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SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022; 9:07 A.M.

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CALL TO ORDER

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DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: This convention

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session is reconvened.

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Grace, would you offer up prayer.

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INVOCATION

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DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HUSTON: Heavenly Father, we

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come to the end of President Dee Ann's convention. We

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thank you for the leadership, her kindness, and her

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dedication to the American Legion Auxiliary and the Legion

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Family. Grant her rest and good health. May we all leave

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energized and enthusiastic to work the ALA programs that

21 support our veterans, military, and their families. Amen.

22 DELEGATES: Amen.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Madam -- I'll let
24 you sit down.

25 Liz, would you call roll of Department Officers,

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1 Chairmen and Districts.

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ROLL CALL

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5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: President Dee Ann
6 Graham.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Heading west.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Vice President
9 Gloria Williams.

10 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Good
11 morning.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Secretary Elizabeth
13 Doidge. I am still here.

14 Treasurer Susie Tozier.

15 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TOZIER: I'm still here.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: NEC Joan Cannon.

17 NEC WOMAN CANNON: Good morning.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Alternate NEC

19 Kathie Martinez.
20 ALTERNATE NEC WOMAN MARTINEZ: Good morning.
21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
22 Chaplain Grace Huston.
23 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HUSTON: Here.
24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Historian Jean
25 Cooley-Desmuelles. Excused. Parliamentarian Anita Biggs.

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1 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Good morning,
2 Liz.
3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
4 Sergeant-at-Arms Karen Herrera.
5 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS HERRERA: Here.
6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Assistant
7 Sergeant-at-Arms Rochelle Billet.
8 ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS BILLET-SMITH: Here.
9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Finance Committee
10 Linda Workman.
11 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Here.
12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: And Kathy Tellyer.
13 FINANCE COMMITTEE TELLER: Good morning.
14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Advisory Committee
15 Susie Tozier.
16 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR TOZIER: Present.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Loretta Marsh.
18 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MARSH: Heading back to the 73
19 degree temperatures.
20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: And Joan Cannon.
21 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CANNON: Here.
22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Americanism
23 Chairman Maureen O'Brien-Sacco.
24 AMERICANISM CHAIR O'BRIEN-SACCO: Good morning.
25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

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1 Auxiliary Emergency Fund Valerie Hill.
2 AEF CHAIR HILL: Wipe out.
3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Children & Youth
4 Tamra Duron.
5 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIR DURON: I'm here.
6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Community Service
7 Judie Tabacci.
8 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIR TABACCHI: The Sand
9 Castles were all destroyed last night.
10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Constitution &
11 Bylaws Gloria Williams.
12 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR WILLIAMS: Here.
13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Convention Genieca
14 Risner.

15 CONVENTION CHAIR RISNER: Tickets are pulled.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Convention

17 Co-Chairman Gloria Sinopoli.

18 CONVENTION CO-CHAIR SINOPOLI: Present.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Convention

20 Commission Chairman Anita Biggs.

21 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIR BIGGS: I'm here.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Convention

23 Commission Two Year Linda Fercho.

24 CONVENTION COMMISSION FERCHO: Here.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Convention

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1 Commission One Year Gloria Sinopoli.

2 CONVENTION COMMISSION SINOPOLI: Present.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Credentials Debra

4 Hurado.

5 CREDENTIALS CHAIR HURADO: Everything's been

6 counted.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Distinguished Guest

8 Linda Fercho.

9 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Here.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Editor Nancy

11 Heinisch.

12 EDITOR CHAIR HEINISCH: Here.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Education Chairman
14 Robin Falkenberg.

15 EDUCATION CHAIR FALKENBERG: Windsurfing out of
16 here later.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Elections Kathy
18 Newlen.

19 ELECTIONS CHAIR NEWLEN: Here.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Girls State
21 Chairman Allyn Kau. I'm going to just excuse all the
22 Girls State because they're at Girls State.

23 Juniors Activities Chairman Ann Philcox.

24 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR PHILCOX: Here.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Junior Conference

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1 Director Jackie Cleveland.

2 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR CLEVELAND: Present.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Two Year Bernice
4 Brown. Junior Conference One Year Valerie Hill.

5 JUNIOR CONFERENCE COMMISSION ONE YEAR HILL:

6 Present.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Junior Conference
8 Nurse Ann Sanchez.

9 JUNIOR CONFERENCE NURSE SANCHEZ: Here.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Leadership Tracy

11 Varnell Fercho.

12 LEADERSHIP CHAIR VARNELL: The Beach Ball has
13 bounced.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Legislative Kathie
15 Martinez.

16 LEGISLATIVE CHAIR MARTINEZ: Muscle Beach is
17 beached.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Membership Chairman
19 Susan Baker.

20 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR BAKER: I had something to say,
21 now I can't remember what it was.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Membership Support
23 Area 1 Suzanne Winters. Membership Support Area 2 Teresa
24 Canonizado.

25 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AREA 2 CANONIZADO: Here and

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1 always going to be here.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Area 3 Danielle
3 White.

4 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AREA 3 WHITE: Here.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Area 4 Alice
6 Coleman.

7 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AREA 4 COLEMAN: Here. She's
8 here.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Area 5 Donna
10 Mattox.
11 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AREA 5 MATTOX: Ready to surf
12 down the 99.
13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Area 6 Linda
14 Fercho.
15 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AREA 6 FERCHO: Here.
16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Music Chairman
17 Donna Smith is excused. National Security Chairman Vicky
18 Bean.
19 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR BEAN: Here.
20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: PPP Loretta Marsh.
21 PPP CHAIR MARSH: Here.
22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: And Poppies Linda
23 Hayes.
24 POPPY CHAIR HAYES: Good morning.
25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Public Relations

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1 Patricia Galatioto.
2 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR GALATIOTO: I'm here.
3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Resolutions Cece
4 Harvey.
5 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR HARVEY: I'm here.
6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I know she's here

7 somewhere.

8 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR HARVEY: Still here.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I didn't hear her.

10 Speak up. Rules Sharon Moore.

11 RULES CHAIR MOORE: Good morning, Liz.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning. VA&R

13 Glenda Schultz.

14 VA&R CHAIR SCHULTZ: Good morning, Liz.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Ways & Means Marion

16 Rocha-Carlos.

17 WAYS & MEANS CHAIR ROCHA-CARLOS: Counting money.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Keep it up. Ways &

19 Means Terry Oclaray.

20 WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE OCLARAY: Good morning.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Ways & Means

22 Committee Tami Wilkening.

23 WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE WILKENING: Counting

24 money.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Personal Page Zana

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1 Chaney.

2 PERSONAL PAGE CHANEY: Present.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Personal Page

4 Brenda Preston.

3 President Lola Ramey. District 4 President Nancy Brown.

4 DISTRICT 4: Good morning, Madam President.

5 District 4 is cruising in and out of [inaudible] to the
6 big wave and our boon doggies leading the way and we are
7 making the waves.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 5 Lynn
10 Jewell.

11 DISTRICT 5 PRESIDENT JEWELL: District 5 is here.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 6 Suzanne
13 Winters.

14 DISTRICT 6: District 6 wipe out.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 7 Melise
16 Munroe.

17 DISTRICT 7: Good morning, Madam President. May
18 the beacon of light always shine a clear path for you.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Thank you.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 8 Teresa
21 Canonizado.

22 DISTRICT 8 PRESIDENT CANONIZADO: Good morning,
23 Madam President.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 9 Vicky
25 Bean.



1 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT BEAN: Present.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 10 Susan
3 Mar.

4 DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT MAR: Good morning, Madam
5 President.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 11 Marcia
7 Munroe.

8 DISTRICT 11: Aloha from District 11.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 12
10 Elizabeth Estavillo.

11 DISTRICT 12: Aloha, Madam President Dee Ann.
12 It's been a pleasure serving the ALA with you.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 13 Cindy
14 Newlen.

15 DISTRICT 13: Good morning, Madam President.
16 Surf's up.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 14 Debra
18 Hurado.

19 DISTRICT 14: This convention was totally rad,
20 dudette.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 15 Genieca
22 Risner.

23 DISTRICT 15: Congratulations on a great year.
24 We're glad to have you home.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 16 Terry



1 Oclaray.

2 DISTRICT 16: These surfer girls have basked in
3 the sun and are packing up their surfboards and are
4 heading home. Happy trails to you.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 17 Teresa
6 Nunez.

7 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT NUNEZ: Good morning.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

9 District 18 Judy Tabacci.

10 DISTRICT 18: Wipe out.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 19 Linda
12 Diebel.

13 DISTRICT 19: [Inaudible] and heading to the
14 beach.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 20 Jackie
16 Landan.

17 DISTRICT 20: Good morning, Madam President. So
18 long, farewell. It was nice to surf with you.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 21 Ellen
20 Federowski.

21 DISTRICT 21: Cowabunga. Aloha.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 22 Gigi
23 Manno.

24 DISTRICT 22: Sorry to say the waves are calm.
25 Have a safe trip home. So long.

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1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 23 Ellah
2 Wallace.

3 DISTRICT 23: Good morning, Madam President.
4 Moonlight Beach are beached.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 24.
6 Martha Romano.

7 DISTRICT 24: Good morning, Madam President.
8 Looking for a boon doggy.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 25 Sandy
10 Kurkoske.

11 DISTRICT 25: The high tides were low, the surf
12 is down, it's time to say goodbye. We loved catching the
13 wave with you we surely can't deny. But we'll remember
14 these three days and all that we have learned as we share
15 with our members all the ways the tide has turned. Bye,
16 Madam President.

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 26 Peggy
19 Toye.

20 DISTRICT 26: Spirit of 26 choo-choo. See you
21 next year.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 27
23 Danielle White.
24 DISTRICT 27: We're sailing away to the desert.
25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District --

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Different kind of
2 sand.
3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 28
4 Elizabeth Doidge.
5 DISTRICT 28: Good morning, Madam President.
6 We're catching the wave back to the coast.
7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 29 Carol
8 Borgman.
9 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: Good morning.
10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 30 is not
11 present. Past Department President. '71-'72 Odette
12 Cuccaro. '89-'90 Beverly Sparks. '92-'93 Willy Burke.
13 '95-'96 Judy Lloyd. '96-'97 Ruby Kapsalis. '98-'99 Linda
14 Workman.
15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: I'm still
16 here.
17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: '99-2000 Diane
18 DeLashmit.
19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DeLASHMIT: Good

20 morning.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2001-2002 Madeline
22 Lee.

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT LEE: Still here.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2002-2003 Nancy
25 Brown-Park. 2003-2004 Linda Caples. 2004-'5 Melanie

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1 Taylor.

2 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Good morning,
3 Liz.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
5 2005-'6 Bonnie Christner.

6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: I'm still
7 here.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2006-'7 Sandy
9 Jacobs. Absent. 2007 to '8 Shelby Hitch. 2008-'9 LuAnn
10 Capazzi.

11 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAPAZZI: I'm here.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2010-'11 Pilar
13 Reyes. 2011-'12 Linda Fercho.

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Here.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: '13-'14 Anita
16 Biggs.

17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Oh, I'm here.

18 Good morning. I'm looking at the procedure with Madam
19 President.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: '15-'16 Susie
21 Tozier.

22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Present.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: '16-'17 Wendy
24 O'Brien. '17-'18 Loretta Marsh.

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Here.

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1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: '18-'19 Joan
2 Cannon.

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: And '19-'21 Kathie
5 Martinez.

6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Good
7 morning.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Fresno Rep Cynthia
9 Oliphant.

10 HOSPITAL REP OLIPHANT: Here.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Fresno Dep Barbara
12 Novack. Fresno Dep Sandra Dowell. Loma Linda Rep Sandra
13 Kurkoske.

14 HOSPITAL REP KURKOSKE: Here.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Loma Linda Dep

16 Leslie Vondra. Long Beach Rep Pat Alvarez.
17 HOSPITAL REP ALVAREZ: Good morning.
18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Long Beach Dep
19 Becky Bullard. Long Beach Dep Cynthia Mayfield. Long
20 Beach Dep Debbie Butler.
21 HOSPITAL DEP BUTLER: Here.
22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Cabrillo Jean
23 Cooley-Desmuelles. Los Angeles Rep Ellah Wallace.
24 HOSPITAL REP WALLACE: Good morning, Liz.
25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning. Los

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1 Angeles Dep Vi Walquist. LA Outpatient Dep Patricia
2 Jackson-Kelley. West LA Ambulatory Care Center Dep Diana
3 Williams. Downtown East LA Dep Pam Hicks. San Luis
4 Obispo Dep Susie Johansen. Bakersfield OPC Dep Barbara
5 Goodlow. Santa Maria Community OPC Dep Dorothy Davis.
6 Sierra Nevada Dep Bonnie Chavoya. Northern California
7 Mather Rep Suzanne Winters.
8 HOSPITAL REP WINTERS: Here.
9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Redding OPC Dep
10 Barbara Dailey. Fairfield OPC Rep Kelly Germeraad. Palo
11 Alto Dep Connie Raya. Palo Alto Depo Arlene Muller.
12 Menlo Park Dep Joyce Henderson-McLeod.
13 HOSPITAL DEP HENDERSON-McLEOD: Hi, Liz. Good

14 morning.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

16 Livermore Rep Grace Huston.

17 HOSPITAL REP HUSTON: Here.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: San Diego Rep Susie

19 Tozier.

20 HOSPITAL REP TOZIER: Present.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: San Diego Dep Irma

22 Manthai. San Diego Dep Donna Smith. WAVE Clinic Poppy

23 Production Manager Lois Cornish.

24 POPPY PRODUCTION MANAGER CORNISH: I'm here.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: San Francisco Fort

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1 Miley Rep Laurie Sullivan. Barstow Veterans Home Rep

2 Angie Acosta. Barstow Rep Judy Samples.

3 HOSPITAL REP SAMPLES: Good morning.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Fresno Veterans

5 Home Rep Gloria Sinopoli. Lancaster Rep Linda Hayes.

6 HOSPITAL REP HAYES: Here.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Ventura Rep

8 Madeline Lee.

9 HOSPITAL REP LEE: Here.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: West LA Rep Deloris

11 Artis. West LA Dep Marisa Naylor-Jones. And Chula Vista

12 Dep Lois Cornish.

13 HOSPITAL DEP CORNISH: Here.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: I'm going to get
15 serious and then I'm going to give you some words of
16 wisdom.

17 District 23, my apologies for the mess up in your
18 dinner tickets. I hope you enjoyed the night. I heard
19 the piano playing, but my dogs were talking to me, so I'll
20 catch you on the next party train.

21 District Presidents, I don't know if you missed
22 breakfast this morning. I got a call from one of my
23 advisors. "Are you having breakfast?" Holy Cowabunga.
24 "David, get your shorts on. Go down and get some
25 doughnuts." And then no one is knocking at my door, so

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1 I'm assuming you had a great evening last night and was as
2 tired as I was.

3 So I have some words of wisdom. When you're up
4 here reading codes and your mouth is dry, don't eat Milk
5 Duds. I don't know if you saw me up here yesterday trying
6 to get these off my teeth.

7 So early this morning my son had a few words of
8 wisdom for me. God put me on this earth to do a few
9 things, I'm so far behind I'll never die.

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: So I just want to
12 let Gloria know my son talks to me too, so -- so we're
13 going to continue with the Chairmen reports.

14 Ways & Means, are you guys -- Marion jumped right
15 up like a bunny, a beach bunny. And then Resolutions.

16 I can do this after the code changes. This is
17 easy. Ask the district pages to return their badges to
18 the Sergeant-at-Arms, please. I haven't have a Milk Dud
19 yet.

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21 WAYS & MEANS CONVENTION REPORT

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23 WAYS & MEANS CHAIR ROCHA-CARLOS: Can you hear
24 me? Madam President, thank you for this appointment. I
25 would also like to thank Terry Oclaray and the helpers.

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1 We have Elizabeth, we have Judy, and we have Rosemary.
2 They were all -- they all agreed to come back and help us.
3 I would like to also thank all the ladies that
4 participated in the opportunity drawings and 50/50. Thank
5 you to all the Units and Districts who donated basket
6 items.

7 And now I'll draw a name. I'm sorry if I butcher

8 your name. Mahala Beery.

9 (Applause.)

10 WAYS & MEANS CHAIR ROCHA-CARLOS: And for the
11 Ways & Means, are you ready for the total?

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Please.

13 WAYS & MEANS CHAIR ROCHA-CARLOS: For the
14 baskets, \$3,682.

15 (Applause.)

16 WAYS & MEANS CHAIR ROCHA-CARLOS: 50/50, we
17 brought in \$1,135.

18 (Applause.)

19 WAYS & MEANS CHAIR ROCHA-CARLOS: The winner will
20 get 600 -- I mean, I'm sorry, \$568. The Department will
21 get \$567. And would you like to pull the winning ticket?
22 I'm going to stay down here so I don't fall again.

23 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: No falling,
24 girl.

25 WAYS & MEANS CHAIR ROCHA-CARLOS: The name is

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1 Amanda White.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: It was Amanda
4 White.

5 UNIDENTIFIED DELEGATE: We have her tickets here

6 and she would like to donate a hundred dollars to the New
7 Madam President's project for next year.

8 WAYS & MEANS CHAIR ROCHA-CARLOS: Madam
9 President, we only had one basket that did not get picked
10 up. I need to read the number of the ticket. The ticket
11 number is 837082. It's a blue ticket. The number is
12 837082.

13 Thank you for the appointment. It has been fun
14 riding the waves with you.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: So we have a few
17 charters this year. This -- do you want me to read the
18 whole thing? Because I'm very elegant at reading. No?

19 Okay. This one is to Rancho Cucamonga Post 835
20 Department of California Unit -- did I say -- it does say
21 Post because it -- I read what I see.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: It does say
23 American Legion Auxiliary, but if they belong to the Post,
24 it's 835.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Actually, Kathie

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1 should be presenting these because they're 7th of May,
2 yeah, 2021.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: She has one, you

4 have one, and Diane has one. So it -- it says the charter
5 is granted to those applying together with such others as
6 may unite with them and hereby authorize to establish and
7 maintain a unit of the American Legion Auxiliary at Rancho
8 Cucamonga of Rancho Cucamonga Post 835 Department of
9 California. So it's staying there at the post.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: I could have read
11 that.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Sorry.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: This charter is
14 granted and those applying together with such others as
15 may unite with them are hereby authorized to establish and
16 maintain a unit of the Redding at Redding of Shasta Post
17 197 California.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Mary, come on up,
20 District 2.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: So this charter is
22 granted and those applying together with such others as
23 may unite with them are hereby authorized to establish and
24 maintain a unit of the American Legion Auxiliary at Tustin
25 of Tustin Post 227 California.

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1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: The second page are
3 the charter members.

4 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: This has
5 been a long time coming. We had issues with names and we
6 kept having to have them redone. Tami, it is my honor to
7 finally present this to you. Thank you very much.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Cece?

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11 RESOLUTIONS

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13 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR HARVEY: Good morning, Madam
14 President, Auxiliary Members. I guess we have reached the
15 end of this convention. And I'm also happy to see
16 everybody and also sad because we had COVID.

17 And, thank you, Madam President, for a good
18 convention. Madam President, can I please continue
19 reading the convention committee meeting report?

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Please.

21 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR HARVEY: The convention meeting
22 on Resolution met on June 22, 2022. Carol Harville, Unit
23 20, District 20 was appointed secretary. Karen Bigley
24 from Unit 108, District 11 was appointed chaplain.
25 Taadhimeka Stovall from Unit 252, District 23 was



1 appointed sergeant-at-arms. A total of 12 district
2 delegates answered roll call. There were three visitors,
3 two seniors and one junior. Tamra Bell from District 25
4 red the department code and there is no code change.

5 (Applause.)

6 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR HARVEY: And also there is no
7 reading of Resolutions so the committee just decide to ask
8 questions about Resolutions. I will need some answers
9 because I did -- you know, I'm not satisfied with the
10 answers I gave. So they ask about proclamations and
11 resolutions. Proclamation is a public official
12 announcement, especially one dealing with the matter of
13 great importance. It is an official declaration issued by
14 personal authority to make certain announcement.

15 Now Resolution is the prayer to do or not to do
16 something. It's a process of result. The purpose is
17 determination, the act of to solution of a problem.

18 Madam President, can I please continue to read
19 the courtesy Resolutions?

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Please, Cece. You
21 got two ladies to help you? They should come up.

22 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR HARVEY: It's the District
23 President of the District 13 Cindy Newlen and District 10
24 District President Susan Mar.

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DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: They're going to

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1 help you read?

2 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR HARVEY: Yes, ma'am.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Yeah, they can come
4 up.

5 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT NEWLEN: Whereas, Christina
6 Silva, sales/catering director Wyndham Visalia located at
7 9000 West Airport Drive, Visalia, California has provided
8 our members and guests with friendly service; and whereas,
9 has taken great pleasure in providing comfortable
10 accommodations for our members. Therefore be it resolved,
11 that a letter of appreciation be sent to the
12 sales/catering director of Wyndham Hotel Visalia office.

13 Whereas, Barbara Lombrano, the American Legion
14 Department of California Adjutant, put aside time from her
15 busy schedule to bring greetings to this department
16 year-end convention; and whereas, her remarks to maintain
17 open lines of communication between all American Legion
18 Family members were much appreciated. Now therefore be it
19 resolved, we express our sincere appreciation for her
20 continued commitment and support of the American Legion
21 Auxiliary. And be it further resolved, that a copy of
22 this resolution be forwarded to Barbara Lombrano and to

23 the American Legion Department office.

24 Whereas, Autrey James, the American Legion
25 Department of California Commander, attended the

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1 department year-end convention and department committee
2 banquet bringing greetings; and whereas, his strong belief
3 in supporting and working with the American Legion
4 Auxiliary does not go unnoticed. Therefore be it
5 resolved, that we express our sincere appreciation to him
6 for supporting our Department President and the American
7 Legion Auxiliary Family. And be further resolved that a
8 copy of this resolution be sent to the Department
9 Commander Autrey James and the American Legion Department
10 Office.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Thank you, Cindy.

12 DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT MAR: Whereas, the
13 Department Year-End Convention Chairman Genieca Risner and
14 Co-Chairman Gloria Sinopoli and their outstanding
15 committee members who went above and beyond to accommodate
16 the needs of all members and guests attending this
17 department year-end convention; and whereas, these
18 fabulous ladies rocked their surfing Auxiliary attire in
19 catching the wave pin so as to easily identifiable if
20 needed for assistance. Now therefore be it resolved, that

21 we express our thanks and sincere gratitude to Genieca and
22 Gloria and committee members for an outstanding job and
23 their warm hospitality during the year-end convention
24 meeting. And be it further resolved that a copy of this
25 resolution be presented to Genieca Risner and Gloria

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1 Sinopoli.

2 Whereas, there were eight American Legion
3 Auxiliary Department of California Past Presidents present
4 at the department year-end convention; and whereas, every
5 one of them had been donating so much of their time and
6 support to this great organization; and whereas, they
7 continue to share their valuable knowledge and experience
8 to others within our organization. Now therefore it be
9 resolved, that we express our gratefulness and sincere
10 appreciation for their service and commitment to the
11 American Legion Auxiliary in its entirety by a standing
12 ovation.

13 (Applause.)

14 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR HARVEY: The City of Visalia in
15 the District 15 Mayor Steve Nelsen, a long-time resident
16 with a long history of community involvement and
17 leadership, answered the invitation of our President Dee
18 Ann Graham for our department year-end convention; and

19 whereas, he's ever committed to his community and a strong
20 belief of supporting this veteran organization has proudly
21 welcomed all of the officers and attendees of this
22 department year-end convention. Therefore it be resolved,
23 that we express our sincere appreciation to Visalia Mayor
24 Steve Nelsen for supporting our Department President and
25 American Legion Auxiliary. And be further resolved, that

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1 a copy of this resolution be sent to the office of the
2 mayor.

3 Whereas, the American Legion Auxiliary Department
4 of California has the distinguished honor to be
5 represented by several of our members serving the National
6 organization; and whereas, we ask each member to rise and
7 remain standing until we all go. And therefore be it
8 resolved, that we express our true appreciation for the
9 following for the distinct honor they bring to the
10 Department of California. Joan Cannon, National Executive
11 Committeeperson. Melanie Taylor, National Education
12 Program Chairman. Anita Biggs, Western Division National
13 Auxiliary Members Emergency Fund Chairman. Linda Workman,
14 Western Division National Poppy Chair. Maureen
15 O'Brien-Sacco, Western Division National Americanism
16 Chairman. Kathie Martinez, Alternate Executive

17 Committeeperson. Be it further resolved that we thank
18 them for their service and dedication by giving them a
19 round of applause.

20 (Applause.)

21 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR HARVEY: Whereas, the American
22 Legion Auxiliary Department of California Madam President
23 Dee Ann Graham has demonstrated her capability of
24 leadership as she represents our organization both
25 nationally and throughout the great state of California;

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1 and whereas, her theme "Catching the Waves - Celebrating
2 Veterans and Their Families" has made proud of this great
3 organization. Now therefore it be resolved, the members
4 and guests present at this year-end convention express a
5 sincere thanks and appreciation for our President Dee Ann
6 Graham for her dedication and service to the American
7 Legion Auxiliary with a standing ovation.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Thank you,
10 everyone. Thank you.

11 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR HARVEY: Thank you, everybody.
12 And I know that, Madam President, I want to thank you for
13 the appointment. I had fun dealing with you on the beach.
14 Thank you.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: We now have a
16 presentation by the Past Department Presidents. We did so
17 well yesterday, we have a lot of time. And Commander said
18 he was going to be here this morning and a few other
19 gentlemen, so we're -- I mean I'd wrap this up and head
20 out. Snooze, you lose.

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Madam
22 President, as I've just been reminded and Anita keeps
23 reminding me, I am the oldest of the Past Department
24 Presidents. That is not age, baby.

25 Madam President, on behalf of the Past Department

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1 Presidents, we would like to make a donation in the memory
2 of Terry Mikesell in the amount of \$100 to the VA&R TFA.

3 (Applause.)

4 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: And would
5 Linda's Workmen rise. I think we have maybe one or two
6 still in the audience. That's Lois, my babe there. On
7 behalf of Linda's Workmen, we would like to donate \$100 to
8 Children & Youth. Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DeLASHMIT: It's
11 Diane's Circus Acts and, yes, I am the second oldest. In
12 memory of Terry Mikesell, Sandy's Engineers -- and please

13 stand when I call you. She's the only one here. There's
14 only three left. She was in 1987. Then Judy Lloyd's
15 Editors. Want to stand Editors? My Circus Acts. I know
16 there's some Circus Acts here. And LuAnn -- where's
17 LuAnn? And Terry's Treasures. There they go. We are
18 donating \$15 to the Juniors, \$230 to VA&R, \$35 to
19 Education, and \$200 to VA&R TFA.

20 (Applause.)

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT LEE: And I am the
22 oldest in age, but anyway, Madeline's Love Princesses and
23 Bev's Stars want to donate \$200. That will be a first. I
24 do know that I have Princess Rosebud. And I have another
25 one and, you know, with old age, you know, you forget

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1 names, but Henderson. There she is. They were both
2 Princesses. Love Princesses. And are there any -- and
3 then there is one who was not a princess, but I gave her a
4 special appointment during my year so we consider her a
5 Princess. And that one went out of my head too. So we
6 want to donate \$200, \$100 to VA&R TFA and \$100 to
7 Education.

8 (Applause.)

9 HOSPITAL REP ALVAREZ: I'm just a visitor, but
10 Ruby assigned me. For Goldie's Golden Links, Jeri's

11 Cards, Ruby's All Stars, Margaret's Indian Circuses,
12 Shelby's Actresses, Pilar's Music Makers, and Harriet's
13 Master Crafters, \$225 to VA&R TFA.

14 (Applause.)

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Madam
16 President, on behalf of Sue's Lighthouses, which I am
17 proud to say I am one, and Melanie's Hot Air Balloon
18 Pilots, we have a donation of \$100 to the VA&R TFA
19 account.

20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: My partner
21 in crime has gone home already. She's a little tired, but
22 I would like any of Bonnie's Prom Princesses and Sandy's
23 Colonels to please stand.

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I'm a Princess.

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: She still

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1 refers to me as her Queen, so what about that. We have
2 \$110 and we would like to donate it to VA&R TFA.

3 (Applause.)

4 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: I get to
5 follow the Queen. Would all the Dream Team Captains
6 please stand. We have another late donation, ladies, from
7 Tammy Sollazzo, so now we have a total of \$410. In memory
8 of Terry Mikesell we'll be donating \$200 to VA&R TFA, we

9 want to donate \$100 to the Juniors, and \$110 to the VA&R
10 program.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Thank you,
13 ladies.

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. On
15 behalf of LuAnn's Ship Captains, Linda's Rodeo Queens --

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: I have Rodeo
17 Queens out there, I know it.

18 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Susie's
19 Farmers, Loretta's Super Heros and Wendy's Sea Captains,
20 we want to donate \$310 to Madam Dee Ann's project TFA.

21 (Applause.)

22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Do we have any
23 Super Heros out there? Okay. If you want to introduce
24 yourself.

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAPAZZI: Do we have

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1 any Ship Captains out there? Ahoy, mates.

2 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Susie's
3 Farmers? Oh, I know.

4 LEADERSHIP CHAIR VARNELL: It's me.

5 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: There you are.

6 LEADERSHIP CHAIR VARNELL: It's me. I'm the only

7 one.

8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Joan Cannon's
9 Sunflowers. We didn't have a lot, but I have some. But
10 stand up if you here. But also District 12 District
11 President couldn't be here. But I had wonderful
12 stand-ins, so you guys stand up too. We had a total of
13 \$245 and we want to give \$145 to Junior Activities, \$50 to
14 VA&R TFA, and \$50 to Education.

15 (Applause.)

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Good
17 morning. Can I have all the Freedom Fighters stand? I
18 know you ladies are here. There we are. Excellent. On
19 behalf of the Freedom Fighters, we are donating \$246 to
20 Children & Youth TFA.

21 (Applause.)

22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you,
23 ladies.

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Thank you all
25 for your donations.

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1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Will the
3 Sergeant-at-Arms, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, and
4 Distinguished Guest Chairman please bring forward the

5 PDGs.

6 (Processional.)

7 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER: Good morning, Madam
8 President. You know we had a meeting the other night and
9 the Past Department Gophers collected \$275 for your
10 project.

11 (Applause.)

12 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER: Also, for your gopher
13 now that he's performed his duties, I have for him his
14 Past Department Gopher's pin which will now become part of
15 his uniform.

16 (Applause.)

17 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER: And -- and we also have
18 a special presentation. If the Sergeant-at-Arms can bring
19 the Melgard daughters up. Okay. Just if anybody doesn't
20 know, the gophers are the ones that follow Madam
21 Presidents around for a year packing her luggage and doing
22 anything at their beck and call. It's either asking for
23 something, can you run down to the store I forgot such and
24 such.

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Pantyhose.

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1 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER: Yeah, embarrassing stuff
2 like that for a guy to go buy. Bob Melgard was one of our

3 Past Department Gophers and also Past National Gopher who
4 passed away recently, a year ago or so, and we have a
5 special presentation. We have his hat that I would like
6 his daughters to present it to the gopher. This is also
7 part of your uniform.

8 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT HURADO: Yes, our dad loved
9 being a gopher, and even though he loved the Legion, he
10 loved the Auxiliary I think even more.

11 (Applause.)

12 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER: Thank you for a good job
13 and thank you girls for bringing us his hat.

14 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: My official
15 gopher, although he doesn't know it yet, will be my son.

16 (Applause.)

17 (Processional.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Thank you, PDGs.
19 G-G-A-B-C-D. Oh, here's a note. P-D-G-A-B-C. I'm
20 getting slap happy.

21 Madam Secretary, will you read the minutes of the
22 Post Convention Executive Meeting held on January 12th,
23 2021. And there's a question. Two? At the Marriott
24 Hotel in Long Beach, California.

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1 Convention.

2 District Presidents or their representatives
3 reported on unit status as follows: District 1 Hopland
4 Unit 529 remain on promotion until June of 2022. District
5 2 Shasta Unit 197 placed on probation until June of 2022.
6 District 4 Linda Unit 807 remain on probation until June
7 of 2022. District 5 Theodore Roosevelt Unit 21 remain on
8 probation until June of 2022. District 5 Benicia Unit 101
9 removed from probation. District 5 Napa Unit 113
10 surrendered their charter. District 5 Tredway Unit 194
11 remain on probation until June of 2022. District 5 Saint
12 Helena Unit 199 removed from probation. District 5 Mare
13 Island Navy Yard Unit 550 removed from probation.

14 District 9 Roy Frerichs Unit 202 remain on
15 probation until June of 2022. District 11 Amador Unit 108
16 will be removed from probation. District 12 George J.
17 Hatfield Unit 91 surrendered their charter.

18 District 13 Willow Glen Unit 318 remain on
19 probation until June of 2022. District 13 Mission City
20 Unit 564 placed on probation until June of 2022. District
21 14 Madera Unit 11 remain -- placed on probation until June
22 of 2022.

23 District 16 Santa Barbara Unit 49 remain on

24 probation until June of 2022. District 16 Vandenberg Unit
25 125 placed on probation until June of 2022. District 18

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1 La Puente Unit 75 placed on probation until June of 2022.
2 District 18 Monterey Park Unit 397 removed from probation.
3 District 19 City of Paramount Unit 134 remain on
4 probation until June of 2022. District 19 Gilbert Lindsay
5 Unit 352 remain on probation until June of 2022. District
6 21 San Geronio Pass Unit 428 removed from probation.
7 District 21 Temecula-Murrieta Valley Unit 852 removed from
8 probation.

9 District 22 Sergeant Alan K. Walker Unit 619
10 placed on probation until June of 2022. District 22 Larry
11 E. Homberg Unit 731 placed on probation until June of
12 2022. District 22 Borrego Springs Unit 853 placed on
13 probation until June of 2022.

14 District 25 Redlands Unit 106 placed on probation
15 until June of 2022. District 25 Ontario Unit 112 placed
16 on probation until June of 2022. District 25 Yucaipa Unit
17 426 remain on probation until June of 2022. District 28
18 Edward H. Lorensen Unit 121 placed on probation until June
19 of 2022. District 29 Anaheim Unit 72 removed from
20 probation. District 29 Laguna Niguel Unit 281 placed on
21 probation until June of 2022. District 29 Buena Park Unit

22 354 remain on probation until June of 2022. District 29
23 Richard M. Nixon Unit 697 remain on probation until June
24 of 2022.

25 Endorsements of candidates for the 2021-2022 year

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1 were Department President Gloria Williams by Anita Biggs,
2 department Vice President Glenda Schultz by Susie Tozier,
3 and Department Junior Member of Finance Teresa Nunez by
4 Rodi Andreescu.

5 Motion by Maureen O'Brien-Sacco to accept the
6 2022-2023 essay titles. Motion seconded and carried.
7 Titles are as follows: Class 1, grades 4 and 5. Why we
8 pledge allegiance to the flag. Class 2, grades 6 and 7 --
9 just so you know, these minutes will be on the website in
10 the next couple days, so you don't need to write all this
11 down. I should have said that before you started writing
12 it all down. But I know you guys want to write these
13 titles down. They'll be uploaded in the next couple days.
14 I'll put them on the front page so you don't have search
15 for them. Or actually, I'll have our webmaster put them
16 on the front page.

17 Class 2, grades 6 and 7, what does it mean to
18 love your country. Class 3, grades 8 and 9, what does
19 Veterans Day mean to me. Class 4, grades 10 to 12, who

20 can achieve the American dream. And class 5, special
21 needs, what does freedom of speech mean to me.

22 Department Girls State Chairman Tammy Sollazzo
23 presented the 2022 Girls State budget for members'
24 information. Tammy moved that we accept the Girls State
25 budget. Seconded, motion carried.

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1 Linda Hayes, Poppy Chairman, reported that we
2 need Poppy makers for 2022-2023. Long Beach and
3 Yountville are no longer making poppies so we need
4 support. Take the question back to your units and
5 districts and see if there is interest in making poppies
6 for the '22-'23 year.

7 The deadline for reservations for Junior
8 Conference has been extended to March 15th. Junior
9 Conference has asked for donations of gift cards in place
10 of the Junior Conference store. Respectfully signed by
11 me. I move that we accept the minutes of the January 15th
12 to 16th DEC meeting.

13 ALTERNATE NEC WOMAN MARTINEZ: I second that.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There's a motion on
15 the floor to accept the minutes. Any discussion?

16 (No response.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none, all

18 in favor say aye.

19 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All opposed say no.

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Motion carried.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: The Department
24 Mid-Year Executive Committee meeting was held on Thursday,
25 June 23rd. I wrote January. June 23rd, 2022. President

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1 Dee Ann Graham called the meeting to order at 7:15 a.m.

2 Roll call showed a quorum present. The following motions
3 were made by the respective District Presidents, seconded
4 and carried.

5 District 1 Arcata Unit 274 surrendered their
6 charter. District 1 Hopland Unit 529 surrendered their
7 charter. District 2 Shasta Unit 197 was removed from
8 probation. District 4 Oroville Unit 95 placed on
9 probation. District 4 Linda Unit 807 removed from
10 probation.

11 District 5 Theodore Roosevelt Unit 21 remain on
12 probation until January of 2023. District 5 Rio Vista
13 Unit 178 placed on probation until January of 2023.
14 District 5 Tredway Unit 194 remain on probation until
15 January of 2023. District 9 Roy Frerichs Unit 202 removed

16 from probation.

17 District 12 Scranton & Qualle Unit 872 placed on
18 probation until January 2023. District 13 Gilroy Unit 217
19 placed on probation until January of 2023. District 13
20 Willow Glen Unit 318 surrendered their charter. District
21 13 Mission City Unit 564 removed from probation.

22 District 14 Charlie Waters Unit 4 placed on
23 probation until January of 2023. District 14 Madera Unit
24 11 remain on probation until January of 2023. District 14
25 Firebaugh Unit 346 placed on probation until January of

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1 2023. District 14 State Center Unit 511 placed on
2 probation until January of 2023.

3 District 16 Santa Barbara Unit 49 remain on
4 probation until January of 2023. District 16 Vandenberg
5 Unit 125 surrendered their charter. District 18 La Puente
6 Unit 75 remain on probation until January of 2023.

7 District 19 City of Paramount Unit 134 surrendered their
8 charter. District 19 Gilbert Lindsay Unit 352 surrendered
9 their charter.

10 District 20 Sun Valley Unit 520 placed on
11 probation through January of 2023. District 21 Joe
12 Dominguez Unit 742 was placed on probation until January
13 of 2023.

14 We're not done, but Susie Tozier to Madam
15 President: You requested an audit of Unit 742's books for
16 April, May, and June 2021. Based on the findings, I move
17 the Department Audit Team audit the entire year of 2020 to
18 2021. Seconded by Anita Biggs. Motion was carried.

19 District 22 JB Clark Unit 149 placed on probation
20 until January of 2023. District 22 Dewitt C. Mitchell
21 Unit 201 placed on probation until January 2023. District
22 22 Santee Unit 364 placed on probation until January 2023.
23 Sergeant Alan K. Walker Unit 619 remain on probation until
24 January of 2023. District 22 Larry E. Homberg Unit 731
25 will remain on probation until January of 2023. District

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1 22 Borrego Springs Unit 853 will remain on probation until
2 January of 2023.

3 District 25 Redlands Unit 106 will remain on
4 probation until January of 2023. District 25 Ontario Unit
5 112 will remain on probation until January of 2023.
6 District 25 Yucaipa Unit 426 will remain on probation
7 until January 2023. District 28 Edward H. Lorenson Unit
8 121 will remain on probation until January of 2023.

9 District 29 Santa Ana Unit 131 was placed on
10 probation until January of 2023. District 29 Laguna
11 Niguel Unit 281 was removed from probation. District 29

12 Buena Park Unit 354 will remain on probation until January
13 of 2023, and District 29 Richard M. Nixon Unit 679 will
14 remain on probation until January of 2023.

15 Under unfinished business, Linda Workman reported
16 that at the January 2022 DEC she moved to continue the
17 services of Micro Project Management Company, MPMC, for
18 the 2022-2023 year. The motion passed, but later it was
19 noted that there's not an amendment to our current
20 contract. We have received said amendment extending the
21 contract for one year with no fee increase. This
22 agreement has been executed by MPMC and our Department
23 President. Madam President, Linda moves that we accept
24 the services of the Micro Project Management Company for
25 the year 2022-2023 as stated in the signed amendment to

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1 our contract. Seconded by Linda Diebel. Motion carried.

2 Also by Linda. In discussion with Erwin
3 Laranang, CPA for Van Sloten & Laranang, at the end of the
4 last year he stated that he would not be able to continue
5 services for the Department audit unless the fees were
6 doubled in price to 22,000 a year. At that time we
7 started our search for another firm that would be able to
8 accommodate our needs for an acceptable fee to our budget.
9 The Committee and Treasurer vetted four different firms

10 and decided to accept the proposal of \$16,500 from RINA
11 Accounts & Advisors. Linda moved and it was seconded to
12 accept the services of RINA Accounts & Advisors for the
13 '21-'22 auditing year. Second by Robin Falkenberg.
14 Motion was carried.

15 Under new business. As the Department Office now
16 only has one employee, the Department Secretary who works
17 from home and multiple days in the Department Office, she
18 has to submit a timecard for her hourly salary. The
19 Finance Committee and Department Treasurer recommends that
20 the office of Secretary be a salaried position so that the
21 salary payment be made correctly and regularly. Time
22 dedicated to the DEC and Convention will be comped and
23 must be used within the next 12 months. Second by Robin
24 Falkenberg. Motion carried.

25 There being no further business, the meeting was

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1 adjourned at 9:00 a.m. Submitted by Elizabeth Doidge.

2 I move that we accept the minutes as corrected
3 by -- yeah, as correct for the June 2022 mid-year meeting.

4 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Second.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There's a motion on
6 the floor to accept the minutes as amended. Corrected.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Corrected, yeah. I

8 have to fix January to June.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: What was the date?

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: June 23rd, 2022.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: June 23rd, 2022.

12 Any discussion?

13 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Madam

14 President, just a correction. On the motion for -- that
15 Susie Tozier made to audit Unit 742's books for the entire
16 year, although they definitely need to be recorded, I was
17 not the one who made the second on that motion. I believe
18 it was Tamra Duron.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I will make that
20 change. I've got a second saying that they agree with
21 that.

22 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT FEDEROWSKI: If I may,
23 Madam President, within the minutes I did not hear, I
24 could have missed it, that also for District 21 probation
25 for 951.

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1 ALTERNATE NEC WOMAN MARTINEZ: It's in my notes.

2 Yeah, 951 on probation.

3 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: That they're
4 placed?

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. So District

6 21 -- what's the name of the unit? Fellowship?
7 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT FEDEROWSKI: Yes.
8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Fellowship Unit
9 951 --
10 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT FEDEROWSKI: Yes.
11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: -- will be placed
12 on probation through January of 2023.
13 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT FEDEROWSKI: Thank you.
14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you. Sorry
15 about that. Lots of notes. Anyone else that I missed?
16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: There's a
17 correction to the minutes. Is there any other discussion?
18 (No response.)
19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All those in favor?
20 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.
21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: All opposed?
22 (No response.)
23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Hearing none,
24 motion carried. Thank you.
25 (Applause.)

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Anybody else have
2 some questions for old business? We were told Commander
3 Autrey James was coming so we're holding out a little bit,

4 paddling out. So anybody have any discussions or
5 questions?

6 Oh, I'm sorry. Linda, please.

7 POPPY CHAIR HAYES: Good morning again. Three
8 days in a row. Okay. This is for the Poppy display
9 awards. And I'm sorry that they've been delayed, but we
10 ran into a problem. Some of the Poppy displays this year
11 were beautiful displays, but they were either too big or
12 there was no identification on some of them and
13 unfortunately some had to be disqualified. And it makes
14 me feel bad because they're beautiful and there's a lot of
15 work put into them.

16 So with that being said and because this was the
17 day, I am going to -- I'd like to meet District 16, Unit
18 741 to hand awards in the back. And I did that. Also
19 District 21, Unit 742 and District 18, Unit 261.

20 (Applause.)

21 POPPY CHAIR HAYES: That's for the second and
22 third place awards. Okay. So first place awards deemed
23 the best interpretation is awarded to Unit 262 Becky
24 Clark.

25 (Applause.)

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1 POPPY CHAIR HAYES: Is anybody here for that?

2 And then -- well, this one I think my husband put
3 somewhere in the packing because I know it wasn't me. So
4 I've already talked to them and I will be mailing the
5 certificate of recognition. Unit 552, District 22 for the
6 freestyle poppy display.

7 (Applause.)

8 POPPY CHAIR HAYES: And then a certificate
9 awarded for President's Choice is awarded to Unit 117 and
10 68 for their poppy display.

11 (Applause.)

12 POPPY CHAIR HAYES: And that's the end of mine.
13 Thank you, Madam President.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Thank you, Linda.
15 We're going to break for a few minutes and we're going to
16 prepare for installation. They're all heading out to the
17 shore. Is there any new business before anybody heads
18 out? See Gloria.

19 Hold on. We're not recessed yet, ladies.

20 District Presidents, take your beach lifeguard
21 station signs, but leave the poles. We're going to will
22 those to Gloria.

23 Liz, do you have any more sound waves?

24 Gloria, do you want to give any last minute
25 instructions before -- we have membership cards in the



1 back and delegates and alternates as well. Is that what
2 she said?

3 Ladies, Gloria would like to tell you a few
4 things about her installation, so if you can give her a
5 moment of your time, it will be appreciated.

6 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Okay,
7 everyone. I think 11:30 will be a good time. So if you
8 can come back to me at 11:30 and we can get started. I
9 don't think there was anything else. Okay. Do you have
10 any questions? No questions. Okay. Then we'll see you
11 back here at 11:30.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Ladies, the
13 American Legion Commander Autrey James is going to be here
14 shortly, so please remain. This is just a recess, not
15 heading to the beach, so I'll be calling you all back.

16 (Recess from 10:40 a.m. to 11:47 a.m.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: This meeting is
18 reconvened for the purpose of installing the officers. I
19 would like to introduce the Installing Officer Anita
20 Biggs, Past Department President.

21 (Applause.)

22 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: David Graham, would
23 you please stand next to your wife, not over there.

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INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Hello, everyone.

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Sorry for the small delay. It is my pleasure to introduce

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the installing team. The Distinguished Guest Chairman is

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Linda Workman. Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms is Kathie

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Martinez. Honorary Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms is

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Taadhimeka Stovall. Honorary Chaplain is Grace Huston,

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and our Honorary Musician, Eve Evans over there.

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And we have the District Color Bearers and Unit

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Color Bearers from the Jackie Robinson Unit 252 Color

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Guard. I would always open that up with the World Famous

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Jackie Robinson Color Bearers.

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We will now proceed with the installation of the

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Department Officers for the year 2022-2023. Will the

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Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms

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with the Distinguished Guest Chairman please escort the

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Department Chairmen.

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(Processional.)

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INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Will the Honorary

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Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms with the

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Distinguished Guest Chairman please escort the District

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Second Vice Presidents.

23 (Processional.)
24 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Will the
25 Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms with the

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1 Distinguished Guest Chairman please escort the District
2 First Vice Presidents.

3 (Processional.)

4 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Will the Honorary
5 Sergeant-at-Arms and the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms with
6 the Distinguished Guest Chairman please escort the
7 District Presidents.

8 (Processional.)

9 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Will the Honorary
10 Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms with the
11 Distinguished Guest Chairman please escort the Department
12 Officers. The Musician Evonne Eve Evans is already
13 working.

14 (Processional.)

15 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: The Parliamentarian
16 Anita Biggs, I'm up here staring at you. Sergeant-at-Arms
17 Phyllis Meyi, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Alberta Cummings,
18 Historian Valerie Hill, and Chaplain Grace Huston.
19 Teresa. Teresa Nunez, go back out. Don't be trying to
20 mix in with these officers, girl.

21 (Processional.)
22 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: These highfalutin
23 officers want to join in with the regular officers. Lord
24 Jesus. All of the -- well, everybody else is standing so
25 you should do -- just do what everybody else is doing.

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1 Will the Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant
2 Sergeant-at-Arms with the Distinguished Guest Chairman
3 please escort the elected Junior Member of Finance.

4 (Processional.)

5 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: We have a very short
6 stage. Thank you.

7 HONORARY DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN:
8 Oops, I lost my girls.

9 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Will the Honorary
10 Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms with the
11 Distinguished Guest Chairman please escort the Department
12 Vice President Elect Glenda Schultz.

13 (Processional.)

14 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Glenda, can you come
15 back here, please. I know it's hard. I won't let you
16 fall.

17 Thank you all for standing and continuing to
18 stand. At this time stay standing. Will the Honorary

19 Sergeant-at-Arms and the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms and
20 the Distinguished Guest Chairman along with the Jackie
21 Robinson -- the World Famous Jackie Robinson 252 Color
22 Guard please present the colors of the 23rd District and
23 Jackie Robinson Unit 252.

24 (Processional.)

25 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Thank you, Color

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1 Guard. Please give them a big round of applause.

2 (Applause.)

3 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: I don't know if you
4 all can go. They have a couple accessories in honor of
5 our Department. Thank you, Ladies.

6 Will the Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant
7 Sergeant-at-Arms with the Distinguished Guest Chairman
8 please escort the Department President Elect Gloria
9 Williams, escorted by her son Craig Williams.

10 (Processional.)

11 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Thank you. You may be
12 seated. The installation of our newly elected and
13 appointed officers is one of the most important and
14 impressive ceremonies of our Department Convention.

15 As we begin this transition from one
16 administration to the other, we wish to express our

17 appreciation to our retiring Department and District
18 officers for their outstanding contributions to the grand
19 history of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of
20 California.

21 As we turn from the memories of this successful
22 year we have just completed, let us all look forward with
23 renewed dedication and enthusiasm to a new year conducted
24 by our new Department and District Officers as we honor
25 and serve our veterans, their families, and our country.

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1 We congratulate our new officers and wish for them a year
2 that will inspire us all.

3 (Applause.)

4 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: District Vice
5 Presidents, District Presidents, and Department Officers,
6 please stand. That's you on the stage. You over there
7 and First Vice. All of you. I didn't say Chairmen. No,
8 you are the Junior Past President. That is an officer of
9 the State of California.

10 Ladies, would you -- will you all -- Chairmen?
11 My bad. I need your attention. Thank you very much.

12 My fellow members, you have been chosen to fill
13 up the various offices of the American Legion Auxiliary
14 Department of California. You will, I know, vindicate the

15 trust that has been reposed in you and fulfill in every
16 way the obligations which that trust entails. You will
17 familiarize yourselves with the duties of your respective
18 offices as given in the Department Bylaws.

19 Always remember that the welfare and success of
20 this administration depends upon you, and upon your
21 shoulders rests the burden of preserving the integrity of
22 the American Legion Auxiliary. You must protect its good
23 name before the people of the United States and at all
24 times endeavor to have them understand its policies and
25 its purpose.

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1 Always remember the tolerant spirit of the
2 American Legion Auxiliary. Allow no distinction of class
3 or creed to appear among our members. There is no rank
4 among us, for each serves as an equal of fellow members
5 and all strive towards the same goal, which is the
6 realization in the life of the republic of the ideals of
7 justice, freedom, democracy, and loyalty.

8 Gloria, could you please stand as you give the
9 oath, receive the oath. He's good for a lot. You just
10 stand there by your seat. Stand by your seat, please.
11 Turn. Thank you.

12 Please raise your right hand and repeat after me

13 giving your name where I give mine. I, Anita Biggs.

14 (Response.)

15 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Promise to perform
16 faithfully.

17 (Response.)

18 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: All the duties of the
19 office.

20 (Response.)

21 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: I am about to assume.

22 (Response.)

23 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: And I further pledge.

24 (Response.)

25 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: That I am not a member

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1 of.

2 (Response.)

3 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: And do not subscribed
4 to.

5 (Response.)

6 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: The principles of any
7 group.

8 (Response.)

9 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Opposed to our form of
10 government.

11 (Response.)

12 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: You may be seated.

13 Will the District Second Vice Presidents please
14 rise.

15 Hello, ladies. You all look fabulous. Into your
16 helpful hands is placed the responsibility of assisting
17 the First Vice Presidents in all their duties. The
18 cooperation and spirit with which you fulfill your
19 responsibilities will contribute much to the success in
20 this year. Congratulations to you all and I know you will
21 do a fantastic job. Thank you.

22 (Applause.)

23 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Will the District
24 First Vice Presidents please rise. Hello, ladies. You're
25 so far away. I don't know why Linda put you way over

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1 there, but at least I have a microphone to reach you.

2 To you is given the active cooperation with the
3 president for the continued development of your district
4 programs. In the absence of the president you will be
5 prepared to assume the duties of her office or the office.
6 Might be a man. This year could be an awarding, learning
7 experience for you and prepare you for your future goals.
8 So congratulations and I wish you all the best of success

9 this year and thank you.

10 (Applause.)

11 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Will the District
12 Presidents please rise. What a lovely group. You are
13 assuming a tremendous responsibility in leading the
14 day-to-day activities of the units in your district as a
15 deputy to the Department President. You are the most
16 important member of the executive board, for you represent
17 the link between the members of this great department and
18 the Department President. With willful -- let me start
19 this sentence over.

20 With full confidence in your abilities you have
21 been chosen by your District to fill this important
22 position. May your year of service as the District
23 Presidents and Train Stations for our Department President
24 be a happy, exciting, and rewarding adventure for you and
25 your district.

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1 Congratulations. I wish you much success. And
2 do the best job that you possibly can. I know you will.
3 Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: You may be seated.
6 Will the Musician Eve Evans please rise. That is Evonne,

7 it's Eve, it's a whole bunch of things, but it's E. Well,
8 there's a bunch of other names, but I'm just going to call
9 you E at this point.

10 Yours is an enviable position in the official
11 family. For your music will set the tone and beauty of
12 our ceremonies and bring life to our meetings. Your
13 willingness to share your professional talent as a
14 musician is a source of joy for all of us. Eve is a jazz
15 musician and taking time out of her busy career to assist
16 the Department with live music again. So we're so
17 excited.

18 Congratulations, Eve, and thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Madeline Lee, will you
21 please approach the station? Madeline Lee will give me my
22 charge.

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT LEE: Thank you. Okay.
24 I can see you very clearly without my glasses. The
25 Parliamentarian Anita Biggs will be given --

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1 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: You don't read that
2 part.

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT LEE: Oh, okay. Here I
4 am. Okay. Your duty to advise the Department President

5 in procedural matters in the deliberations on this
6 Department, the benefit of your experience and wise
7 counsel will be a great asset to her in the performance of
8 her duties.

9 Congratulations, Anita. I know you will do a
10 wonderful job.

11 (Applause.)

12 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Thank you, Madam.

13 Will the Sergeant-at-Arms Phyllis Meyi and
14 Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Alberta Cummings please rise.
15 Hi y'all. You will have the very special honor this year
16 of carrying the flag of our country and the banner of the
17 Department of California. The love and respect with which
18 you carry off these duties will inspire the membership.
19 In addition you are responsible for order at all
20 Department meetings, so you can't cut up, and such other
21 duties as may be assigned to you by the Department
22 President.

23 Congratulations. I know you're going to a
24 fabulous job. Thank you so much.

25 (Applause.)

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1 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Chaplain Grace Huston,
2 please rise.

3 Grace, we've already seen what a fabulous job you
4 can do as Chaplain. You have been asked to serve as a
5 spiritual leader of this Department. The love and empathy
6 with which you perform the duties of your office will do
7 much to help lighten the sorrows that may fall upon our
8 members. You will have the opportunity to offer prayers
9 that will be uplifting to us and assist our members to
10 develop a sense of inner strength gained from God's
11 blessings.

12 Congratulations and thank you again, Grace, for
13 accepting this position.

14 (Applause.)

15 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Junior Member of
16 Finance Teresa Nunez, will you please stand.

17 Teresa, you are entering a three-year term of a
18 very important committee of this Department. Study
19 carefully your responsibilities as outlined in the bylaws
20 and policies. Always remember that you were elected by
21 the membership to represent their best interests. We know
22 you will consider well your duties and enjoy your service
23 on this committee.

24 Congratulations, Teresa, and thank you so much
25 for your service. We appreciate it.



1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Where are the
3 Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms?
4 Oh, can you please come to the stage? There's some
5 escorting you need to do. It's going to be difficult, but
6 maybe one at a time. I don't even know how you're going
7 to get over here, but we have to escort Glenda Schultz to
8 the podium. Oh, she's on that side. So one of you all
9 can escort Glenda. Thank you.

10 Hi, Glenda. Oh-oh. Can they see you? You need
11 a stepstool. I am extremely proud to give you your oath
12 of office as my very first Team Captain to achieve this
13 milestone. I am so proud of you.

14 (Applause.)

15 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: You will be the
16 President's right hand. She may call on you for counsel
17 or to represent her on specific occasions. You should be
18 prepared to do so, as well as assuming the duties of her
19 office if the need should arise. Your enthusiasm and
20 cooperation will add much to the success of this
21 administration.

22 May this year be a rewarding and learning
23 experience and help prepare you for future goals. And I
24 already know you're going to do a great job. I'm always
25 here for you if you need any assistance. Congratulations,



1 my Team Captain. I'm so, so proud of you. Thank you.

2 (Applause.)

3 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: And where is the Vice
4 President's pin? Who has that? I need your pin.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT WILLIAMS: At home.

6 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Lord Jesus. No, we
7 don't buy new pins. You pass pins on, and unfortunately
8 you were not reminded. It's okay.

9 Glenda, you will receive your pin. Sorry about
10 that.

11 Sergeant-at-Arms, please escort Glenda back to
12 her seat.

13 At this time it is my pleasure to introduce to
14 you Allison Bobo. Allison is a newer member from Dorrie
15 Miller Unit 639 in the 23rd District. She will be singing
16 a very special song for our Department President Elect
17 Gloria.

18 (Singing.)

19 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Great job, and thank
20 you so much for, Allison, for that song, Pass It On.

21 I have to go back. Gloria, before I give you or
22 have your oath given to you, because I missed a whole
23 entire page of our script, I must install our Beautiful

24 Historian Valerie Hill.

25 (Applause.)

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1 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: She knows that was
2 definitely not in my heart. To you is given the rather
3 awesome responsibility of compiling the history of this
4 administration. Many memorable accomplishments will occur
5 this year and your official record will preserve those
6 golden moments for those who follow.

7 Congratulations, Valerie, and I know you'll do a
8 fantastic job. Thank you so much.

9 (Applause.)

10 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: See, I was there
11 though; right? Will the Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms please
12 escort Department President Elect Gloria Williams to the
13 podium. Gloria has a bad back for those of who you might
14 -- her back is killing her.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT WILLIAMS: No, it's
16 good today.

17 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: I was trying to help
18 give you an excuse. I'll be giving Gloria her charge.
19 You okay? Don't fall. You're all right. We got you.
20 Craig got you.

21 Gloria, Department President Gloria, great trust

22 has been reposed in you by your election to the highest
23 office within the Department of California. I charge you
24 to carry constantly in your mind the obligation which is
25 yours of upholding the four great principles expressed in

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1 the preamble to the constitution: justice, freedom,
2 democracy, and loyalty.

3 As Department President you have the great
4 challenge of developing and improving the programs of the
5 American Legion Auxiliary. You have been selected by the
6 members to fulfill this challenge. We have faith in your
7 ability and integrity. We know that you will exemplify
8 the qualities of leadership that the members expect from
9 their Department President. You will be the spokesperson
10 for all of us to the public. Our members will look to you
11 for guidance, inspiration and understanding.

12 Gloria, we know that you will continue to use
13 your talents, your strength, and your love of the American
14 Legion Auxiliary in the best interest of our members.
15 Your leadership will inspire our members to achieve goals
16 never before thought possible in all of our travels.

17 Congratulations, Gloria, and best wishes for
18 everything. And I know you will do a fantastic job. And
19 thank you so much.

20 (Applause.)

21 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Will the Department
22 President -- Past Department President -- is Joan here?
23 You're supposed to be up here. I'm sorry, Missy.

24 Joan Cannon and Madeline Lee, come to the podium
25 for presentations for Gloria. Joan Cannon will present

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1 Gloria her Department President's pin and Madeline Lee
2 will present her ribbon.

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I should have
4 brought my glasses. Gloria, it is a great honor for me to
5 be able to present you your President's pin for 2022-2023
6 and to serve with you for the last many, many years.
7 We've become better friends and I'm looking forward to
8 serving for you this coming here. And congratulations and
9 I know you'll do a spectacular job.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT WILLIAMS: Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I told her
13 don't lose it. If you have to replace it, it's \$500. You
14 wonder how something so small can be so expensive.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT WILLIAMS: Okay.
16 Thank you.

17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. I did

18 put it upside down without my glasses. Success.

19 (Applause.)

20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT LEE: Gloria, it's such
21 an honor and a privilege to present you this ribbon.
22 We've been through a lot together throughout the years and
23 I consider you not only my president, but my friend. So
24 as I place this ribbon as a transition from one year to a
25 new year coming up, I know that you will lead that Freedom

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1 Train all over the state and do such a fantastic job.

2 (Applause.)

3 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: The Past Department
4 Presidents Joan and Madeline took themselves to their
5 chairs, so thank you, Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant
6 Sergeant-at-Arms.

7 Will all the newly installed officers please
8 rise. Members and guests, I present to you the Officers
9 of the Department of California for the year 2022-2023.

10 (Applause.)

11 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: My fellow members, I
12 share in the pride and the joy for these new officers who
13 you have chosen to guide our organization this coming
14 year. They have come -- they have been charged with
15 serious responsibilities, and in turn I charge you

16 likewise.

17 Will all members of the American Legion Auxiliary
18 please rise. Please raise your right hand and repeat
19 after me. I solemnly promise.

20 (Response.)

21 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: To renew my pledge of
22 service.

23 (Response.)

24 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: To the American Legion
25 Auxiliary.

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1 (Response.)

2 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: And to give
3 wholehearted support.

4 (Response.)

5 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: To these Department
6 Officers.

7 (Response.)

8 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Our Honorary Chaplain
9 and current Chaplain -- what? Put your arms down. No so
10 help me God. Our Honorary Chaplain will offer prayer.

11 HONORARY CHAPLAIN HUSTON: Heavenly Father, this
12 is a new year of the work of the American Legion
13 Auxiliary. Let us speak words of encouragement to our

14 newly elected officers. Be with them as they work to lead
15 us in working on all the good programs we all hold so
16 important. Remember each one of our members, for they are
17 needed in their own units for the work in their
18 communities. Let us all work for God and country together
19 in harmony and love. Teach us to think in wisdom and act
20 in love for carrying for others. Amen.

21 DELEGATES: Amen.

22 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Thank you, Grace. You
23 may be seated.

24 Will the Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant
25 Sergeant-at-Arms please escort the Junior Past Department

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1 President Dee Ann Graham and Past President Linda Workman
2 along with Loretta Marsh, Past Department President, to
3 the podium. Loretta Marsh will present the Junior Past
4 President with her charge and present her pen and her
5 ribbon. Linda Workman will present the Past Department
6 President pin to Loretta. And she has some words about
7 that special pin.

8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Dee Ann, you
9 have come to the close of your year as President of the
10 Department of California, American Legion Auxiliary. Your
11 "Catch the Wave" theme service to our veterans continues

12 and has been a great theme for our Department. It has
13 been a tremendous experience for you and you can be very
14 proud of what you've accomplished under your leadership.

15 As you retire from this office, be assured that
16 you take with you the love and respect of all of our
17 members. We thank you for your -- for your competent
18 leading us throughout the year. We also thank you for
19 taking time from your busy life to serve as our President
20 because we all know you have no life outside of being
21 President.

22 May you have many happy memories of your year as
23 Department President. Congratulations on a job well done.

24 (Applause.)

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Dee Ann, the

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1 Department is very proud of your service to our veterans
2 and our members this year. Sorry. Our Dear Friend
3 Harriet has been watching over you from heaven and you
4 should be so honored that you will be wearing her Past
5 Department President pin. I only hope that she could be
6 with you today to give this hug.

7 (Applause.)

8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: There must be
9 an easier way.

10 (Applause.)

11 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Thank you so much.

12 Would the Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant
13 Sergeant-at-Arms please escort Past Department President
14 Loretta and Dee Ann back to their seats and bring to the
15 podium the Department President Gloria.

16 Madam President Gloria, I present to you your
17 gavel, your symbol of authority. May you use it with
18 discretion and always in the best interest of this
19 department. Madam Department President Gloria, may I be
20 the first to congratulate you and wish you a successful
21 year filled with love as you travel on the Friendship
22 Train Serving Veterans. I along with the entire 23rd
23 District and our Jackie Robinson Unit 252 family are so
24 proud of you.

25 My fellow members, I present to you our

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1 Department President Gloria Williams.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT WILLIAMS: Good
4 afternoon, everyone. Thank you for coming. I'm not going
5 to give a long speech because I know everyone is trying to
6 get home and I want you to get there safely. But thank
7 all of you for everything you've done for me throughout

8 the years. I've known many of you for over 20 years, so
9 we've been traveling up and down California and it's so
10 nice for us all to come together.

11 First of all, all the Officers and Chairmen,
12 thank you for accepting your positions, the ones that was
13 elected. And thank you, Chairmen, for accepting your
14 chairmanships. I truly appreciate it. That is so
15 beautiful.

16 I'd like to introduce my family at this time. My
17 son to my right is Craig Williams.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT WILLIAMS: When I call
20 your name, please stand up. Kailie Williams is my great
21 granddaughter and she lives with me.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT WILLIAMS: She's also
24 a Junior and she's Honorary Junior Assistant
25 Sergeant-at-Arms. That's what she is for the Department.

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1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT WILLIAMS: Next to her
3 is Danielle Holden, my son's girlfriend, and her two
4 daughters Charity and Trinity.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT WILLIAMS: Stand up
7 and take a bow. Thank you. Thank you for coming.

8 Oh, my theme. Okay. It's All Aboard the
9 Friendship Train. When I say "all aboard" what are you
10 going to say?

11 DELEGATES: Choo-choo.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT WILLIAMS: No. You're
13 going to say "friendship train." This year's not going
14 right already. All aboard.

15 DELEGATES: Friendship train.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT WILLIAMS: There you
17 go. Well, you can say toot-toot.

18 After the installation I would like for the
19 District Presidents to please remain and the Chairmen. We
20 have a little bit of business to take care of which won't
21 take long and I have packets for you. I have gifts for
22 the District Presidents, but because of the time I'll give
23 them to you later.

24 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: And be reminded that
25 the District Presidents, if your Membership Chairmen can

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1 stay, but the District Presidents and Officers are
2 required to remain for a Post Department Executive
3 Committee. Won't take that long, but we need you to stay.

4 Will the Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms and the
5 Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms please escort Patricia Alvarez.
6 Where are you, Pat? Pat Alvarez. Okay. Will you please
7 escort her to the stage for the purpose of a presentation.
8 Stop, Pat. They want to walk you down here.

9 Pat Alvarez is here representing Ruby Kapsalis
10 who was the Department President when Gloria was the
11 Department President and Ruby's All Stars.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT WILLIAMS: Ruby said
13 she was sending me a gift.

14 HOSPITAL REP ALVAREZ: On behalf of Ruby Kapsalis
15 and all of us All Stars, thank you so much. And also when
16 we would have our meetings at convention we met with
17 Margaret's Indians as well as. So thank you so much.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT WILLIAMS: Thank you,
19 Pat. That's my girl.

20 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Lord Jesus. Ruby
21 wanted Pat Alvarez to present a gift from the All Stars to
22 Gloria, so that's what it is. We don't want you to open
23 it yet.

24 Are there any other presentations at this time?

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT LEE: I'll send it

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2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT WILLIAMS: My special
3 project, since some of you I haven't told, is PTSD for our
4 veterans with a special emphasis placed on a lot of our
5 women veterans. I saw a special where many of them are
6 suffering so much, and so that is my special project.

7 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT LEE: I just have a --
8 I just have a little gift for you to take with you on the
9 train.

10 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: As is my custom
11 whenever I'm honored with the task of installing any
12 officer, I want to give them a little token of gratitude.
13 I certainly do appreciate this honor, Gloria, to be able
14 to present you with a small token of that appreciation.
15 Gloria was the Unit President of Jackie Robinson 252 when
16 I joined 30 years ago.

17 (Applause.)

18 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: With that said, a
19 rewarding experience knowing Gloria. She's full of
20 knowledge and talent and we are blessed to have her as our
21 president. And I thank you so much, Gloria, for all the
22 mentoring that you've done for me these years. Thank you.

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT WILLIAMS: My sister,
25 my friend, everything. And it's been a beautiful journey



1 and it hasn't ended yet.

2 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Rock and roll on this
3 train.

4 Are there any further presentations? And if not,
5 I need Past Department President -- wait a minute. I need
6 you to ask Dee Ann to join you at the podium. We're going
7 to exercise this back.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT WILLIAMS: At this
9 time I will return the gavel to Junior Past Department
10 President Dee Ann to close her convention.

11 JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Before
12 I proceed with the closing of this convention, allow me to
13 say a few words. I wish to thank my Unit, District,
14 Department Officers, Department Chairmen, Advisory
15 Committee, District, Pages, family, friends and all the
16 members for your support all year. My prayers -- my
17 prayer to you is keep serving, Catch the Wave, and
18 continue to serve our veterans.

19 Thank you for the honor and the privilege you
20 have given me allowing me to serve as your president this
21 year. I will always remember your kindness, friendships,
22 how blessed I am that you are my sisters. And I love you
23 all.

24 (Applause.)

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JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: God

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1 bless this country and the American Legion Auxiliary, this
2 organization. Stay strong for another century of service.

3 Is there any further business to come before this
4 convention?

5 (No response.)

6 JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: You
7 know, I forgot in my installation as well because he was
8 sitting a little to the back of me and he had to go like
9 [indicating]. So, David, thank you for giving me a safe
10 ride on this journey this year. I love you.

11 (Applause.)

12 JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM:
13 Chaplain Grace, will you offer a prayer, please?

14 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: The passing of the
15 gopher.

16 DEPARTMENT GOPHER WILLIAMS: Okay. I'll take
17 that over.

18 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER GRAHAM: Craig, take care
19 of him. He's still alive.

20 DEPARTMENT GOPHER WILLIAMS: I'll do my best.
21 Thank you.

22 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HUSTON: If you haven't

23 noticed, there's not a lot of room up here and some of us
24 are tall and we need a little leg room.

25 Lord, we ask your presence with each of us as we

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1 begin our journeys home. Guide us as we share our
2 knowledge we have learned and work with our members. Be
3 with us until we meet again. Amen.

4 DELEGATES: Amen.

5 JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Until
6 we meet again, let us remember that our obligation to our
7 country can only be fulfilled by the faithful performance
8 of all the duties of citizenship. Let service to the
9 community, state, and nation ever be a main objective of
10 the American Legion Auxiliary and its members. Let us
11 never be -- ever be watchful of our organization and
12 ourselves, that nothing shall swerve us from the path of
13 justice, freedom, loyalty, and democracy.

14 The 15th District and the Bakersfield Unit 26
15 Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms will
16 retire the Colors of the District 15 and Bakersfield Unit
17 26. My Sergeant-at-Arms Karen Herrera and Assistant
18 Sergeant-at-Arms Michelle Billet, along with the
19 Distinguished Guest Chairman Linda Workman, will retire
20 this Past Department President escorted by my husband.

21 Thank you.

22 When I reach the back of this room, the 102nd
23 convention of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of
24 California will be adjourned.

25 (Processional.)

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1 (The American Legion Auxiliary Convention
2 was adjourned at 12:54 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
7 Number 10919, do hereby certify that the American Legion
8 Auxiliary - Department of California 102nd Annual
9 Convention was taken Sunday, June 26, 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
16 transcript of the oratory given by the American Legion

17 Auxiliary - Department of California 102nd Annual
18 Convention members.

19 I further certify that I am neither counsel for
20 nor in any way related to any party to said meeting, nor
21 in any way interested in the result or outcome thereof.

22 Dated this 21st day of July, 2022, at Ripon,
23 California.

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Karen A. Aufdermaur, CSR No. 10919