
24 assigned specific staff duties (2020)." Shouldn't that be
25 2022?

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1 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Yes.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Any discussion?

3 (No response.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All in favor?

5 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none, the
9 motion carried.

10 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR KAU: We're adding item
11 number 1(c) to Delegate's Eligibility Responsibilities

12 section, which will read: "Delegates who have an
13 underlying medical condition must have medical clearance
14 from their licensed physician to attend ALA CAGS."

15 Madam President, at the direction of the
16 committee I move to adopt -- to add items number 1(c) to
17 Delegate's Eligibility Responsibilities.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There's a motion on
19 the floor to change code -- Girls State Code 1(b) -- did I
20 read that right or is it 1(e)?

21 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR KAU: No, I wrote it down
22 wrong. This is different in the committee from what I
23 presented. So this is -- we should eliminate that and
24 then we'll do this one next. I wrote it to add it.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Okay. Deleting

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1 code 1(e) which read: "Candidates and Delegates who are
2 pregnant shall not be considered due to health issue
3 liabilities."

4 Allyn, is that correct?

5 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR KAU: So we moved where one
6 previous session was with a section that was better suited
7 and changed the wording of it, but I wrote it wrong. I
8 tried to do it all in one and it should have been two
9 steps. So the first step would be to change -- to

10 eliminate it from the old place, 1(e).

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: To eliminate the --

12 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR KAU: So the old place is
13 under the School Faculty Guidelines, and it said:
14 "Candidates and Delegates who are pregnant shall not be
15 considered due to health issue liabilities."

16 So the first step was to eliminate that from the
17 Girls State Code School Faculty Guidelines, and then we
18 changed the wording and added it to the section where it
19 says, "Delegate's Eligibility Requirements" because it
20 really applies to the delegate rather than the school. So
21 the new wording -- I should have kept it combined; it
22 makes more sense.

23 The new wording is under -- you would add --
24 after we eliminate it from the other section, we would add
25 item number 1(c) in the Delegate's Eligibility

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1 Responsibilities section which would read: "Delegates who
2 have an underlying medical condition must have medical
3 clearance from their licensed physician to attend ALA
4 CAGS."

5 UNIDENTIFIED DELEGATE: Does that mean pregnant
6 or anything?

7 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR KAU: Anything. Because we

8 can't just discriminate against people who are pregnant.
9 So it just makes it more general any medical condition,
10 any underlying medical condition.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Allyn, we don't see
12 that. It just says who have underlining conditions.

13 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR KAU: Yeah. I'm sorry.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: I'm going to read
15 the old one again so we can get more confused. 1(e):
16 "Candidates and Delegates who are pregnant shall not be
17 considered due to health issues liabilities."

18 The new item: "Delegates who have an underlying
19 medical condition must have medical clearance from their
20 licensed physician to attend ALA CAGS (2022)."

21 Any discussion?

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Come out to the
23 aisle, please. We'll get a microphone for you.

24 DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE SONDRAL: Hi. Sondra,
25 District 20, Post 377. I'm just curious about like HIPAA

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1 laws and opening ourselves up to -- you know, maybe we
2 should just take the whole thing out. That's just my
3 suggestion.

4 HOSPITAL REP OLIPHANT: I was going to second
5 that. Especially with having worked at the University,

6 confidential medical conditions are at the discretion of
7 the individual to disclose. By kind of mandating that you
8 have to give -- people have to give you information and
9 they choose not to, it doesn't seem appropriate. It seems
10 a violation of the person's privacy.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Liz Doidge,
12 District 28. There's no HIPAA violation because a medical
13 provider is not providing us the data. If it's coming
14 from a member, a candidate, a delegate, there's no HIPAA
15 violation.

16 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR KAU: So we currently ask
17 the delegates for a lot of medical information and they
18 voluntarily provide it to us. We need that because
19 they're minors and they're in our care for a week. And so
20 we're just saying if they have an underlying medical
21 condition that they reveal to us on their application,
22 then our nurse might contact them and say can you get a
23 certification from your physician that you're okay to be
24 in this hundred degree heat for a week at Girls State and
25 you're not going to do any harm to yourself. That's what

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1 we --

2 DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE SONDRRA: So as a mother I
3 would definitely volunteer that information, but I'm

4 talking about the wording particularly. It needs to be
5 voluntary because if we're demanding it, like we're
6 opening ourselves up for a legal repercussion and then we
7 are violating HIPAA at that point.

8 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR KAU: The only way we know,
9 because we don't ask them in interviews, is they fill out
10 the application. And so they're choosing to disclose it,
11 so --

12 DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE SONDRÁ: So what if they
13 don't fill out the application? Are they able to still do
14 it?

15 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR KAU: They have to.

16 DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE SONDRÁ: That's my point.
17 They have to.

18 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR KAU: Every delegate has to
19 certify that they are in good medical condition and they
20 can self-certify with their parents. So we're not
21 mandating that every delegate go get a physical because --

22 DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE SONDRÁ: I mean it's
23 ultimately up to you. I'm just trying to protect you,
24 so --

25 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR KAU: No. Thank you. I

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1 appreciate that. No, it's a good point.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Any further
3 discussion?

4 (No response.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All in favor, say
6 aye.

7 DELEGATES: Aye.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All opposed?

9 DELEGATES: Nay.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing only a few,
11 the motion carried.

12 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR KAU: Okay. The Girls State
13 Code School Faculty Guidelines -- wait. I did that one.
14 Should I eliminate now? Okay. Sorry.

15 Girls State Code School Faculty Guidelines number
16 1(e) now reads: "Candidates and Delegates who are
17 pregnant shall not be considered due to health issue
18 liabilities."

19 Madam President, at the direction of the
20 committee I move to eliminate 1(e) of the Girls State Code
21 School Faculty Guidelines.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There's a motion on
23 the floor to remove Girls State Code School Faculty
24 Guidelines 1(3): "Candidates and Delegates who are
25 pregnant shall not be" -- is that correct?



1 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR KAU: Yes.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: "Shall not be
3 considered due to health issue liabilities. (2019)."

4 Any further discussion?

5 (No response.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none, all
7 in favor say aye.

8 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All opposed say
10 nay.

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none,
13 motion carried.

14 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR KAU: Girls State Code
15 School Faculty Guidelines 1(d) now read: "Should possess
16 qualities of courage and honesty; and be cooperative with
17 others. Candidate, upon her return from ALA Girls State,
18 must be willing to relate the interest and sense of
19 responsibility of government she has gained from
20 participating at ALA Girls State to her school, her
21 community, and her sponsors."

22 Girls State number 1(d) will now read: "Should
23 possess qualities of courage and honesty; and be
24 cooperative with others. Delegate, upon her return from

25 ALA Girls State, must be willing to relate to the interest

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1 and sense of responsibility of government to her school,
2 her community, and sponsors."

3 Madam President, at the direction of the
4 committee I move to adopt the change to the Girls State
5 Code.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There's a motion on
7 the floor to change Girls State Code School Facility
8 Guidelines 1(d): "Should possess qualities of courage and
9 honesty; and be cooperative with others. Delegate, upon
10 her return from ALA Girls State, must be willing to relate
11 to the interest and sense of responsibility of government
12 to her school, her community, and sponsors."

13 Any further -- any discussion?

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All in favor?

16 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none,
20 motion carried.

21 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR KAU: And this one is for
22 throughout the Girls State Code. Change all references to

23 to female delegates/students to delegates/students and all
24 references to "her" to the possessive pronouns. Madam
25 President, at the direction of the committee I move to

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1 adopt the change to the Girls State code.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Okay. We're going
3 to make that a housekeeping.

4 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR KAU: Perfect.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Are there others
6 that are housekeeping?

7 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR KAU: That's it for the
8 code, Madam President. Can I please continue with my
9 platform remarks?

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Please.

11 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR KAU: What a year. Beach
12 volleyball is usually two out of three, but I feel like
13 we've played best of five with each match going to five
14 sets and well over 20 points each game with multiple
15 matches every month. I'm exhausted and we still have our
16 championship match on Monday, which will be a marathon. I
17 feel like I've received a few spikes directly to my face
18 multiple times throughout the year. Thankfully my team
19 members have picked me up and supported me through all the
20 ups and downs and back and forth volleying.

21 Our team is resilient and we're ready to win gold
22 each week. Thank you to each of our Girls State Committee
23 members who have made difficult decisions throughout the
24 year to make the 79th session, in-person session, a
25 reality. To try to predict how COVID-19 would affect the

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1 79th session eight months in advance is impossible, but
2 they did their best and have proven wise, as six delegates
3 have cancelled this past week due to COVID.

4 The Department of California has 414 delegates
5 registered for our 79th session. This is truly remarkable
6 to reach close to our numbers of last year's online
7 session, despite the ongoing challenges of the pandemic.
8 This past school year has been the most challenging for.

9 School staff, even more so than when school was
10 shut down in 2020 and mostly online last year. Though the
11 vaccine and booster requirement eliminated some schools,
12 there were many where schools were so overwhelmed that
13 units could not make any contact with them. Other units
14 were no longer able to support the ALA California Girls
15 State due to limited numbers of members or surrendering
16 their charters.

17 Shifting to a virtual Town Hall in only two
18 months for 2020 was difficult. Last year working with

19 legislators and their staff, the American Legion and their
20 lobbyists and the community for California Senate Bill 363
21 was even more difficult. But this year was most
22 challenging of the three by far. Not having a location
23 finalized until March moving from Claremont McKenna to
24 Sacramento State, arranging bus transportation for
25 delegates who attend a school more than two hours away

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1 from Sacramento State, and dealing with the unpredictable
2 nature of COVID-19, all while holding multiple meetings
3 with the American Legion California Boys State leadership
4 throughout the year to work to comply with SB363, which
5 has been an extraordinary time commitment for many of our
6 ALA California Girls State senior leadership.

7 It will be refreshing to be with the delegates
8 next week and witness the value of all the work that so
9 many put into this program as hundreds of young people
10 will experience the incredible spirit of the ALA
11 California Girls State program and learn more about the
12 American Legion Auxiliary.

13 It has been a privilege and an honor to serve as
14 Department Girls State Chairperson. I have received an
15 incredible amount of support and assistance from each of
16 the Unit and District Chairpersons, the Girls State

17 Committee, and the Girls State staff. I'm extremely
18 grateful for our extraordinary beach volleyball team who
19 have moved forward throughout the year despite so many
20 uncertainties and changes. They have been extremely
21 patient and supportive of me as Department Girls State
22 Chair.

23 Thank you for the appointment, Madam President.

24 May I now present my awards?

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Yes.

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1 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR KAU: This year I would love
2 to give an award to each person who was involved with
3 Girls State. There were some units who worked and worked,
4 yet were unsuccessful in identifying candidates. Their
5 efforts should be recognized.

6 Others learned Zoom, endured health issues, lost
7 loved ones, and overcame numerous challenges to sponsor
8 delegates. But like our Units who must choose only one
9 student among several qualified candidates, I had to
10 choose among several wonderful reports.

11 Our Best Unit Supplemental is District 2, Unit
12 383, Chair Suzanne Winters.

13 (Applause.)

14 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR KAU: And our Best District

15 Supplemental is District 18 Esthela Torres de Siegrist.

16 (Applause.)

17 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR KAU: Come to me because you
18 want to go to lunch. This concludes my report.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Thank you, Allyn.
20 Before we break for lunch, Liz has a few sound waves.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: So this is the pair
22 of glasses that somebody lost the other day. They've been
23 hanging around. Here's a pin, laminated Auxiliary pin.

24 Anita's Dream Captains, please meet at the upper
25 terrace outside the Cafe California for lunch on Anita at

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1 the noon break.

2 The webmaster is asking delegates to please share
3 photos by emailing them to webmaster@calegionaux.org. And
4 if Chairmen would like to have their award winners listed
5 on the website, please see Rebecca or email them to
6 webmaster@calegionaux.org.

7 And then we've been asked that for smokers, if
8 you guys could step a little bit further away from the
9 doors when you go outside to smoke. It's coming in those
10 doors and it's bugging people.

11 Somebody's lost a knock-off Air Pod. It's right
12 there.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Ladies, we're going
14 to break for lunch. And the Chairmen that have not given
15 their floor reports, please be prepared. We're running
16 really late because of all the code changes in the
17 programs. So please be prepared after lunch and see you
18 at 1:30.

19 (Lunch recess taken 12:26 p.m.)

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1 AFTERNOON SESSION - 1:35 P.M.

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3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: This convention
4 session is reconvened. Ladies, we have a lot of chairmen.
5 We're running way behind, so if the chairmen are ready, I
6 have Distinguished Guest Chairman Linda Workman -- I'm so
7 sorry, Linda. At least I didn't mispronounce it. And
8 then I'm going to have AEF Valerie Hill, National Security
9 Vicky Bean, Ann Philcox, and Jackie Cleveland Leadership.

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11 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN CONVENTION REPORT

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13 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Good
14 afternoon, everyone. That was just great. You know,
15 those must have been around quite a while. Just love our
16 parade. And next time next year, make sure you all bring
17 back your costumes. We've been announcing it before this
18 year. Forgot that we do it. Get ready next year. It's
19 going to be great. Let's all get in line.

20 Madam President Dee Ann and members of the
21 Department of California --

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Ladies, we have a
23 Chairman giving her report.

24 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Yeah, you
25 don't want to miss a report; right? But anyways, so the

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1 Catalina Flyer was happy to finally get out of port and
2 set sail with all aboard for your DEC in Long Beach. We
3 had calm seas and everyone enjoyed our Western Division
4 National President Toni Gimpel. She was such a good
5 sport, along with everyone else catching the wave at your
6 DEC banquet.

7 We then sailed back to port and picked up our
8 National President Kathy Daudistel. What a treat to spend

9 time with her. And it's kind of a joke because I've been
10 going on with Kathy for several years on different
11 chairmanships, and so when I'm in California I always say,
12 "My Friend Kathy," instead of "National President Kathy."
13 So they have figured out that her first name is "My," her
14 middle name is "Friend," and her last name is "Kathy." My
15 Friend Kathy.

16 But it was so much fun having her. Such a lovely
17 lady and so much fun. I want to thank Maureen and Gene
18 Sacco for inviting us to their home for an over-the-top,
19 trust me, gourmet meal. It was outstanding. Yes, they
20 did a great job. Thank you, Maureen. It was amazing.

21 The next day we were off to Newport Harbor where
22 we took a tour around the harbor and had a delicious
23 lunch. I want to thank Carol Borgman, District 29, and
24 President Cindy Edes, Newport Unit 291, for hosting us.

25 Then off to a tour of the Iowa. Boy, after that

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1 we didn't have to go to the gym for days. I mean up
2 stairs, down stairs, around the corner. That is one big
3 ship. Okay. We all worked up an appetite and Chino Unit
4 299 did not disappoint us with a very elegant evening and
5 gourmet meal. I want to thank District 29 President Sandy
6 Kurkoske and I want to thank Past Department President

7 Diane DeLashmit and their crew for doing such a fantastic
8 job.

9 The next day we were excited to show the National
10 President all the history of the Hollywood Post, where she
11 initiated several new members -- which is a memory that
12 they will never forget -- and enjoyed a wonderful dinner.
13 I want to thank Martha Romano, District 24 President, and
14 Melissa Card, Hollywood Unit 43 President and her
15 committee for all their hard work.

16 Now time to rest as Distinguished Guest Chairman
17 until convention, but I'm not sure if I'm going to thank
18 her for this, but my daughter Tracy was the Leadership
19 Chairman this year and invited me to go along with her to
20 some of the amazing Leadership workshops. No rest. I
21 think it's no rest for the wicked, but no rest for me.
22 But I did have a great time with her and we enjoyed every
23 one that we did and meeting all of you in such a casual
24 wonderful fun atmosphere. It was amazing.

25 Now here we are at convention. Now this is my

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1 first convention as Distinguished Guest Chairman because
2 the last three -- two years they've been Zoomed. So I am
3 having a great time and it's just great to be together and
4 actually be able to hug someone and talk with them

5 face-to-face. And coming out of COVID, it's just been a
6 real treat.

7 I want to thank all of the work that the
8 Sergeant-at-Arms and -- your Sergeant-at-Arms and your
9 Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms have done. They're amazing to
10 work with. I've already given them their gift. I've
11 already given Madam President's a gift, and so I have no
12 more gifts.

13 So this -- you know, I kind of set up -- I have a
14 couple of little tiny jokes. Now you know how we always
15 as blondes are getting jokes. Well, here's a couple
16 blonde men jokes.

17 A blonde man was in the bathroom and his wife
18 shouts, "Did you find the shampoo?" He answered, "Yes,
19 but I'm not sure what to do. It's for dry hair and I just
20 wet mine."

21 A blonde man spots a letter on his doormat. It
22 says on the envelope, "Do not bend." He spent the next
23 two hours trying to figure out how to pick it up.

24 A blonde man shouts frantically into the phone,
25 "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are two minutes

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1 apart." And the 911 operator says, "Is this her first
2 child, asks the doctor." "No," he shouts, "this is her

3 husband."

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Valerie Hill, then
6 Vicky Bean.

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8 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND CONVENTION REPORT

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10 AEF CHAIR HILL: Afternoon, ladies. How about
11 that? That's better? That's great. I like this. This
12 is really nice. I enjoy this. It's so much fun.

13 Madam President, may I begin my --

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Please.

15 AEF CHAIR HILL: The convention committee for --
16 the convention committee on Auxiliary Emergency Fund met
17 on June 23rd, 2022 in the Laurel office at 10:45 a.m.
18 Excuse me. The Laurel Room at 10:45 a.m. The statistical
19 report of this chairman appears, mine, on page 17 in the
20 Book of Reports.

21 Susan Baker District 28, 694 was appointed
22 secretary. Elizabeth Tungate, District 20, Unit 817
23 offered prayer, and Phyllis Meyi, District 23, Unit 228
24 was appointed sergeant-at-arms. There was a total of 13
25 district delegates answered roll call and we had two



1 visitors.

2 The committee agreed upon the following report.
3 Basically it's like housekeeping report. None of the
4 codes is changed, but we wanted to change --

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: It's housekeeping?

6 AEF CHAIR HILL: Yes.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: No, you don't have
8 to read it.

9 AEF CHAIR HILL: Okay. So we just wanted to
10 change the word "she" to "they." That's basically just a
11 housekeeping.

12 Madam President, may I move on to my report?

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Please.

14 AEF CHAIR HILL: Okay. The statistical report on
15 Auxiliary Emergency Fund can be found on page 17 of the
16 Book of Reports. During the past two years we have faced
17 some challenges which hindered us from having fundraisers
18 and other events that would help us raise money for our
19 AEF program, yet some Doughnut Shops did not let that stop
20 them.

21 Our Doughnut Shops were dedicated to staying open
22 to have some fundraisers. Our Western Division Chairman
23 put a challenge in place. This challenge was to all
24 Western Division Departments to request a minimum of \$1 or
25 more per unit member based on their membership at the end



1 of July 31st.

2 One unit posted a decorated container out during
3 their monthly meetings which would encourage their members
4 to donate. Another unit's AEF committee hosted their
5 annual bus trip, which I attended and had a great time.
6 The fundraiser was called the Freedom Ride to Las Vegas in
7 July 2021. They were able to donate a generous amount of
8 -- I'm kind of nervous, guys.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: It's
10 understandable. Just say it.

11 AEF CHAIR HILL: Here we go. Okay. So they
12 donated a generous amount to the AEF program. This unit
13 also met the National Dollar Challenge. This unit was
14 also was able to quickly assist the ALA members in
15 Louisiana during the hurricanes that happened in August.
16 While at National Convention money was collected, and with
17 that money baby formula was purchased and was shipped out
18 the same day overnight to Louisiana. The money was sent
19 to ALA Department of Louisiana to distribute to affected
20 unit members.

21 A district circulated Lovely Lu Lu the Lifesaver
22 at each district meeting and also adapted the AEF Silly
23 Tax Form and utilized it as a fundraiser for the AEF

24 program. This district also took the National Dollar
25 Challenge.

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1 I am pleased to report that this year's total
2 donations collected for the AEF program is \$8,890.89.

3 (Applause.)

4 AEF CHAIR HILL: We had many units that reported
5 taking the Dollar Challenge and did their best to donate
6 the \$1 per member. We want to compliment all units for
7 their generous donations. We greatly appreciated the
8 cooperation of members helping members.

9 Thank you for your interest, hard work, and
10 participation in the Auxiliary Emergency Fund program. It
11 is great to know that that you care for this and has been
12 reflected by your donations.

13 Madam President, may I continue with my first
14 place awards?

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Please.

16 AEF CHAIR HILL: Okay. First place award to unit
17 for the largest AEF donation, Lodi Post Unit 222.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: District 11.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Lodi, you know the
21 Creedence Clearwater song?

22 AEF CHAIR HILL: Okay. And the First Place
23 District award goes to District 6 for the largest AEF
24 donation.

25 (Applause.)

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1 AEF CHAIR HILL: The District gave \$1,130 and the
2 unit gave \$837.

3 (Applause.)

4 AEF CHAIR HILL: Okay. And this award goes out
5 to Taadhimeka Stoval, District 23, Unit 252 Jackie
6 Robinson Post First Place Unit AEF Supplemental.

7 (Applause.)

8 AEF CHAIR HILL: And that supplemental will be
9 submitted to National. This one is for Susan Baker,
10 District 28, First Place District Supplemental.

11 (Applause.)

12 AEF CHAIR HILL: There were seven districts that
13 reported 100 percent. I do have your awards and I will
14 have them distributed to you. That would be District 6,
15 9, 10, 20, 23, 24, and 27.

16 (Applause.)

17 AEF CHAIR HILL: And, Madam President Dee Ann
18 Graham, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve
19 as your Department AEF Chairman. This was an experience.

20 I learned quite a bit. It was the first one for me and I
21 thank you for that.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Thank you. Ann?
23 Vicky Bean, are you ready? Right after Ann.

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25 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CONVENTION REPORT

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2 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR PHILCOX: Good
3 afternoon, Madam President. The Convention Committee on
4 Junior Activities meet on June 23rd, 2022. The
5 statistical report of this chairman --

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Ann, they can't
7 hear you, honey.

8 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR PHILCOX: They can't
9 hear me?

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: It's on. You just
11 aren't strategically located to the mic. There is a lot
12 of verbiage up here and we're wearing out these
13 microphones.

14 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR PHILCOX: The
15 convention committee on Junior Activities met on June
16 23rd, 2022 in the Plaza Room. The statistical report of
17 this Chairman appears on page 21 in the Book of Reports.

18 Tami Bell, District 25, was appointed secretary, Kathy
19 Gosling, District 20, offered prayer, and Jackie
20 Cleveland, District 23, was appointed sergeant-at-arms.

21 The code was read in its entirety with one
22 change. Number 8 of the code now reads: "The Department
23 Chairman shall be responsible for the promotion of the
24 Junior Conference and all fundraising efforts in support
25 of the Conference. All funds and ticket stubs will be

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1 sent to the Department Office, earmarked Junior
2 Conference, and made payable to the Department of
3 California ALA. The Department Secretary will provide the
4 Junior Activities Chairman a report on the collected funds
5 monthly. (2019)."

6 The change to the code now reads: "The
7 Department Chairman shall be responsible for the promotion
8 of the Junior Conference and all fundraising efforts in
9 support of the Conference. All ticket stubs will be sent
10 to the Junior Activities Chairman. All funds will be
11 earmarked Junior Conference and made payable to the
12 Department of California ALA. The Department Secretary
13 will provide the Junior Activities Chairman a report on
14 the collected funds monthly. (2022)."

15 I move that we change the code as read.

16 UNIDENTIFIED DELEGATE: Second.

17 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Was this by
18 direction?

19 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR PHILCOX: I'm sorry?

20 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Was this by
21 direction of the committee of the Junior Activities?

22 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR PHILCOX: Yes.

23 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Will you
24 please make that motion and that it was by direction of
25 the chairmen? Yes. And then there's no seconding. I was

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1 just reminded to remind everyone because we haven't been
2 calling it out, when you're coming from a preconvention
3 committee you've had your delegates make that motion in
4 the committee. So you're saying, "By direction of the
5 Junior Activities committee, I move," blah, blah, blah.
6 There's no seconding required.

7 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR PHILCOX: By the
8 direction of the committee, I -- by the direction of the
9 committee -- by the direction of the committee I move that
10 the corrections to number 8 of the code be changed.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Okay. There's a
12 motion on the floor to change number 8 of the Junior
13 Activities Code. It currently reads: "The Department

14 Chairman shall be responsible for the promotion of the
15 Junior Conference and all fundraising efforts in support
16 of the Conference. All funds and ticket stubs will be
17 sent to the Department Office, earmarked Junior
18 Conference, and made payable to the Department of
19 California ALA. The Department Secretary will provide the
20 Junior Activities Chairman a report on the collected funds
21 monthly. That's 2019.

22 The new code will read: "The Department Chairman
23 shall be responsible for the promotion of the Junior
24 Conference and all fundraising efforts in support of the
25 Conference. All ticket stubs will be sent to the Junior

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1 Activities Chairman. All funds will be earmarked Junior
2 Conference and made payable to the Department of
3 California ALA. The Department Secretary will provide the
4 Junior Activities Chairman a report on the collected funds
5 monthly. (2022)."

6 Is there any discussion?

7 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TOZIER: Madam President,
8 I'd like to amend --

9 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Name.

10 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TOZIER: Susie Tozier,
11 District 22, Unit 255. I want to amend and -- I move to

12 replace "Secretary" with "Treasurer."

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There's an
14 amendment on the motion to replace the last sentence,
15 which states: "The Department Treasurer will provide the
16 Junior Activities Chairman a report on the collected funds
17 monthly."

18 We're going to vote on this amendment first. Any
19 further discussion on the correction?

20 (No response.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none, all
22 in favor?

23 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Opposed?

25 (No response.)

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Motion carried.
2 Any discussion on the amended portion?

3 DEPARTMENT EDUCATION CHAIR FALKENBERG: Robin
4 Falkenberg, District 28, Unit 512. I'd just like the
5 membership to know that several years ago when I was
6 Junior Activities Chairman we had a change so that the
7 funds were going to the District Office because my mail
8 was -- Department Office. Sorry. My mail was hacked by a
9 drug addict and some of the money disappeared. So I just

10 wanted everyone to know about that rationale of why it was
11 changed in the first place. Thank you.

12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Madam
13 President, Melanie Taylor, Past Department President. I
14 just scared the bejesus out of her. Sorry.

15 I have a point of clarification here. I
16 understand that the ticket stubs are going to be sent to
17 the Junior Activities Chairman. All the funds should be
18 made payable to the Department of California American
19 Legion Auxiliary, but those funds should be sent to the
20 Department Office and in this amendment it doesn't state
21 that. It says: All ticket stubs will be sent to the
22 Junior Activities Chairman. All funds will be earmarked
23 Junior Conference and made payable to the Department of
24 California ALA, but it doesn't say anything about sending
25 the funds to the Department Office.

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1 Yeah. So I hate to do this, Ann, but -- yeah, I
2 do because we are running late, but we do need, you know,
3 a specific clarification here.

4 Madam President, I move to amend --

5 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TOZIER: Instead of the
6 Department Office, the checks need to go to our --

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: No, it's not a

8 donation or a membership, therefore -- no.

9 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TOZIER: Why?

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Because that's
11 what's in the contract.

12 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TOZIER: Okay. I'm sorry.

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: You're
14 excused. Okay. I will continue. I move to amend this
15 code change to read: "The Department Chairman shall be
16 responsible for the promotion of the Junior Conference and
17 all fundraising efforts in support of the conference" --
18 yeah, "in support of the conference. All ticket stubs
19 will be sent to the Junior Activities Chairman. All funds
20 will be earmarked Junior Conference and made payable to
21 the Department of California ALA. All funds will be sent
22 to the Department Office where the Department Secretary
23 will provide the Junior Activities Chairman a report on
24 the collected funds monthly."

25 Does that work for you, Liz?

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1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Change "Secretary"
2 to "Treasurer."

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Yeah. Oh,
4 didn't I? Okay. So all funds will be marked Junior
5 Conference and made payable and sent to the Department of

6 California ALA. The stubs will go to the Chairman and all
7 the funds will go to the Department where the Department
8 Treasurer will then provide the Junior Activities Chairman
9 a report on the amount of funds collected. Yeah, the
10 units are sending two envelopes, that is correct.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Can you read that
12 again because I started writing it and then --

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Yes. The
14 amendment to the code will now read: "The Department
15 Chairman shall be responsible for the promotion of the
16 Junior Conference and all fundraising efforts in support
17 of the Conference. All ticket stubs will be sent to the
18 Junior Activity Chairman. All funds will be earmarked
19 Junior Conference and made payable and sent to the
20 Department of California ALA. The Department Treasurer
21 will provide the Junior Activities Chairman a report on
22 the collected funds monthly."

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: One moment.
24 There's an amendment on the floor to change the code to
25 read: "The Department Chairman shall be responsible for

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1 the promotion of the Junior Conference and all fundraising
2 efforts in support of the Conference. All ticket stubs
3 will be sent to the Junior Activities Chairmen. All funds

4 will be earmarked Junior Conference and made payable and
5 sent to the Department of California ALA. The Department
6 Treasurer will provide the Junior Activities Chairman a
7 report on the collected funds monthly. (2022)."

8 DISTRICT 28 2ND VICE PRESIDENT GLENNY: Madam
9 President, Rebecca Glenny, District 28, Unit 694.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: You can come a
11 little closer. I don't bite.

12 DISTRICT 28 2ND VICE PRESIDENT GLENNY: Okay.
13 Rebecca Glenny, District 28, Unit 694. I just have a
14 question or clarification. If the stubs are going to one
15 place, being to the chairman, and the funds are being
16 earmarked and sent some someplace else, then could the
17 chairman potentially be receiving stubs that payment never
18 comes? Like how is that reconciliation going to happen
19 between the two if the money is going someplace and the
20 stubs are going someplace else?

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Is there a
22 transmittal?

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: There isn't
24 currently a transmittal, but we can change that.
25 Truthfully, that already happens. The reconciliation will

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1 happen once they receive the monthly report from Susie.

2 So she'll have to keep track of those checks and hold onto
3 them in the envelopes until she gets the monthly report.
4 It's either you or it's us. I'm doing the same thing.
5 I'm sending a monthly transmittal with all the checks to
6 the chairman right now, so --

7 DISTRICT 28 2ND VICE PRESIDENT GLENNY: Okay.
8 Thank you very much.

9 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR PHILCOX: It doesn't
10 always work out.

11 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: Madam
12 President, Bonnie Christner, District 20, Unit 311. My
13 very first chairmanship was Junior Activities. I
14 collected the ticket stubs and the money at my home. I
15 kept the ticket stubs. I had a ledger of every ticket
16 stub I got and the amount of money that I kept track of on
17 my computer. I then forwarded the check onto the
18 Department of California. It is a responsibility for the
19 Junior Activities Chairmen to keep track of every one of
20 those ticket stubs in any way they see fit, best scenario
21 on your computer, so you can put -- all you have to do is
22 open your program, stick the ticket numbers in there, how
23 much was paid. And even if you want send the transmittal
24 copy onto the Department of California.

25 It really isn't rocket science, ladies. I mean



1 it's pretty darn easy to do.

2 (Applause.)

3 AMERICANISM CHAIR O'BRIEN-SACCO: Maureen
4 O'Brien-Sacco, Unit 13, District 18. I was the Junior
5 Activities Chairman when this code change was made. And,
6 ladies, I'll simply tell you -- or, excuse me, Members, I
7 will tell you the reason that I asked to change the code
8 is I was receiving cash in the mail and I do not feel that
9 should be the responsibility of the Chairman. And the
10 reason we did it that way is because we're not expecting
11 units originally to have to send it to two different
12 places.

13 The reason it was sent to the office, they would
14 have the money and then monthly send the tickets. The
15 Junior Activities Chairman is collecting the tickets all
16 along, but you don't have a big bulk to where you're
17 piecemealing them. So if it's in one place, it's going to
18 be at that time. I personally found it easier. I just
19 wanted to give the reason why the change was put together.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Thank you.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: In regards to the
22 office taking this on at this point, we're down to one
23 person in the office. There's a lot of freaking mail.

24 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Yep.

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DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Banquet comes to a

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1 person. DEC stuff, the money goes elsewhere. Everything
2 for here goes to somebody else. It doesn't go to the
3 office. Girls State -- no, Girls State comes to me. I'm
4 trying to think of what an example is.

5 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR PHILCOX: The problem
6 is when I get mail, I would get stubs. And then I called
7 Liz did you get the check. And then the next day I'd get
8 a check and she's getting the stubs. So that's what
9 happens and that shouldn't be. It should be connected.
10 All I'm doing is changing my code to the point where the
11 check -- someone gets the tickets and person get the
12 check.

13 And this year it was hard because, first off, we
14 haven't had Junior Conference for two years. And I was
15 requested to utilize all the tickets that we had left over
16 and that's what I did. That's why everybody got a big
17 packet this -- at Clovis. So I'm looking through the
18 column and either some people aren't reading the code or
19 they're not understanding the code. So now -- I mean now
20 you're going to send them to the Treasurer or -- I'm all
21 confused now.

22 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Anita Biggs,

23 Past Department President. In listening to the debate, it
24 sounds like -- I know it might be harder on the office,
25 but really the tickets and the money should go to one

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1 place. If the money ends up at the Department with the
2 Department Treasurer at this point, not the Secretary, but
3 the Treasurer, she can keep the transmittal and itemize
4 the ticket stubs. She doesn't have to send the ticket
5 stubs as they come into the chairmen. She can hold those
6 ticket stubs in a file or wherever she is, an envelope
7 because the ticket stubs are going to be used for a
8 drawing. And as long as she communicates with the
9 chairman which ticket stubs she's received by email or
10 whatever, there's not going to be a whole bunch of money,
11 ticket stubs floating back around in the mail.

12 And that's my opinion. I think it might work. I
13 think Susie, I don't know if she would agree to doing
14 that, but it makes a lot of sense that the units and the
15 people selling the tickets only have to send it to one
16 location.

17 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIR DURON: Madam President,
18 Tamra Duron, District 25. In response to people sending
19 cash, why can't it just be put on the form, "Do not send
20 cash"?

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Okay. Any further
22 discussion?

23 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TOZIER: This is Susie
24 Tozier, District 22, Unit 255. You can send everything to
25 me.

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1 (Applause.)

2 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR PHILCOX: The code
3 will now read -- I move to amend the code as follows:
4 "The Department Chairman shall be responsible for the
5 promotion of the Junior Conference and all fundraising
6 efforts in support of the conference. All ticket stubs
7 and all funds will be earmarked Junior Conference and made
8 payable and sent to the Department Treasurer. The
9 Department Treasurer will provide the Junior Activities
10 Chairman a report on the collected funds and stubs monthly
11 and forward ticket stubs monthly."

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: The amendment on
13 the floor reads: "The Department Chairman shall be
14 responsible for the promotion of Junior Conference and all
15 fundraising efforts in support of the conference. All
16 ticket stubs and all funds will be earmarked Junior
17 Conference and made payable and sent to the Department
18 Treasurer. The Department Treasurer will provide Junior

19 Activities Chairman a report on the collected funds and
20 forward ticket stubs monthly. (2022)."

21 Any further discussion?

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none, all
24 in favor?

25 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All opposed?

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Motion carried.

4 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR PHILCOX: Madam
5 President, may I proceed with my supplemental?

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Sure.

7 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR PHILCOX: Madam
8 President, thank you to the 17 districts who took the time
9 to complete their reports. A special thank you to Glacier
10 Unit 457 who partnered with their local community and
11 involved the local schools in their activities even though
12 they did not have a formal Junior program. Activities
13 like this open the door to seeing if any of these students
14 are eligible to be Junior members and getting their
15 parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles to join the
16 Legion and Auxiliary. What a recruitment tool.

17 Congratulations to Sunland Tujunga Unit 377 who
18 was able to start a Junior Activities program.
19 Unfortunately this year also saw the cancellation of
20 Junior Conference due to the ongoing COVID situation.

21 The following is what a mocked down Junior
22 program was able to achieve this past year. The Juniors
23 performed 1186 hours of service. They supplied services
24 to 685 veterans and their families. They made dozens of
25 cookies and cards for hospitalized veterans. One unit's

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1 Juniors made Valentines, Christmas gifts and schools
2 supplies for the families at Fort Irwin. One Junior
3 completed the Gold Patch Program and two completed the Red
4 Patch Program. But at this moment I would like to amend
5 that to say two Juniors completed the Red Patch -- or the
6 Gold Patch program, three completed the Red Patch program.
7 And one of the three was a son of a Legionnaire. Little
8 guy, but he completed all his red patches. Several
9 Juniors started their patch program. Two were awarded
10 patches at Mission Training in Las Vegas.

11 Juniors also helped members navigate the
12 Internet. Juniors took care of family members, served
13 dinners and so much more. A note of gratitude to all the
14 District and Units who bought Junior Conference tickets.

15 This year we made \$8,546 in sales. Quartermania, a
16 fundraiser done in conjunction with a unit, netted the
17 program \$800.

18 Madam President, it has been a privilege to serve
19 you as your Junior Activities Chair this year. I would
20 like to proceed with my awards.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Please.

22 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR PHILCOX: Prior to
23 that I would like to thank all the Juniors that have
24 helped this weekend.

25 (Applause.)

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1 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR PHILCOX: This is the
2 Junior Conference Director Jackie Cleveland.

3 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR CLEVELAND: I want to
4 say I'm very sorry that we had to cancel the Junior
5 Conference this year, but hopefully next year we will have
6 a Junior Conference. We are trying to recruit more
7 Juniors. We have a small amount. We only had three to
8 register for the Junior Conference this year, so that
9 would not help us at all.

10 We also have to find a new location for the
11 Junior Conference for '22-'23. So if anyone has any ideas
12 or any suggestion that you can give us that we might check

13 in to see if we can get the place for Junior Conference
14 next year, we really will appreciate it.

15 Also I have Valerie Hill, she's one of the
16 members of the committee, and Bernice Brown is also a
17 member. She's not here, but thank you very much for your
18 support.

19 (Applause.)

20 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR PHILCOX: So the
21 District First Place Award goes to District 21 Melissa
22 Flores, Chairman.

23 (Applause.)

24 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR PHILCOX: Now the
25 First Place Unit Supplemental goes to District 27 Glacier

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1 Unit 457 Rosemary Gochen.

2 (Applause.)

3 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR PHILCOX: Okay. And
4 at this time I'm going to have Madam President draw three
5 tickets for the Junior Conference. And all the tickets
6 that we sold are there in that one box. Shake it up,
7 girl.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: We're going to
9 shake it.

10 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR PHILCOX: They've been

11 shaken and shaken. I'm looking for my name.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Is it first,
13 second, third or third, second, first?

14 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR PHILCOX: Do third,
15 second, first.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Three, two, one.

17 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR PHILCOX: Because the
18 tickets were so iffy this last year because we did it
19 different to try to get them to bring the older tickets.
20 The district who sold the most tickets is District 18.

21 (Applause.)

22 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR PHILCOX: Okay. Third
23 place. I can't remember how much third place is. Judy
24 S., Unit 72, District 28.

25 (Applause.)

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1 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR PHILCOX: And I'm
2 going to give the stubs back to Liz so she can write the
3 check.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Liz? I've got a
5 new job.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: You meant Susie;
7 right?

8 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR PHILCOX: Susie,

9 right. Sorry, sorry. Long day. Been standing most of
10 them.

11 Second place goes to Annabelle Storms, District
12 28, Unit 93. And the first place -- oh, my God -- goes to
13 Judy S., District 29, Unit 72.

14 (Applause.)

15 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR PHILCOX: Madam
16 President, this concludes my report.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Thank you.

18 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR PHILCOX: You're
19 welcome.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Ms. Vicky.

21 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR BEAN: Just in case I
22 need to sit down on my walker.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: You're speaking
24 very softly. It's on, just --

25 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR BEAN: Okay. Better?

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Yes, ma'am.

2 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR BEAN: Okay. I'll try my
3 best.

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5 NATIONAL SECURITY CONVENTION REPORT

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7 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR BEAN: Madam President,
8 the committee on National Security meet on June 23rd --

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: We have a chairman
10 giving platform remarks, please.

11 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR BEAN: Madam President,
12 the convention committee on National Security met on
13 January 23rd, '22 in the Pine Room. The statistical
14 report of this Chairman appears on page 23 of the Book of
15 Reports. It was called to order by me. Chaplain Yvonne
16 Evans, District 23, offered prayer. Sergeant-at-arms
17 Michelle Stern, District 10, led the Pledge of Allegiance
18 and secretary Debbie Butler of District 19 called the roll
19 and took notes. There were 19 delegates and no visitors.
20 There were no code changes in this committee.

21 (Applause.)

22 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR BEAN: Citations were
23 given out to Second Place, District 25, Donna Mattox,
24 Chairman. Third place went to District 27, Barbara
25 Edwards, and Honorable Mention went to District 16, Nancy

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1 Melton. Second place on the Unit reports went to District
2 19, 496 Nancy Rose, Chairman. Committee ended at 10:45.

3 May I continue with my supplemental?

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Vicky, did you read

5 -- did get the code change from the past?

6 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR BEAN: I did not give any
7 code change given to me for National Security.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I gave it to her.

9 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR BEAN: There was nothing
10 given to me.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I gave you that
12 code change in regards to the Service Member of the Year
13 for the Woman Service Member of the Year.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Service Member of
15 the Year. Vicky, you're going to have to have your
16 National Security Committee meet. You want to go out in
17 the hall?

18 Okay. All the National Security chairmen,
19 district chairmen, delegates, follow Vicky.

20 Gloria Williams, Constitution & Bylaws.

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22 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CONVENTION REPORT

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24 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR WILLIAMS: Good

25 afternoon. The convention committee --

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Gloria, we can't

2 hear you.

3 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR WILLIAMS: Can you
4 hear me? No.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: It's on. You've
6 just got to place it so your voice carries into it.

7 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR WILLIAMS: Testing.
8 Testing. I didn't want to act like this, but -- oh, geez.

9 Madam President, the Convention Committee on
10 Constitution & Bylaws met on June 23rd, 2022 in the Cedar
11 Room. The statistical report of this Chairman appears on
12 page 20 in the Book of Reports. Yolanda Zuniga of
13 District 18 was appointed secretary. CJ Reyes, District
14 19, offered prayer, and Sandy Seddon-Rice, District 6, was
15 appointed sergeant-at-arms. A total of 16 delegates
16 answered roll call and there were -- there was one Junior
17 visitor present.

18 The code was read with the following changes.
19 Constitution & Bylaws Code on page 22, number 3 presently
20 reads: "There must be two people signing on the signature
21 page: the person who is serving or acting as Constitution
22 & Bylaws Chairman and the President or individual serving
23 in her place."

24 That has been changed to read: "There must be
25 two" -- it has been amended to read: "There must be two



1 people signing on the signature page: the person who is
2 serving or acting as Constitution & Bylaws Chairman and
3 the President or individual serving in the President's
4 place."

5 By the direction of the committee, I move for
6 that acceptance.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There's a motion on
8 the floor to change code 6(d) in the Constitution & Bylaws
9 which currently reads: "There must be two people signing
10 on the signature page: the person who is serving or
11 acting as Constitution & Bylaws Chairman and the President
12 or individual serving in her place."

13 The amendment would read to 6(d): "There must be
14 two people signing on the signature page: the person who
15 is serving or acting as Constitution & Bylaws Chairman and
16 the President or individual serving in the President's
17 place."

18 Any discussion?

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All in favor?

21 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All opposed say
23 nay.

24 (No response.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Motion carried.



1 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR WILLIAMS: Can I
2 continue with my report, Madam President?

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Please.

4 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR WILLIAMS: Madam
5 President, your Lifeguards mounted up and hit the sand and
6 waves to make sure we all helped our units and district
7 with their bylaws and amendments. Twenty-five year-end
8 reports were received. The statistical report can be
9 found on page 20 in the Book of Reports.

10 Telephone calls, letters, emails were used to
11 inform districts and units about the status of their
12 bylaws. Units have reported that they used tools such as
13 Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised in addition to
14 answering many procedural questions.

15 Our Lifeguards were diligent about seeking out
16 units that needed to rewrite bylaws. We must commend the
17 many districts and units that reminded their officers to
18 rewrite bylaws and amendments in a timely manner so not to
19 violate the Department 45-day rule of all districts and
20 units being in compliance with up-to-date bylaws before
21 Convention.

22 Several districts reported how proud they are of
23 their members reciting and memorizing the Preamble to the

24 Constitution. One district reported 82 members who have
25 memorized it.

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1 Running in the hot sand to the nearest post
2 office by this Lifeguard and Madam President has been a
3 workout. We made a great team. We both wanted districts
4 and units to receive their signed Bylaws and Standing
5 Rules in a timely manner. Our Department Office is
6 seeking ways to simplify the mailing and signing process.

7 Well, it's time for this Lifeguard to catch the
8 gentle waves and retire her gear. This completes my
9 supplemental report. May I continue with my first place
10 awards?

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Please.

12 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR WILLIAMS: Okay.
13 First Place District goes to Cynthia Edes, District 29.

14 (Applause.)

15 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR WILLIAMS:
16 Congratulations. The unit award goes to Diane -- I'm
17 going to mess up your name -- Mielak, Unit 777, District
18 25.

19 (Applause.)

20 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR WILLIAMS: Come on,
21 Diane.

22 Madam President, thank you for this appointment.

23 This concludes my report.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Tracy, are you

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1 ready for Leadership after Vicky?

2 Vicky, come on up.

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4 NATIONAL SECURITY CONVENTION REPORT (Resumed)

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6 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR BEAN: So you all know

7 it's not my fault. Can you hear me? Okay. Number 5,

8 "The National form and rules for nominating women who are

9 currently serving our country in the U.S. Army, Navy,

10 Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard

11 including National Guard and representing components of

12 each of the branches for the Salute to Servicewoman Award

13 can be found in Department website. The complete form and

14 written narration of 750 words or less or a YouTube video,

15 three minutes or less, done by the nominees must be sent

16 to the National Security Chairman by the deadline set by

17 National. A copy of this nomination must also be sent to

18 the Department by the second Friday of May so that she can

19 pass out to the nominees regarding the Department function

20 that she will be hosting be in" -- "will be hosting."

21 "Honored." The one eye doesn't do too good.

22 So this will be number 5, and then we will rename
23 5 to 6.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Vicky, would you
25 make that in the form of a motion, please?

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1 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR BEAN: I make a motion
2 that we accept number 5 now and then move number 5 to
3 number 6.

4 NEC WOMAN MARTINEZ: Second.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Did you say you're
6 moving to add this code?

7 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR BEAN: No. What they did
8 is they renumbered. Oh, add a code. Excuse me.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Kathie, who was
10 your National Security Chairman?

11 NEC WOMAN MARTINEZ: Donna Smith out of 22.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: And she's not here.

13 NEC WOMAN MARTINEZ: I had to think for a minute.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Never mind.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: National changed
16 this PPP last year at the convention and we're trying to
17 update our codes accordingly. They split some of the

18 awards that we usually honor at -- the PPP usually seeks
19 these nominees and now they're being moved to other
20 chairs.

21 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Madam
22 President, point of order. On the National Security Code,
23 the code was copy and pasted apparently from the Past
24 Presidents Parley Code. So there is already a Code 18 in
25 National Security addressing the Servicewoman of the Year,

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1 so at this point I think she just needs to rescind that
2 motion and amend and just do a code change for 18 to
3 correct it so she can correct the code.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Okay. Make a
5 motion.

6 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR BEAN: I withdraw the
7 other motion. Okay. So I move that 18 be changed to:
8 "Nomination from the rules for the nomination of women who
9 are currently serving our country in the U.S. Army, Navy,
10 Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard including
11 National Guard representative components of each branch
12 for the Salute to Servicewoman Award can be found in the
13 Department website. Complete form and written narrative
14 of 750 words or less or YouTube video can be reported to
15 the National Security Chairman by deadline set by

16 National. A copy of this nomination must also be sent to
17 the Department National Security Chairman by the second
18 Friday of May so that she can conduct" -- "contact,"
19 excuse me, "contact nominees regarding the Department
20 function that she will be honored at."

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Is there a second?

22 NEC WOMAN MARTINEZ: Second.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Or any discussion?

24 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: Madam President, don't we
25 need to add Space Force in there?

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Okay. We've got
2 the Space Force.

3 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: It's in here
4 written down.

5 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR BEAN: I thought I read
6 the Space Force. Shall I reread it?

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: I'll read it. Any
8 further discussion?

9 (No response.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All in favor?

11 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Madam
15 President, you needed to carry out the motion because
16 there was two different things. She did another motion to
17 amend the code for the National Security Code 18. That's
18 what you needed to have -- I know you voted on it, but
19 there was a change.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Okay.

21 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Code change.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: The motion was read
23 to change the Code 18: "The nomination form and rules for
24 nominating women who are currently serving our country in
25 the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force,

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1 Space Force, or the Coast Guard including National Guard
2 and reserve components of each branch for the Salute
3 of" -- excuse me -- "for the Salute to Servicewomen Award
4 can be found on the Department website. The completed
5 form and a written narrative 750 words or less or a
6 YouTube video, three minutes or less, done by the nominee
7 must be sent to the National Chairman by deadline set by
8 National. A copy of the nomination must also be sent to
9 the Department National Security Chairman by the second
10 Friday in May so that she can contact the nominee
11 regarding the Department function that she will be honored

12 at. (2022)."

13 Any further discussion?

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All in favor?

16 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none,
20 motion carries.

21 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR BEAN: Madam President,
22 can I continue with my report?

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Please, Vicky.

24 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR BEAN: I wanted to direct
25 you to page 22 for the final total of my report. There

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1 were 842 volunteers. There were 219 awards. There was
2 11,539 pounds with a total of \$76,052 serving military
3 veterans and family of 5,723. And I think these chairmen
4 did a wonderful job.

5 Madam President, it's been my pleasure to serve
6 you as National Security Chairman and to check one more
7 thing off my bucket list that I made many years ago. Your
8 Shore Patrol has been very busy this year. You will find
9 my statistical report in the Book of Reports, as I said,

10 on page 23.

11 Just a brief highlight of this year's program by
12 Units and Districts. CERT members participated in
13 California Shake Out, had disaster kits ready and work to
14 keep updated on current emergency and donated to the
15 National Disaster Search Dog Foundation. Also the troops
16 program Packages and Cards. There was a Gator Beach Bash
17 for the Third Assault Amphibian Battalion at Camp
18 Pendleton Marine Base. This is a yearly event to honor
19 the soldiers who are being deployed.

20 Snacks and toiletry bags were made for the
21 Marines coming home to Pendleton who helped in the
22 evacuation of Afghanistan.

23 Some units feed the homeless veterans and
24 non-veterans on the streets, made sure they were safe and
25 had masks and hand sanitizer. Others held CPR and first

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1 aid classes. Others made disaster backpacks, passed them
2 out. Evacuation plans for homes, emergency plans for
3 family, kits, phones, and flashlights were passed out.
4 Gift cards to Ontario Airport USO to insure Service
5 personnel had comfort waiting for their connection of
6 their flights. Unit members also donated their time to
7 offer kind words of comfort while they were waiting for

8 connecting flights.

9 Food baskets were also given out to military
10 families in needs. We must always remember that it is the
11 unit members who volunteer their time to make our programs
12 a success. As chairman, we are the head of the committees
13 who graciously asks their help and accept the citations on
14 their behalf. Please remember to thank each and every one
15 of your unit members.

16 May I present my citations, please, Madam
17 President?

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Please.

19 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR BEAN: The National
20 Security Best of Program went to -- excuse me. District
21 First Place went to District 17 Rodica. Don't ask me how
22 to pronounce that last name. Rodi.

23 (Applause.)

24 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR BEAN: I hate to tell
25 you, but 22 of my folders went to Girls State and my

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1 husband got the others. And the National Security Best of
2 Program Unit Award went to District 16, Unit 482 Connie
3 Biggers.

4 (Applause.)

5 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR BEAN: Is somebody here

6 to take it to Connie? They've got their heart. It's a
7 personal alarm, so if you pull the plug it really squeals
8 and it acts as a flashlight. So it is a security device I
9 thought and I decided to get each one.

10 Thank you, Madam President.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Thank you, Vicky.

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13 LEADERSHIP CONVENTION REPORT

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15 LEADERSHIP CHAIR VARNELL: Good afternoon, Madam
16 President. Well, we made it. The Convention Committee on
17 Leadership met on June 23rd, 2022 in the Birch Room at
18 10:00 a.m. The statistical report of this Chairman
19 appears on page 22 of the Book of Reports.

20 Robin Falkenberg, District 28, was appointed
21 secretary. Tamra Duron, District 25, offered prayer, and
22 Susan Mar, District 10, was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms.
23 We had a total of 18 districts and six visitors. We had
24 two housekeeping which we have turned in to Department.
25 We gave out second and third place supplemental winners to

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1 committee. I'm sorry. We gave out second and third place
2 supplemental winners in committee and we have turned those
3 in to the Department as well.

4 No, ladies, unfortunately we did not have a code
5 change, but we do have a code addition. As you've heard
6 throughout the convention, the PPP Unit Member of the Year
7 is now going to be under Leadership. So bear with me. I
8 have rewritten this thing like ten times.

9 Thank you, Melanie, for all your help. And I
10 also gave the girls at the front desk ten bucks because I
11 felt sorry.

12 Part of the reason why I took a little bit more
13 is because I wanted to take out the "shes" and "hers" and
14 this and that so it would flow a little better. Because
15 now that we can have male Auxiliary members, I didn't want
16 to leave anybody out. So we are just going to add to this
17 the Leadership Code number 15.

18 Madam President, may I continue?

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Please.

20 LEADERSHIP CHAIR VARNELL: "Department Chairman
21 will send out the rules for the Unit Member of the Year
22 competition. Entries will be submitted to the Department
23 President for judging by the first Friday in May. The
24 Department President shall notify the recipient that they
25 have been chosen for Unit Member of the Year by letter and

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1 send a copy of the letter and nomination to the Department

2 Chairman. The Department Chairman shall notify the
3 National Chairman, along with the National Secretary and
4 the Department Office prior to June 1st. The recipient
5 will be honored at an appropriate function during the
6 Department Convention. The Department Chairman will send
7 an invitation to the recipient for the event where they
8 will be honored and they will notify their Unit and
9 District President of the honor that was extended to their
10 member as soon as possible. The Department Office will
11 supply the recipient with the housing forms and agenda for
12 the National Convention where the recipient will be
13 honored. The recipient will be given mileage for their
14 attendance to the Department function where the recipient
15 will be honored. The recipient shall be given a ribbon
16 similar to the Page's ribbon inscribed California and the
17 year that they were honored. This ribbon shall be given
18 to the recipient whether or not they are able to attend
19 the Department function."

20 Madam President, by the direction of my committee
21 I move to accept this addition to the Leadership code.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There's a motion on
23 the floor to add Code 15: "Department Chairman will send
24 out the rules for the Unit Member of the Year competition.
25 Entries will be submitted to the Department President for



1 judging by the first Friday in May. The Department
2 President shall notify the recipient that they have been
3 chosen for Unit Member of the Year by letter and send a
4 copy of the letter and nomination to the Department
5 Chairman. The Department Chairman shall notify the
6 National Chairman, along with the National Secretary and
7 the Department Office prior to June 1st. The recipient
8 will be honored at an appropriate function during the
9 Department Convention. The Department Chairman will send
10 an invitation to the recipient for the event where they
11 will be honored and they will notify their Unit and
12 District President of the honor that was extended to their
13 member as soon as possible. The Department Office will
14 supply the recipient with the housing forms and agenda for
15 the National Convention where the recipient will be
16 honored. The recipient will be given mileage for their
17 attendance to the Department function where the recipient
18 will be honored. The recipient shall be given a ribbon
19 similar to the Page's ribbon inscribed California and the
20 year that they were honored. This ribbon shall be given
21 to the recipient whether or not they are able to attend
22 the Department function. (2022)."

23 Any discussion?

24 (No response.)

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DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none, all

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1 in favor?

2 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Motion carried.

6 LEADERSHIP CHAIR VARNELL: Yay. Madam President,
7 may I continue with my platform remarks?

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Please.

9 LEADERSHIP CHAIR VARNELL: Good afternoon, Madam
10 President. I would first like to thank Madam President
11 for this chairmanship. It was an honor and a privilege to
12 be a Beach Ball. I would also like to thank my Beach Ball
13 Babe Linda for traveling with me throughout the year.

14 I would also like to send a huge thank you to the
15 districts that hosted a Leadership workshop: District 23,
16 District 16 -- they really didn't have a choice. They're
17 my district -- District 12, District 22, and District 29.
18 The hospitality was out of this world and it was amazing
19 getting to see each one of you.

20 As you can see, this Beach Ball was bouncing all
21 over the state. It never stopped. I received 26
22 end-of-the-year, which was outstanding. Not as many

23 supplementals as I would have liked to have gotten, but
24 the ones I got were amazing. And lucky for me I did not
25 have to judge them. I have someone else doing that for

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1 me. I work in assisted living. It keeps them busy.

2 I'm proud to report that we have two districts
3 which held their own workshops, District 25 and District
4 28, along with four units.

5 When going through the end-of-the-year reports,
6 it made this Chairman very proud to see units and
7 districts working together as one. The way the units and
8 districts were using technology to reach out to
9 memberships such as Zoom meetings, text messages, emails,
10 sending out unit and district meetings to keep everyone
11 informed, also blast outs to the membership to keep
12 everyone informed of the events going on at their posts.

13 I would like to mention some highlights. I wish
14 I could talk about them all, but if we did we'd be here
15 until next year, and honestly my beach ball would be
16 deflated. District 25 and District 16 both had mentors,
17 or as I like to say Big Sister programs, where they help
18 new members understand the protocol and programs of this
19 great organization.

20 Along with many other districts and units,

21 District 29's goal was to pass on leadership to make the
22 tools for every unit to be great. Unit 291 put their
23 focus on compassion and understanding.

24 With this year coming to an end, I like to
25 reflect on things that I have learned throughout the year.

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1 I think the most important thing was like any
2 organization, we may not always get along, at times we may
3 not really care for each other, and people will do things
4 that maybe they've always been done that way or maybe we
5 don't think they should do it that way, but we should
6 always take a step back and look at what each member
7 brings to the table, their strengths and their value.

8 We always preach civility, compassion, and
9 understanding. It is a work in progress. It will not
10 happen overnight, but being out there working with this
11 chairmanship, I know we are headed in the right direction
12 and I can truly say I am so proud of each and every one of
13 you. Once again, thank you for the great memories, an
14 amazing year.

15 Madam President, this concludes my report. With
16 your permission, may I proceed with my first place
17 supplementals?

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Please.

19 LEADERSHIP CHAIR VARNELL: First place
20 supplemental goes to Tamra Duron, District 25.

21 (Applause.)

22 LEADERSHIP CHAIR VARNELL: Now remember, I didn't
23 judge these. Okay? First Place Unit Supplemental goes to
24 Linda Fercho, District 16, Unit 741.

25 (Applause.)

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1 LEADERSHIP CHAIR VARNELL: Like I said, I didn't
2 judge those.

3 Madam President, I'd like to thank you once again
4 and I would like you to know that your Beach Ball has
5 finally deflated.

6 (Applause.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Now we're going to
8 get to the fun part. Finance Committee, Advisory
9 Committee.

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11 FINANCE COMMITTEE CONVENTION REPORT

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13 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. Are we
14 ready for the fun? The Convention Committee on Finance
15 met on June 23rd, 2022 in the Oak Room. Katherine Tellyer
16 was appointed as secretary, Ann Sanchez was appointed

17 chaplain, and Brenda Preston was appointed
18 sergeant-at-arms.

19 Linda Workman brought the meeting to order at
20 9:20 a.m. Prayer was offered and the committee recited
21 the Pledge of Allegiance. Kathy Tellyer performed roll
22 call. A total of 16 District Delegates answered roll
23 call. There was one visitor present.

24 Linda Workman introduced our special guest to the
25 committee, Maritza Ortega from MCPC. Thank you, Maritza,

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1 for coming and visiting our Finance Committee.

2 The committee agreed upon the following report.
3 Chairman Workman read through the Finance Code and the
4 following changes were moved and approved. Sorry.
5 Department Code number 5: Remove Micro Project Management
6 (MPMC) and replace with the outsourcing bookkeeping
7 company.

8 The code now reads: "Micro Project Management
9 (MPMC) shall provide the Finance Committee and Treasurer a
10 profit/loss budget performance report, investment
11 accounts, and bank statements monthly. These are due no
12 later than the end of the following month."

13 The change will now read: "The outsourcing
14 bookkeeping company shall provide the Finance Committee

15 and Treasurer a profit/loss budget performance report,
16 investment accounts, and bank statements monthly. These
17 are due no later than the end of the following month."

18 By direction of the committee I move this code
19 change.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There is a motion
21 on the floor to change Code 5 which now reads: "Micro
22 Project Management (MPMC) shall provide the Finance
23 Committee and Treasurer a profit/loss budget performance
24 report, investment accounts and bank statements monthly.
25 These are due no later than the end of the following

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1 month."

2 The code change will read Code 5: "The
3 outsourcing bookkeeping company shall provide the Finance
4 Committee and Treasurer a profit/loss budget performance
5 report, investment accounts and bank statements monthly.
6 These are due no later than the end of the following
7 month."

8 Is there any discussion?

9 (No response.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All in favor?

11 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Motion carried.

15 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Department Code
16 number 6, replace MPMC with the outsourcing bookkeeping
17 company. It now reads -- where am I? Okay. "The
18 Department Treasurer is authorized to use the credit card
19 for official use only and shall provide copies of the
20 credit card statement with copies of receipts to the
21 Finance Chairman and MPMC, monthly for review,
22 verification and internal control of expenditures."

23 The code will now read: "The Department
24 Treasurer has authorized use of the credit card for
25 official use only and shall provide copies of the credit

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1 card statement with copies of receipts to the Finance
2 Chairman and the outsourcing bookkeeping company monthly
3 for review, verification and internal control of
4 expenditures."

5 Madam President, by direction of the committee I
6 move this code change.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There's a motion on
8 the floor to replace Code 6. Any discussion?

9 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: You're not
10 going to read it?

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: It's a long
12 day. Go ahead, Madam President.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Code 6. We're
14 replacing Code 6. It was reading: "The Department
15 Treasurer is authorized to use the credit card for
16 official use only and shall provide copies of the credit
17 card statement with copies of receipts to the Finance
18 Chairman and MPMC monthly for review, verification, and
19 internal control of expenditures."

20 The code needs to change to -- Code 6 change will
21 be: "The Department Treasurer is authorized use of the
22 credit card for official use only and shall provide copies
23 of the credit card statement with copies of receipts to
24 the Finance Chairman and the outsourcing bookkeeping
25 company for monthly for review, verification and internal

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1 control of expenditures."

2 Any discussion?

3 (No response.)

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

6 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Anyone opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none,
10 motion carried. Thank you.

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Department code
12 number 9. "Discussion" -- there was a lot of discussion
13 about increasing the fee of \$25 for those who wish to
14 receive the bimonthly mail out in paper form. And after
15 this discussion, it was recommended that the fee stay \$25.
16 So yay, guys, no more money you don't have to spend.

17 Okay. Now under "Department Budget," budget
18 number 6, change "Chairman" to "Director." This code now
19 reads: "The Junior Conference Chairman shall provide an
20 estimated budget for Junior Conference to the Finance
21 Committee by May 1st for review and approval."

22 The code would now read: "The Junior Conference
23 Director shall provide an estimated budget for the Junior
24 Conference to the Finance Committee by May 1st for review
25 and approval."

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1 Madam President, by the direction of the
2 committee I move this code change.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There's a motion on
4 the floor to change budget number 6, department budget
5 number 6: "The Junior Conference Chairman shall provide
6 an estimated budget for Junior Conference to the Finance

7 Committee by May 1st for review and approval."

8 The change will read now -- the change will now
9 read: "The Junior Conference Director shall provide an
10 estimated budget for Junior Conference to the finance
11 committee by May 1st for review and approval."

12 Any discussion?

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All in favor?

15 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Motion carried.

19 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Thank you.

20 Department Budget number 7 was added: "All contracts,
21 when executed, shall be provided to the Department
22 President, Department Secretary, and Department Treasurer
23 and shall be reviewed at Mid-Year DEC and stored on
24 SharePoint."

25 By direction of the committee, I move this code

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1 addition.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There's a motion on
3 the floor to add budget number 7: "All contracts, when
4 executed, shall be provided to the Department President,

5 Department Secretary, and Department Treasurer, and shall
6 be reviewed at Mid-Year DEC and stored on SharePoint."

7 Any discussion?

8 (No response.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All in favor?

10 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Any opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Motion carried.

14 Thank you.

15 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: And then all
16 budget items will be renumbered accordingly after that.
17 Under "Allowances and Expense," Expense Item number 3
18 currently reads -- we're going to change the language from
19 "allowance is under \$100 to allowance of 100 or less."

20 The code currently reads: "Department Officers
21 and Chairmen shall file expense sheets semiannually. The
22 Department Office shall forward the following" -- I'm
23 sorry -- "shall forward the first allowance soon after
24 Convention. Any chairman or officer whose allowance is
25 under \$100 shall be paid once at the beginning of the

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1 year. Final estimated accounting by all shall be
2 forwarded to the Department Office by May 1st except for

3 the Poppy, Past Presidents Parley, and Distinguished Guest
4 Chairman or reimbursement of convention allowances will be
5 forfeited."

6 The code would now read: "Department Officers
7 and Chairmen shall file expense sheets semiannually. The
8 Department Office shall forward the first allowance soon
9 after Convention. Any Chairman or Officers whose
10 allowance is \$100 or less shall be paid once at the
11 beginning of the year. Final estimated accounting by all
12 shall be forwarded to the Department Office by May 1st
13 except for the Poppy, Past Presidents Parley, and
14 Distinguished Guest Chairman or reimbursement of
15 convention allowance will be forfeited."

16 Madam President, by direction of the committee I
17 move this code change.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There's a motion on
19 the floor to change the Allowance and Expenses item 3.
20 Currently it reads: "Department Officers and Chairmen
21 shall file expense sheets semiannually. The Department
22 Office shall forward the first allowance soon after
23 convention. Any chairman or officers whose allowance is
24 under \$100 shall be paid once at the beginning of the
25 year. Final estimated accounting by all shall be



1 forwarded to the Department Office by May 1st except for
2 the Poppy, Past Presidents Parley, and Distinguished Guest
3 Chairman or reimbursement of convention allowance would be
4 forfeited."

5 The new code will read: "Department Officers and
6 Chairmen shall file expense sheets semiannually. The
7 Department Office shall forward the first allowance soon
8 after Convention. Any Chairman or Officers whose
9 allowance is \$100 or less shall be paid once at the
10 beginning of the year. Final estimated accounting by all
11 shall be forwarded to Department Office by May 1st except
12 for the Poppy, Past Presidents Parley, and Distinguished
13 Guest Chairman or reimbursement of convention allowances
14 would be forfeited."

15 Any discussion?

16 (No response.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none, all
18 in favor?

19 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Motion carried.

23 Thank you.

24 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Under the
25 miscellaneous code number 4, it currently reads change --



1 or no. It currently reads, I'm sorry, "A \$25 fee will be
2 charged for any returned checks." Sorry.

3 Number 4 would now read: "A \$40 fee will be
4 charged for any return checks." The fees from the banks
5 have gone up on returned checks, so that's the rationale.

6 By direction of the committee, Madam President, I
7 move this code change.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There's a motion on
9 the floor to change miscellaneous code number 4. It now
10 reads: "A \$25 fee will be charged for any returned
11 checks."

12 The change will read for number 4: "A \$40 fee
13 will be charged for any returned check." By direction of
14 the committee --

15 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Sorry.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Sorry.

17 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Bad typing.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Any discussion?

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All in favor?

21 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none,
25 motion carried.

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1 FIANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: The committee
2 reviewed the 2022-2023 budget and where modifications were
3 made, the budget that was handed out to delegates and
4 alternates -- changes were made to the budget that was
5 handed out to you previously when you registered. The
6 meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

7 Madam President, may I now present the budget for
8 the '22-'23 year?

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Please.

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Now, you know,
11 before we start on this, I can't not give you thoughts to
12 ponder. Okay? So here's a really short one. So why is
13 the ocean blue? Because the island never waved back.

14 Okay. Really lame, I know. So let's get
15 started. Make sure you have your pens out because there
16 will be changes to the ones that you received at
17 registration. And let me tell you, I don't know what I'd
18 do without this girl here. Kathy has been a lifesaver and
19 has, you know, taken care of Grandma really well. Thank
20 you so much.

21 Okay. We're going to start with -- I'm not going

22 to read the GL numbers. Very confusing. We'll just go on
23 with the -- sorry. I'm not at the mic.

24 Okay. General fund income, online dues \$113,000.
25 Americanism donations \$4,500. Dues membership senior and

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1 juniors \$280,000. Unit 1000 dues \$6,500. Postage income
2 \$1,000. Department supply orders \$100. Ways & Means
3 other \$3,000. Current Department President's pens \$4,000.
4 Donations In Loving Tribute \$2,000. Donations for the
5 President's Club \$500. Interest income unrestricted
6 \$3,500. Gives us a total of -- I'm sorry. Admin income
7 other amounts, we changed that to 8,662.50. 8,662.50.
8 Fidelity bond, \$5,200. Delegate fees convention \$18,000.
9 Income reimbursement from National \$1,000. The Department
10 Convention proceeds \$700. California Disaster Fund
11 \$4,500. Live units \$2,500. Department President's
12 Special Project \$5,000. Department Convention banquet
13 \$9,000. Department PPP luncheon \$7,000. Mid-Year DEC
14 meals \$4,500. General fund miscellaneous \$150. National
15 Convention income \$3,000. National candidates campaign
16 fund \$500. General fund miscellaneous account \$1,000.
17 That's going to give us a grand total for program income
18 of -- got your pens ready? 488,812.50. \$488,812.50.

19 Okay. Expenses. Salary. Excuse me. Salary

20 50,000. Payroll tax 5,000. Insurance/Social
21 Security/Medicare 2,500. I can't read because I'm old.
22 Okay. 3,500. Thank you. Supplies 2,500. Postage and
23 mailing services 2,500. Telephone telecommunications
24 1,500. Computer license website \$800. Employee
25 transportation allowance. We're going to be pulling that

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1 out. We used to have to pay our bookkeeper an allowance
2 to traveling into the city, so that's coming out. There's
3 nothing there.

4 Workmen's comp insurance 1,200. Equipment rental
5 and maintenance \$5,000. The rent, so the American Legion
6 War Memorial Commission, the rent -- what happened to that
7 one?

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: You guys moved it.

9 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Oh, sorry.

10 Thank you for paying attention, Liz.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Gotcha.

12 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Fidelity bond
13 insurance \$5,000. Finance committee. We found that we
14 can do just as much work via Zoom, conference calls than
15 going into the city and staying in a hotel and all of that
16 stuff, so that's zero for now. Saving you some money.

17 Okay. Now we want to go to accounting and

18 auditing \$16,500. Payroll services \$2,000. Auxiliary New
19 Editor \$50. Finance Chair \$50. Filing fees and FTD fees
20 \$400. Bank fees and return checks \$500. New office
21 computer and office equipment is \$1,000. That's been
22 upped. We found out that our Treasurer blew up our
23 computer, so -- her laptop so we upped that to \$1,000.

24 Management fees for Sierra Financial. That's our
25 investment account, \$2,500. Charitable trust \$150. So

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1 your pens -- yeah, it's changed to 150. I'm so sorry.
2 That's the fees that we pay for charitable trust tax. So
3 our administrative expense, pens out again, \$100,150.
4 100,150. Okay. Anita was kind of questioning up there so
5 I wasn't sure.

6 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: No, I wasn't
7 questioning. I was trying to help you zone.

8 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: We'll send you
9 a copy later, honey, don't worry about it.

10 Okay. Relocation and moving we're going to be
11 taking out seeing how we're not moving anymore, we hope.
12 National dues \$143,000. National -- I mean Department
13 President's pens \$1250. Ways & Means \$50. Department
14 President's special project \$5,000. Membership PUFL
15 \$2,500. Live units payment online \$2,500. Temp admin

16 staff expense were -- we don't need any temp. I'm free.
17 I show up all the time when she calls me.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you, Linda.

19 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. Online
20 dues \$113,000. The employee deduction offset, that's
21 going to be removed. That line will be removed. American
22 Legion -- here we go. The American Legion War Memorial
23 Commission. That's our rent. \$2,400. Your general fund
24 miscellaneous will be removed, leaving us a total of admin
25 expenses of \$269,700. And your general fund admin

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1 administrative expenses -- I think that -- yes, that did
2 change. So it's \$369,850. 369,850.00.

3 So general fund executive expense. Department
4 President 7,500. Department Vice President 200. District
5 Presidents 2,500. Training and program workshops \$4,000.
6 Parliamentarian 25 bucks. \$25. Sorry.

7 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Thank you.

8 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: You're welcome.

9 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: I'm worth it.

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Yeah, you're
11 worth with it, honey.

12 Authorized travel by Department President \$400.

13 Executive committee meeting 3,500. Distinguished Guest

14 \$400. Secretary and Treasurer travel allowance \$7,500.

15 -- 700 -- no, you guys are not going there.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I'll take it.

17 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Yeah, forget
18 it, Liz. \$750. They ain't going farther than that.

19 Okay. Department Presidents -- oh, Past
20 Department Presidents pens is left blank because we have
21 some in the office that we can use. I was trying to save
22 money. The National Convention candidates reserve fund,
23 \$500 per code. National President's visit \$1,000.
24 Officers and Chairman liability \$1,250. Miscellaneous --
25 oh, Music Chairman allowance \$25. That's a total

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1 executive expense of 22,050.

2 Okay. General fund outsourcing 46,718 -- that's
3 a change; I'm sorry -- 46,718. Is that what it is on the
4 -- okay. That's your budgeted amount. 46,718. When we
5 did it, when we actually printed it the first time, we
6 forgot that we still had two months to go because it does
7 go from July -- July 1st to September. So we had to add
8 those months.

9 Next page. General fund -- so the next page is
10 general fund convention expenses. Department convention
11 including mileage \$4,500. Department convention

12 proceedings \$1,000. Convention reporter \$8,500.
13 Convention Commission Chair \$200. Department
14 convention -- commission -- I'm sorry. The commission is
15 \$200 and the chairman gets \$150. So that has changed.
16 Your total now is \$18,500. I'm sorry. ALA convention
17 expenses. I'm sorry. That changed to \$18,500. Because
18 it's highlighted here, I thought it was just the end.

19 Okay. ALA convention expenses, that line reads
20 \$18,500.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: It's way more than
22 it looks like on the line.

23 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: The note says
24 increased from 25 to 18,5 includes the banquet, the PPP
25 luncheon, and those are all going to have -- that's going

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1 to have established new GL accounts because the luncheon
2 monies were going in different places and this way we know
3 what our convention costs are. Because we try to add it
4 in 15 different places, we never really know what these
5 conventions cost us.

6 Okay. If you have questions, please come to the
7 mic.

8 HOSPITAL REP OLIPHANT: Linda, did you want to
9 mention that you have those offset and layer in your thing

10 with the revenue?

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Yes, we do have
12 that offset as revenue.

13 HOSPITAL REP OLIPHANT: I don't think everyone
14 knows that.

15 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Identify
16 yourself.

17 HOSPITAL REP OLIPHANT: Fourteen Cindy Oliphant.

18 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: As an income
19 they're on another -- they're in another GL income account
20 so they will all offset one another. So it's not like
21 we're spending it, it's just so that we know where we're
22 spending it.

23 Okay. And then the National Convention -- are we
24 ready now? Everybody understands what's going on?

25 Okay. National Convention is \$5,000. So that

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1 gives us a general fund convention expense, and this is a
2 change, \$37,850.

3 Okay. Now we're going to go to general fund
4 committee chair. AEF Chairman \$50. Americanism Chair --
5 I don't even know -- you can't hear me? I'm so sorry.
6 Okay. Now I'll get it.

7 Okay. AEF Chairman \$50. Americanism Chair \$75.

8 Constitution & Bylaws Chair \$350. Chaplain Memorial
9 Program Chairman and Memorial Program \$300. Community
10 Service Chair \$100. Historian Chair \$250. Junior
11 Activities Chairman \$50. Leadership Chair \$150.
12 Legislative Chair \$50. ALA Washington D.C. conference is
13 blank. We have not had one, the meeting for the
14 Auxiliary, so we left that one. Membership Chairman \$350.
15 Membership promotion \$500. National Security Chair \$50.
16 Public Relations Chair \$50. Public Relations Press Book.
17 We have left that blank as we have not seen a Press Book
18 done in a long time, so that may be coming out.

19 Ways & Means Chair \$50. Salute to Active Duty
20 Servicewomen \$2,500. Write it in. California Disaster
21 Fund \$4,500. Here's another change. Americanism essay
22 awards and grants \$6,200 per code. Did you need that read
23 again? 6,200 for Americanism essay. Okay. Americanism
24 admin fees \$1,125. So that's going to change your general
25 fund chairman expense to \$16,700. 16,700.

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1 Summary of the general fund expenses is the admin
2 expenses -- oh, well, actually, we changed it. Your next
3 number, your next line down should be 493,168. 493,168.

4 So your admin -- your admin expenses, you've
5 already changed that on another line, but here's 100,150.

6 And we will make sure that -- I don't want to say this too
7 loud because Liz is listening, but we will make sure that
8 this gets sent out to each district a complete copy of the
9 budget.

10 Other admin expenses 269,700. Executive expenses
11 \$22,050. Convention expenses has been changed. So it
12 pens out 37,850. Outsourcing expenses was changed 46,718.
13 Committee expenses was changed. Do we have questions I
14 hear? No?

15 Okay. Okay. We're going to go back to
16 convention expenses. Convention expense 37,850.
17 Outsourcing expenses 46,718. 46,718. Committee expenses
18 16,700. 16,700. General fund program expense. This
19 number has changed. 493,168. General fund program income
20 has changed 488,812.50. That leaves us with a deficit
21 general fund balance of 4,355.50. 4,355.50.

22 And if we understand that, you know, it's been
23 tough, units haven't been able to make donations, but
24 we've got to make sure we're starting to step up our
25 donations so that we don't run into a deficit budget.

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1 So the summary of general fund reserves. Our
2 Ameritrade account \$496,000. Americanism and the
3 California Disaster Fund 187,886.71. Americanism essay

4 103,337.69. California Disaster 84,549.02. The Auxiliary
5 News has been removed because we've moved that. We had
6 \$3,000. We've been carrying for a display case for
7 probably ten years, so we moved that to the general fund.
8 And the candidates, national candidate is at \$5,000 now.
9 That gives us a general fund restricted of -- this is how
10 the change goes so it pens out. 380,773.42. And general
11 fund reserves is a change. 115,226.58. The general fund
12 reserves, 115,226.58. And the first one was 380,773.42.
13 Okay? So that is 380,773.42. Got it?

14 And now I'm tired so Kathy is going to do the
15 welfare funds. How's that? She can see better too.

16 FINANCE COMMITTEE TELLER: Okay. For the
17 welfare fund. Under Poppy production fund income. Poppy
18 orders \$20,000. Poppy distribution \$4,000. Interest
19 income restricted \$1,000. Poppy donations \$300, for a
20 total of \$25,300.

21 The next section, Poppy production fund expense.
22 There are no changes in this section. Posted Poppy
23 Production Manager \$1,000. Poppy proceeds distribution
24 \$1,000. Administration fee \$2,000. Poppy production
25 labor \$6,000. Poppy production Poppy kits \$2,500. Miss

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1 Poppy awards \$200. Poppy Chair \$175. Bank fees, there

2 are none. Poppy fund miscellaneous \$350. For a total of
3 \$13,225. The net income for Poppy production will be
4 \$12,075.

5 Welfare VA&R income. Again, no changes in this
6 section. VA&R donations 13,500. Poppy proceeds \$400.
7 Donations gift patient/remembrance \$7,500. Interest
8 income restricted \$3,000. VAR TFA \$7,000. Children of
9 Warrior scholarship \$100. Welfare income miscellaneous
10 \$100, for a total of \$31,600.

11 Next section welfare fund VAR expense. Again no
12 changes in this section. Administrative fee \$3,375. TFA
13 cases \$4,000. Patient welfare funds \$1,200. VAMC tours
14 \$2,000. Gift shop patient remembrance \$7,500. Hospital
15 representative allowance \$2,000. Chairman \$400. Bank
16 fees \$150. Spirit of Youth fund \$500. For a total
17 expense for VAR 21,100 -- no. \$21,125 and a net income of
18 10,475.

19 Next section. Welfare fund Children & Youth.
20 Income. Donations \$5,000. Poppy fund distribution \$400.
21 Interest income \$950. Children & Youth TFA \$1,500. For a
22 total income of \$7,850. Children & Youth expense. Admin
23 fees \$1,250. TFA Welfare case \$5,100. Chairman \$150.
24 For an expense total of \$6,500 and a net income of \$1,350.

25 Next section. Welfare fund education. We have a



1 couple changes. The first one is ED donations income is
2 now \$5,650. Previously it was \$5,500. All we did is take
3 the Education scholarship item and moved it up to
4 donations. So again, ED donations \$5,650.

5 Poppy 10 percent distribution \$400. Income
6 restricted \$1,000. Income Poppy Seals \$750. Education
7 scholarship is now zero. Connie Settle Memorial
8 scholarship \$5,000. Welfare fund education other \$25.
9 The income did not change. It's still \$12,825. Are we
10 good? The total was \$12,825.

11 Welfare fund education expense. Admin fee
12 \$1,412.50. That changed. It was 1,375. It's now
13 1,412.50. The scholarship general. This was \$500. It is
14 now \$13,500 per code. 13,500. The Connie Settle Memorial
15 Scholarship increased. We changed this. It increased
16 from \$2500 to \$5,000. This scholarship needs to have a
17 reconciliation so that we can see how much is left --
18 well, just so we can confirm the amount that's left for
19 this scholarship. The original amount was \$40,000.

20 Poppy Seals \$300. Chairman \$225. The new total
21 for the expense is now \$20,437.50.

22 NEC WOMAN MARTINEZ: Can you repeat, please?

23 FINANCE COMMITTEE TELLER: 20,000 -- 20,437.50.

24 The net income is now a deficit of 7,612.50. The deficit

25 7,612.50.

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1 HOSPITAL REP OLIPHANT: Kathy, I had a question.

2 On the Education --

3 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Can you

4 identify yourself?

5 HOSPITAL REP OLIPHANT: Cindy Oliphant, Unit 110,

6 District 14. On the Education scholarship you said zero,

7 and as I remembered the meeting per code we were required

8 to put 13,500 in that. Was that a misunderstanding on my

9 part?

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE TELLYER: That's under -- the

11 scholarship is under expense, not income.

12 HOSPITAL REP OLIPHANT: Okay.

13 FINANCE COMMITTEE TELLYER: And it is 13,500.

14 HOSPITAL REP OLIPHANT: Only under expense, not

15 listed any other place. That was my mistake. Thank you.

16 I wrote it down in the wrong place.

17 FINANCE COMMITTEE TELLYER: That's okay.

18 Okay. Let's see. Next is the Past Presidents

19 Parley income. There are no changes in this section.

20 Donations \$6,000. Poppy fund distribution \$400. Interest

21 income restricted \$1,000, for a total of \$7,400.

22 Presidents Past -- Past Presidents Parley

23 expense. Again no changes. Admin fee \$1500. Nurse
24 scholarship \$4,000. Chairman \$100. PPP luncheon and
25 awards \$500, for a total expense of \$6,100 and a net

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1 income of \$1,300.

2 So in summary for all the welfare programs:

3 Poppy production income \$25,300. VA&R income \$31,600.

4 Children & Youth income \$7,850. Education income \$12,825.

5 Past Presidents Parley \$7,400. For a total income of

6 \$84,975.

7 Summary of expenses. Poppy production fund

8 \$13,225. VA&R expense \$21,125. Children & Youth expense

9 \$6,500. The Education expense did change. This total

10 went from \$4900 and is now \$20,437.50. 20,437.50. Past

11 Presidents Parley expense of \$6,100. The expense account

12 new total is \$67,387.50, and the net income is \$17,587.50.

13 UNIDENTIFIED DELEGATE: Can you repeat that?

14 FINANCE COMMITTEE TELLER: Did you get those?

15 The last one. 17,587.50. 17,587.50. 17,587.50.

16 Okay. The expense number is 67,387.50.

17 67,387.50. The summary of welfare reserves. The

18 Ameritrade account has \$412,800 -- 412,865.09. VA&R

19 \$202,303.89. Children -- Children & Youth 57,801.11.

20 Education. Education 74,315.72. Past Presidents Parley

21 78,444.37. And Poppy fund 110,863.83, for a grand total
22 of \$523,723.92.

23 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TOZIER: I need you to go
24 back. Susie Tozier, District 22, Unit 255. Can you go
25 back to the welfare fund? I'm a little slow. I'm sorry.

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1 Susie Tozier District 22.

2 FINANCE COMMITTEE TELLYER: Go back to what?

3 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TOZIER: Go back to welfare
4 education, page 5. Five at the bottom of this copy that I
5 have.

6 FINANCE COMMITTEE TELLYER: Yes.

7 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TOZIER: The proposed budget
8 is \$5600.

9 FINANCE COMMITTEE TELLYER: For income?

10 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TOZIER: Yes.

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE TELLYER: 5,600. It was 5,500
12 before.

13 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TOZIER: Okay. Did you
14 change the income for that account? Okay. Never mind.
15 Never mind. All right. Sorry about that.

16 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Madam
17 President, by direction of the Finance Committee, I move
18 the acceptance of the 2022-2023 budget.

19 UNIDENTIFIED DELEGATE: Second.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There's a motion on
21 the floor to accept the 2022-2023 proposed budget for the
22 Department of California. All in favor?

23 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Oh, you guys want
25 to talk about this some more?

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1 DELEGATES: No.

2 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: We can go meet
3 outside and have another meeting.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Budget passed.

7 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Madam
8 President?

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Motion passed.
10 Thank you.

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Thank you,
12 Madam President and members. And please remember start
13 making your donations because this dynamic duo will be
14 back next year, but we will be the terrific trio. Okay?
15 Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Thank you. After
18 Anita I have the Advisory Committee.

19 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Madam
20 President? Madam President? I just want to let everyone
21 know if you are expecting a check, we now have your
22 checks. So at the end if you want to come over and pick
23 them up, we can do it. At the end. Don't everyone jump.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Me first.

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1 CONVENTION COMMITTEE CONVENTION REPORT

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3 CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIR BIGGS: Okay. Good
4 afternoon. This is the report of the Convention
5 Commission of which Linda Fercho and Gloria Sinopoli
6 should also be up here as they are a part of the
7 committee. Gloria here?

8 I see you, Gloria. Don't try to hide.

9 Madam President, the committee has been attending
10 the American Legion Convention Committee meetings via Zoom
11 monthly for the past year and weekly for the past two
12 months. The American Legion three-year contract was
13 amended to 2021, 2022, and 2023 conventions, all here in
14 the city of Visalia. For this year and next year the

15 conventions will be held in the same location. The
16 official program date for 2023 is set for June 21st
17 through June 25th, 2023.

18 The Auxiliary's preferred housing location and
19 our convention will be held where we're at, right here at
20 the Wyndham Hotel Visalia. There are additional
21 affordable hotels approximately three miles away. The
22 convention center where the American Legion and the Sons
23 of the American Legion are meeting is located six miles
24 from the Wyndham. The Marriott Hotel is the Legion's
25 preferred housing that is attached to the convention

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1 center.

2 The Sons of the American Legion will be housed at
3 the Comfort Inn & Suites which is across the street from
4 the convention center.

5 The 2019 convention delegation voted to hold our
6 convention exclusive to the Wyndham and not have meetings
7 at the Visalia Convention Center due to the difficulty of
8 traveling back and forth to that location. The Wyndham is
9 well equipped to handle the entire Auxiliary. The room
10 rates will remain -- are you shaking your head at me?
11 They have enough room. The room rates are -- will remain
12 affordable at \$119 per night for 2023 as well.

13 Continued discussion with the American Legion
14 consist of locating another location for the next set of
15 three years. Some cities that are being considered for
16 the three-year block -- this was as per my report -- 2024,
17 2025, and 2026 are Ontario, Long Beach, San Diego, Los
18 Angeles, and possibly returning to Visalia.

19 At this point convention centers and room rates
20 are extremely expensive which include charges for parking,
21 WiFi, et cetera. The American Legion are prepared --
22 well, the report is done by the Convention City Chairman
23 for the American Legion. We've been back and forth on
24 text because I was unable to get to their meeting up at
25 the convention. So they have not gone to vote yet because

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1 I'm supposed to get a text. And they will be voting on
2 the floor for where the next location will be for the next
3 three years.

4 However, I do have some breaking news. The
5 report is recommending or the Convention City Committee
6 for the American Legion were recommending that the
7 American Legion convention, and just so you know, wherever
8 the Legion, goes we have to go. So we have to be in the
9 same city. It's in our constitution. We have to be in
10 the same city as the American Legion. We don't have to be

11 in the same hotel, but we have to be in the same city. We
12 are trying to all be together. That is our -- that is our
13 goal.

14 So the two choices at this time because we have a
15 proposal for Ontario and we have the existing hotel here
16 at the Wyndham is extremely welcoming for us. They really
17 want us to be here. So they have those two
18 recommendations, so either Ontario or Visalia.

19 Once it comes to a vote, and it will probably
20 come in on unfinished business tomorrow once I find out.
21 But I heard, and this is hearsay -- you know, there are
22 Legionnaires in the room and they're in my ear. There may
23 be a tabling of those locations. So they may have to go
24 back to the drawing board and see what we can find to
25 report at the DEC. But the American Legion's bylaws state

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1 they have to vote for convention at convention.

2 So I just don't know what they're going to do, so
3 we'll just have to wait and see and hold our breath and
4 find out where we'll be for 2024. We will be definitely
5 here again at the Wyndham in 2023.

6 I'm off my report a little bit, but I do want to
7 let you know I have spoken to management by phone. I
8 expressed -- I don't know everyone's concerns, but I know

9 one of mine was the fact that we didn't have a fully
10 operational restaurant. They assured me that coming out
11 of COVID, they were serving or giving away free breakfast.
12 You know, contactless. Then they moved to what they have
13 now which is limited menu. And so they're going to
14 gradually move within a couple of month to full service
15 breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

16 So she assured me that by next year they should
17 be fully operational with a real breakfast menu, a real
18 lunch menu and a subsequent dinner. So we have -- I mean
19 they are going to address our concerns and want to know if
20 you have any, we'll address the concerns along with the
21 convention committee which Genecia Riser is the chairman
22 and Gloria Sinopoli is the co-chair. But being on the
23 commission, we're in charge with making sure that the site
24 is acceptable to our needs. So that's one of the things
25 that we'll be making sure that we accommodate the

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1 membership, the delegates so that you all have a
2 comfortable convention. Okay? So that is utmost in our
3 minds.

4 I'd like to also introduce you to the committee
5 which is Linda Fercho and Gloria Sinopoli.

6 (Applause.)

7 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIR BIGGS: I want to
8 thank you all.

9 Thank you, Madam President. May I approach your
10 station? That's in my report.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Sure.

12 CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIR BIGGS: Thank you,
13 all. You gave me a multiple of appointments, but I just
14 only have one gift for you though. I want to thank you,
15 Madam President, for the wonderful year. You didn't get
16 to hear my Parliamentary report. You read it? But I
17 did say that you are a pleasure to work with because
18 you're calm, you're dedicated, you have an even hand and
19 you're so fair. And I just want to thank you. It's been
20 a pleasure this whole year working with you.

21 (Applause.)

22 CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIR BIGGS: She won't let
23 us call her Madam President. We have to call her Dee Ann.
24 And that's her story and she's sticking to it.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Does everyone want

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1 to see it? Oh-oh. This is scary.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: That's what I was
4 going to wear tomorrow. It's just a candle. It says,

5 "Soak up the sun." Thank you.

6 CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIR BIGGS: You're
7 welcome.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: They're sitting
9 over there patiently. Loretta Marsh, Joan Cannon, and
10 Susie Tozier.

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12 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONVENTION REPORT

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14 ADVISORY COMMITTEE TOZIER: Susie Tozier. Madam
15 President.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Yes, ma'am.

17 ADVISORY COMMITTEE TOZIER: We have holes in our
18 body from all the questions and stuff. We have given you
19 all of our energy and we enjoyed you a lot.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: You're saying
21 you're empty?

22 ADVISORY COMMITTEE TOZIER: Yeah, I'm low on
23 fuel. Thank you very much for this appointment and it's
24 been a pleasure to advise you whenever you called, every
25 five minutes. But yes.

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1 (Applause.)

2 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MARSH: Madam President, I

3 also want to thank you for this appointment and how much
4 of a pleasure it has been to work with you. You are
5 awesome.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Thank you.

7 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CANNON: President Dee Ann, I
8 had the pleasure of getting to know you even better and I
9 enjoyed our three-day stay at my staycation house while
10 you traveled around in our area. And make sure you tell
11 Dave how much I enjoyed him. And there wasn't a question
12 every five minute, but the one I did say, like me I have a
13 very soft voice, speak loud and in the microphone. Thank
14 you for this appointment and have a great day and a half
15 left.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Okay. District and
19 Unit Color Barriers, please retire to the back of the room
20 so the Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms can
21 prepare for the recessional of colors.

22 So while they're preparing for the recessional,
23 do we have any sound waves?

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yeah.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Yeah. Grace has



1 something to say.

2 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HUSTON: Good afternoon. I
3 just want to let you all know we didn't get very many
4 Chaplain prayer books presented for competition, if you
5 will, but there were three of them. They're back there on
6 the table. And Connie Raya from District 28 has the
7 history prayer book.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HUSTON: And first place for
10 the Unit 302, Rodi, District 17 got the first place.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HUSTON: Thank you. Next
13 year I hope you have a lot more turned in.

14 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT HURADO: Debbie Hurado. I
15 need everyone's attention because there's been --

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Can you be
17 quiet a minute?

18 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT HURADO: There is a bit of
19 change on the banquet schedule. It says the cocktail hour
20 starts at 5:30. Due to the fact that we can't open the
21 doors until 6:00 o'clock and the bar for the cocktail hour
22 is inside the doors, it will open at 6:00 o'clock. Now
23 you're welcome to be in the atrium area, but you can't go
24 in the hall.

25 Also wanted you to know that there is -- if when



1 you got your tickets, there are no assigned seats so --

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Get there early.

3 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT HURADO: Get there early.

4 Except for the head and subset table.

5 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: I'm sorry.

6 Anita Biggs, District 23, 252. Did we get tickets?

7 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: They should

8 have been given to you.

9 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: They didn't
10 get them.

11 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT HURADO: District 23 got a
12 lot of tickets yesterday.

13 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: That was just
14 for the PPP.

15 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT HURADO: No. I was with
16 Lucy and I didn't change tickets, the salmon, and there
17 was -- there was a whole thing. It said it was -- in gold
18 it said "District 23" and then it said president whoever
19 was in black ink.

20 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: No. It said
21 "Allah Wallace" on it?

22 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT HURADO: Yeah, it said
23 "Allah Wallace" on it. Well, yeah, they have a lot of

24 banquet tickets. Now you have a banquet ticket, but is
25 that the one --

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1 DISTRICT 23 DELEGATE: Only one.

2 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT HURADO: But wasn't that an
3 exchanged ticket?

4 DISTRICT 23 PRESIDENT WALLACE: I have no
5 tickets. Where I put everything from this convention
6 there are no tickets.

7 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT HURADO: Yeah, I did have a
8 list and I was trying to get signatures, but I didn't know
9 where the time was to do that while the meeting was going
10 on, while I was working with credentials, while I was
11 answering other questions, so I gave them -- they were
12 sent to the Pages. They were all in there. I do have a
13 list of everyone that has a ticket from 23, so actually if
14 you'll wait until afterwards I can -- I can figure out
15 something for that. Because you do have a spot. You have
16 food.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: For Ways & Means,
18 please turn in all your blue tickets for the drawing
19 baskets this evening. They'll be drawing tickets first
20 thing in the morning. Make sure your tickets are in
21 there. For convention they'll be drawing them first thing

22 in the morning. Make sure your tickets are in. That's
23 the only thing we have to do tomorrow. You guys keep
24 track so it will be first thing in the morning.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: We start at 8:30

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1 tomorrow. Ways & Means is the first thing on the agenda.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: The drawing will be
3 for 8:30 in the morning. They have to do it tonight.

4 District 28 for the district book and District 17
5 Poppies, Linda Hayes, did you judge the Poppy displays?
6 Ann Philcox has six more bags for Juniors. If you have a
7 Junior that's not present and you would like a bag to take
8 to them, see Ann.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Okay. Ladies, you
10 get another half hour. We just bumped it up to 9:00
11 o'clock. I need the beauty sleep as well.

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: The Poppy stuff
14 will be announced in the morning as well. If anybody is
15 willing to change a standard ticket for a duo ticket,
16 Stella is very interested.

17 Debbie, is the banquet here or is it -- it's the
18 Redwood Room over by the California -- over by California.

19 Ladies and gentlemen, one more. Karen in

20 District 11 has one more ticket available. If anyone is
21 looking for a banquet ticket, Karen has a ticket for
22 purchase.

23 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT HURADO: Please listen. If
24 you want to trade with someone your salmon for something
25 else, but if you ordered or it came out that you had

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1 tickets and that's all you got, then you need to keep that
2 ticket or do it. I am not going to do that. Okay?

3 Now I did have a wait list and I was just saying,
4 I said this is a very first convention that I have ever
5 been to where tickets haven't been offered for repurchase
6 because somebody couldn't come or something. And so I
7 have -- I made changes before the convention started, but
8 since the convention started, I haven't got any tickets
9 available. But Nancy Brown wanted to -- she was the first
10 one, I can't remember the second, but I have ten -- names
11 for ten tickets before so they're not just up in the air.

12 Excuse me. District 23, I will work with you
13 when we close out. Somebody in your chairs got an
14 envelope that said District 23 President Ellah Wallace on
15 the front of it and it's in somebody's bag sitting there
16 with all your tickets in it, but I have a spreadsheet with
17 all those names on it.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Sergeant-at-Arms
19 and -- ladies? Ladies? The Sergeant-at-Arms and
20 Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms and the Color Bearers, please
21 retire the flags.

22 (Recessional of District and Unit Colors.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: I hope to see you
24 all at the banquet tonight which is being held in the
25 Redwood Pine. Cocktails at 6:30 I guess. 6:00. And the

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1 doors open at 6:00 as well. The American Legion
2 Department of California has prepared great entertainment
3 for us.

4 This session is recessed until 9:00 o'clock. I
5 hope you have an enjoyable evening.

6 (The American Legion Auxiliary Convention
7 was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.)

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2 COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN) ss.

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5 I, Karen A. Aufdermaur, a Certified Shorthand
6 Reporter in the State of California, holding Certificate
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8 Auxiliary - Department of California 102nd Annual
9 Convention was taken Saturday, June 25, 2022, 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 102nd 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
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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 21st day of July, 2022, at Ripon,
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