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CALL TO ORDER

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9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Good morning,
10 ladies. Could we please take our seats. I only have one
11 seat, but everybody else take their seats. One more time.
12 Good morning, ladies.

13 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Let's begin.
15 Linda? Linda Workman? Linda Workman? This convention
16 session -- hello?

17 This convention session is now reconvened. I
18 request everyone to turn off their cell phones. If your
19 phone rings, you will be fined \$5. And for every time
20 after that, it goes up.

21 Now Vella Meyers, our Department Chaplain, will
22 offer the invocation.

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INVOCATION

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1 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MYERS: Let's pray. Almighty
2 God, we ask that you grant us and our leaders a measure of
3 your kindness, that we are thankful to all of our members
4 for the days and weeks and months that have been spent
5 preparing for this convention meeting. Guide us in all
6 that we do so that we are ever able to go forward to
7 assist our military, our families, our communities, and
8 our youth who are the hope of our future. In your name we
9 pray, amen.

10 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Amen.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: In memory of our
12 loved ones, let us observe a moment of silence.

13 Thank you. Americanism Chairman Donna Scott, can
14 you please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance?

15

16 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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18 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Ladies, if you can
19 when you say the pledge, please have your left hand free
20 of any pencils or anything else. Place your left hand at
21 your side and your right hand over your heart. Ready,
22 begin.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: I pledge allegiance to the
24 flag of the United States of America and to the republic
25 for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible

1 with liberty and justice for all.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Department
3 Secretary Ruby Kapsalis will call the roll of officers,
4 chairmen, and District Presidents.

5

6 ROLL CALL

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8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good
9 morning.

10 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: First
12 of all, I want to introduce to all of you a very important
13 person to this convention, and that's our court reporter.
14 I want you all to give Karen Andasola an Auxiliary warm
15 welcome to our court reporter.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
18 Department President Harriet Clendenin.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Yes.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Vice
21 President Susie Tozier.

22 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Present.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN:
24 Secretary/Treasurer Ruby Kapsalis. Maybe I'm here. NEC
25 Woman Anita Biggs. She's not here either.

1 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: Good morning.
2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good
3 morning. Chaplain Vella Meyers.
4 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MEYERS: Good morning.
5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
6 Historian Tami Bell.
7 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: Here.
8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: There's
9 no doubt that she's here. Parliamentarian Diane
10 DeLashmit.
11 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Notions
12 are us.
13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
14 Musician Elizabeth Doidge.
15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: She's here and
16 present.
17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
18 Sergeant-At-Arms Sharon Moore.
19 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS MOORE: Yes.
20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Marshal
21 Debbie Fletcher.
22 MARSHAL FLETCHER: Looking to collect some coins.
23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Finance
24 Committee Chairman Geri Fitzpatrick.
25 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: We're

1 still counting.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Finance
3 Committee Senior Member Kathryn Doran.

4 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: Show me the
5 money.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Show me
7 the money. Finance Committee Junior Member Susan Peters.

8 FINANCE COMMITTEE JR. MEMBER PETERS: Here.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
10 Advisory Chairman Pilar Reyes.

11 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REYES: Present.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
13 Advisory Committee Member Terry Mikesell.

14 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:
15 Good morning, Ruby.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good
17 morning, Terry. Advisory Committee Member Margaret
18 Quinones. Not present.

19 Past National President Nancy Brown-Park.

20 NAT'L PAST PRESIDENT BROWN: Pass it on.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
22 Americanism Donna Scott.

23 AMERICAN CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Present.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
25 Auxiliary Emergency Fund Robin Falkenberg.

1 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND CHAIRMAN FALKENBERG:
2 Stringing those beads.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
4 Children & Youth Loretta Marsh.

5 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN MARSH: Here.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
7 Community Service Tammy Sollazzo.

8 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN SOLLAZZO: Here.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
10 Constitution & Bylaws Michelle Soares.

11 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN SOARES: Here
12 keeping those amendments.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
14 Convention Chairman Diane DeLashmit.

15 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN DeLASHMIT: Third day, almost
16 halfway through.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
18 Convention Commission Melanie Taylor.

19 CONVENTION COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Stitching my way
20 to Fresno.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
22 Credentials Cheryl Neiffer.

23 CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN NEIFFER: Blurry eyes, but
24 here.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

1 Distinguished Guest Linda Workman.

2 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Yo.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Editor
4 Estella Avina.

5 EDITOR CHAIRMAN AVINA: I'm here.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
7 Education Rosalie Taylor.

8 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Master Educator is in
9 the house.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: In the
11 house. Elections Karen Bobren.

12 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN BOBREN: Good morning. Proud
13 to be an American Legion Auxiliary member.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good
15 morning. Girls State Linda Hayes.

16 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Working for the
17 girls.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Girls
19 State Director Valerie Hardy.

20 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR HARDY: Are you from Girls
21 State?

22 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Yeah, yeah.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Junior
24 Activities Kim Vincent.

25 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Quilt

1 Masters are present.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Junior
3 Conference Director Diana Livas.

4 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR LIVAS: Good morning,
5 Ruby.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good
7 morning, Diana. Leadership Norma DuVall.

8 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN DuVALL: Good morning, Ruby.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
10 Legislative Anita Biggs.

11 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Back in the house.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
13 Membership Susie Tozier.

14 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: I'm still here.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
16 National Security Rebecca Stewart-Wilson.

17 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN STEWART-WILSON:
18 Illuminating for veterans.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Past
20 Presidents Parley Linda Fercho.

21 PAST PRESIDENT PARLEY CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Master
22 Canners are all done cooking.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Poppy
24 Kathie Martinez.

25 POPPY CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Magical Flower Makers

1 are in the house.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Public
3 Relations Jennifer Bieger.

4 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BIEGER: Here.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
6 Resolutions LuAnn Capazzi.

7 RESOLUTION CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: The Wordsmithers
8 have resolved.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Rules
10 Danielle White.

11 RULES CHAIRMAN WHITE: Bonjour. I'm here.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
13 Danielle White?

14 RULES CHAIRMAN WHITE: Over here.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
16 Bonjour. Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Wendy O'Brien.

17 VA&R CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Good morning. The ovens
18 are heating up.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: The
20 ovens are heating up. Ways & Means Karen Munch.

21 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: Here.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
23 District Presidents. District 1, Pat Lindley. Excused;
24 right?

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Right.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

2 District 2, Nancy Johnson.

3 DISTRICT 2 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON:

4 District 2 is here front and center.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

6 District 3, Lola Ramey.

7 DISTRICT 3 PRESIDENT RAMEY: Present.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

9 District 4, Lori Dowden.

10 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT DOWDEN: The Wood Crafters
11 are here.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

13 District 5, Nancy Evers.

14 NAT'L STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBER TAYLOR:

15 We're here.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Melanie

17 Taylor. Okay. District 6, Maria Lopez.

18 DISTRICT 6: Good morning, Madam President.

19 We're so into you.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Oh.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

22 District 7, Janie Bandera.

23 DISTRICT 7 PRESIDENT BANDERA: Good morning,

24 Ruby.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good

1 morning. District 8, Tammy Manini.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Absent.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

4 District 9, Dolly Rios.

5 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: Here.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

7 District 10 --

8 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Oh-oh.

9 Who do I get \$5 from?

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

11 District 10, Liz Parshal.

12 DISTRICT 10: We're here.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: She's
14 here.

15 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REYES: We're here.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

17 District 11, Maria Adame.

18 DISTRICT 11: Glad to be here.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

20 District 12, Anne Kelley.

21 DISTRICT 12: The roses are here.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

23 District 13, Donelda Denny.

24 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT DENNY: Service, not self.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

1 District 14, Ellen McClurg.

2 DISTRICT 14: Good morning, Madam President. The
3 14th District is here and we're is in the (inaudible).

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

6 District 15, Dee Ann Graham.

7 DISTRICT 15: Good morning, Madam President.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Good morning.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

10 District 16, Karen Munch.

11 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT MUNCH: Here.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

13 District 17, Yoko Parsons-Crooks.

14 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT PARSONS-CROOKS: Good
15 morning.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good
17 morning, Yoko. District 18, Laura Bradshaw.

18 DISTRICT 18: The bow ties and the evening stars
19 of 18th District are in the house. Good morning, Madam
20 President.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Good morning.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

23 District 19, Becky Bullard.

24 DISTRICT 19: Good morning, Madam President. The
25 19th District are all here protecting our veterans and

1 retaining our membership while recruiting new ones for
2 fresh ideas.

3 (Applause.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Good morning.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

6 District 20, Carol McChesney.

7 DISTRICT 20: Good morning, Madam President.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

9 District 21, Brenda Wardrip.

10 DISTRICT 21: The (inaudible) are in the house.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: You'll
12 get better. District 22, June Coatney.

13 DISTRICT 22: Good morning, Madam President.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

15 District 23, Helen Barber.

16 DISTRICT 23: Good morning, Madam President. The
17 23rd District wishes a very successful convention.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

20 District 24, Ruth Hackney.

21 DISTRICT 24: Good morning. We're mighty, but
22 small.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: You may
24 be small, but you're mighty. District 25, Gabby Rowland.

25 DISTRICT 25: The Master Printers from District

1 25 are present and accounted for. We're here and we're
2 alive.

3 (Applause.)

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
5 District 26, Linda Workman.

6 DISTRICT 26: Home of the Past National
7 President.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
9 District 27, Vella Myers.

10 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT MYERS: Here.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
12 District 28, Susan Baker.

13 DISTRICT 28: Good morning, Madam President.
14 District 28 is A-okay.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
17 District -- you may be A-okay, but I'm not. I'm a part of
18 that. District 29, Elizabeth Tomlin.

19 DISTRICT 29: Front row and in the know.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
21 District 30, Kim Vincent.

22 DISTRICT 30: Old Glory is present. Good
23 morning, Madam President.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
25 Hospital Reps. Fort Miley, Laurie Sullivan. Absent,

1 Madam President?

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Yes.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

4 Northern California/Sacramento, Wendy O'Brien.

5 HOSPITAL REP O'BRIEN: Here, Ruby.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Central

7 California/Fresno Toni Lopez. Madam President, excused?

8 Absent Toni Lopez?

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Absent.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Palo

11 Alto, Pat Klang.

12 HOSPITAL REP KLANG: Here.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

14 Livermore, Ruth Briggs.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: She's not here.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: WAVE

17 Clinic San Diego Lois Cornish.

18 HOSPITAL REP CORNISH: I'm here.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Loma

20 Linda Jerry L. Pettis, Mavis Kanka.

21 HOSPITAL REP KANKA: Here.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Long

23 Beach, Pat Alvarez. I know she's here, but --

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: She's here,

25 but --

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
2 We'll skip her. Okay. Greater LA, Earlean Paige.
3 HOSPITAL REP PAIGE: Here.
4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
5 Veterans Homes. Barstow, Evangeline Acosta.
6 VETERANS HOME REP ACOSTA: Present.
7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Chula
8 Vista, Lois Cornish.
9 VETERANS HOME REP CORNISH: I'm still here.
10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Fresno
11 Veterans Home, Rosalie Taylor.
12 VETERANS HOME REP TAYLOR: Still in the house.
13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
14 Lancaster, Linda Hayes. I know she's here.
15 VETERANS HOME REP HAYES: Here.
16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: There
17 she is. Redding Veterans Home Terry Mikesell.
18 VETERANS HOME REP MIKESELL: She's here.
19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Ventura
20 Madeline Lee.
21 VETERANS HOME REP LEE: Here.
22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Ruth
23 Hackney.
24 VETERANS HOME REP HACKNEY: Still here.
25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

1 Yountville, Peggy Grabski. Madam President, is she absent
2 or --

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Absent.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madam
5 President, that concludes your roll call.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Will the
7 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal please escort Kendall Madsen
8 to the high table. I guess she was gone yesterday.

9 (Processional.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Kendall Madsen
11 is on the National Strategic Planning Committee and she's
12 the Strategic Captain for Goal 1.

13 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: You know about them?
14 Say it in the microphone. You know what it is. You know
15 what it is.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: It's the big
17 one, the big one.

18 NATIONAL STRATEGIC CAPTAIN MADSEN: Attain a
19 million members.

20 CONVENTION COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: You have to say
21 it in the microphone.

22 NATIONAL STRATEGIC CAPTAIN MADSEN: Attain a
23 million members.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I think I need

1 to have an ID. And don't worry, ladies, it does not have
2 to all be in California.

3 Okay. Just a reminder to Department Officers and
4 Chairmen. All reports excluding Americanism, Education,
5 Constitution & Bylaws, Children & Youth, Poppy,
6 Resolutions, VA&R per the Department policy code are to be
7 limited to five minutes. This includes your committee
8 report, supplemental, and first place award presentations.

9 Will Vice President Susie Tozier please assume
10 the chair while I -- oh, not yet. Sorry. Will Susie --
11 okay. Susie Tozier, would you please -- would you please
12 give your Vice Presidential report?

13

14 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CONVENTION REPORT

15

16 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: I have my high
17 heels on, but I'm not that tall, Anita. Vice President
18 report. June 26th, 2015. After midyear meeting I
19 attended the 5th Area meeting in Brawley. At the
20 gathering of the Auxiliary members including President
21 Harriet were there. I also attended a May 2015 meeting in
22 Escondido. It is always fun to get together with these
23 ladies. The competition between districts for the
24 trophies is fun to watch. However, it is really hard to
25 beat District 29.

1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: We will one
3 day. At these meetings we share what we have done and
4 maybe it will work in our district. Friendships have
5 blossomed at these events.

6 February was the Legion Day at the San Diego VA
7 Hospital. The mariachis serenaded the patients with
8 wonderful music. Bingo was played and food was served.
9 Both District 22 and District 30 participated.

10 Up to District 18 for the USO show benefit. I
11 did not know that we had so many talented people.
12 Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SAL, and Juniors participated.
13 The food was good and the company was wonderful. Even the
14 dance floor was full. Thank you, District 18, for a fun
15 night.

16 For two months I worked for Lois Cornish at the
17 WAVE Center working alongside veterans making poppies.
18 This is a wonderful program. The veterans take pride in
19 their workmanship. They made me feel a part of the group.
20 I graduated to making stems by the end of the program.

21 In April it was time to be off to junior
22 conference. No snow this year. We did have rain. This
23 was a fun weekend. It always is. Conference Director
24 Diana Livas had a wonderful program. She even had Anita
25 Biggs working in the store which was stocked with lots of

1 goodies.

2 In May I became a volunteer at the San Diego VA
3 Hospital. For four hours a week I worked alongside the
4 volunteer staff providing administrative assistance. This
5 is fun. I hope we have more volunteers.

6 Off to the department office for the budget.
7 Thank you, Kathryn, for being so organized. The finance
8 committee, Ruby and I, buckled down for two days. You
9 will be pleased with the budget.

10 Thank you for giving me an opportunity to be your
11 Department Vice President. I have been so honored. Thank
12 you.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Rules Chairman
15 Danielle White, could you please come to the stage?

16

17 2015 CONVENTION RULES

18

19 RULES CHAIRMAN WHITE: They don't care about
20 short people. Good morning. Madam President Harriet, at
21 this point I will read the convention rules. The
22 convention rules can be found on page 17 of the Book of
23 Reports. Madam President Harriet, this chairman will
24 pause after each rule if there is a question or an
25 amendment at that time.

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

4 Number 2: A quorum shall exist when one-third of
5 the units in good standing are partially or wholly
6 represented by duly elected delegates or alternates.

7 Article IV, Section 3.

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

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

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

19 6: The registration of delegates and alternates
20 shall close at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, June 27th, 2015.

21 7: Only qualified delegates shall have voice and
22 vote.

23 8: It shall be the responsibility of each
24 District President to see that only accredited delegates
25 and alternates serving as delegates are seated in her

1 district delegation during the business meetings of the
2 convention.

3 9: If a delegate expects to be absent from the
4 convention, except for the purpose of attending a
5 committee meeting, she shall relinquish her delegate's
6 card to her alternate. The alternate shall then take a
7 seat in the voting section. In the event the delegate
8 does not have the opportunity of reporting to the District
9 President, it shall become the duty of the Chairman of the
10 unit delegation to report to the District President the
11 absence of the delegate and the presence of the alternate
12 or the absence of both the delegate and the alternate.

13 10: A delegate wishing the privilege of the
14 floor shall rise, address the Chair as "Madame Department
15 President," give her name, unit and district numbers,
16 pause, and wait to be recognized by the Chair.

17 11: A member speaking in debate on a question
18 shall be limited to three minutes. No one shall speak
19 more than twice on the same question without consent of
20 the assembly.

21 12: Delegates attending called committee
22 meetings shall be notified when the convention is
23 considering and voting upon adoption of any change in
24 policy or matters affecting finance.

25 13: Reports of committees which do not appear to

1 be controversial, excuse me, in nature may be adopted by
2 general consent. If there is no objection -- if there is
3 objection, a vote shall be taken. Following the
4 acceptance of a report of a committee, recommendations or
5 resolutions may be presented for consideration and
6 adoption.

7 14: Any committee whose proposed changes in
8 policy might conflict with that of the American Legion
9 shall confer with the American Legion before presenting
10 said change to the convention.

11 15: A committee recommending an appropriation of
12 funds for any purpose shall consult with the Department
13 Finance Committee before presenting the recommendation or
14 resolution to the convention.

15 16: All resolutions to be presented to the
16 convention shall be in triplicate and properly signed.

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

24 18: A Unit, District, or members presenting a
25 resolution or recommendation shall have the privilege of

1 explaining same to the committee to which it was referred.

2 19: Committee shall report to the convention all
3 resolutions properly submitted and accepted by a majority
4 of the convention committee.

5 20: A resolution rejected by a committee may be
6 brought before the convention by two-thirds vote.

7 21: Emergency resolution which may arise during
8 the convention or after the date for submitting
9 resolutions may be presented no later than noon of second
10 day of convention. (Article IV, Section 4B, Department
11 Constitution.)

12 22: Nominations of Officers, Junior Member of
13 Finance, Department Delegates and Alternates to the
14 National Convention shall be held Friday afternoon, June
15 26th, 2015.

16 23: Endorsement of candidates for National
17 Office shall follow the nominations.

18 24: Nomination speeches shall be limited to
19 three minutes. There shall be no seconding speeches.

20 25: Election of Department Officers, Junior
21 Member of Finance, National Candidate, Department
22 Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention shall
23 be held on Saturday morning, June 27th, 2015.

24 26: The doors of the convention hall shall be
25 closed during the entire election procedure and no one

1 shall leave or enter the hall until Chair states that
2 election is concluded. The exception to this shall be
3 that in an emergency a member may leave, and if her
4 absence affects the voting strength, the District
5 President shall immediately notify the Presiding Officer.

6 27: When there is but one nominee for all
7 Department Officers and but one nominee for Junior Member
8 of Finance, the nominees shall be elected viva voce.

9 (Article 5, Section 3, Department Constitution.) Upon
10 roll call the District Presidents shall report the number
11 of units partially or wholly represented by duly elected
12 delegates or alternates present in the delegation at the
13 time of roll call. This is to determine that there is a
14 quorum of units present at the time of the election.

15 Number 28: When there is more than one nominee
16 for the Department Officers, Junior Member of Finance, or
17 endorsement for National Office, election shall be by
18 written ballot. The District President shall, when they
19 are instructed by Chair, take a roll call of their
20 respective delegations to ascertain the total voting
21 strength of their District for the election reporting the
22 same to Chair.

23 29: When there are three or more nominees for
24 office, Junior Member of Finance, or endorsement of
25 National Office, unless one nominee receives a majority

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

4 30: When there is a candidate or candidates for
5 an endorsement to a National Office, a majority vote shall
6 be by ballot. (Constitution Article V, Section 13.)

7 31: Each District President and District Member
8 of the Elections Committee shall distribute and collect
9 the votes cast by the district delegation and deliver them
10 to the Department Chairman of the Elections.

11 32: Department Officers, Chairmen, Committee
12 Member, and Past Department Presidents shall vote with
13 their respective district.

14 33: Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote,
15 the vote of an absent Unit delegate not represented by an
16 alternative, shall be cast by the majority of the
17 delegates from the unit. When two delegates represent
18 three votes, the chairman of the unit delegation shall
19 cast the third vote.

20 Number 34: A majority of all votes cast shall
21 elect, except that in the election of national delegates
22 and alternates a plurality shall elect.

23 35: These convention rules may be amended during
24 the convention by a two-thirds vote.

25 36: Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised,

1 shall be the parliamentary authority on all points not
2 covered by these rules, the Department Constitution &
3 Bylaws, and convention mandates.

4 (Applause.)

5 RULES CHAIRMAN WHITE: Madam Department
6 President, rule number 3 provides the Department President
7 is to designate certain doors to accommodate any delegates
8 to enter or leave the convention.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: You're right.
10 Thank you. These doors on the ends are the doors that you
11 may enter and exit from.

12 RULES CHAIRMAN WHITE: I would suggest delegates
13 entering the hall stand quietly until the speaker has
14 finished, and then they return to their seat.

15 Thank you, Madam President Harriet, for this
16 appointment and for the opportunity to serve you and the
17 Department of California.

18 (Applause.)

19 RULES CHAIRMAN WHITE: I move that we accept the
20 convention rules as read.

21 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:
22 Second.

23 RULES CHAIRMAN WHITE: Oh, thank you.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: It's been moved
25 and seconded that we accept the rules as read. Any

1 discussion?

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: All in favor?

4 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: The motion
8 carried. Thank you, Danielle. Thank you.

9 Okay. Will all delegates assigned to the Finance
10 Committee quietly meet outside. Quietly leave and wait
11 outside for a few minutes.

12 Okay. Let's continue with the officers' reports.
13 And we'll skip me and we'll skip Secretary/Treasurer and
14 we'll go straight to Chaplain.

15

16 CHAPLAIN CONVENTION REPORT

17

18 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MYERS: Good morning, Madam
19 President. The Convention Committee on Chaplains met on
20 June 26th, 2015 in the Redwood room -- I can't say that
21 word good. Sorry. Redwood room of the Ontario Airport
22 Hotel, Ontario, California. The statistical report of
23 this Chairman appears on page 25 of the Book of Reports.

24 Sandy Patterson acted as our appointed secretary,
25 Trish Boyd offered prayer, and De Nyse Laugeson was

1 appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 23 district
2 delegates answered roll call there were seven visitors
3 present. Four were senior members and three were junior
4 members, which I really enjoyed having.

5 The Committee agreed upon the following report.
6 The code was read and the following amendment to Code 4
7 was voted on. The present code reads: "Chaplains are to
8 wear all white for the Department Memorial Service
9 (2008)."

10 The committee voted to amend Code 4 to read:
11 "Chaplains are to wear all white appropriate attire for
12 the Department Memorial Service. Appropriate attire is a
13 white dress, white blouse or top, white skirt or slacks,
14 white shoes. No minidresses, tank tops, spaghetti straps,
15 jeans, shorts, pedal pushers/capri pants, or flip flops."

16 By the direction of the committee I move this
17 amendment be adopted.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: It's been moved
19 to amend Code 4 to read: "Chaplains are to wear all white
20 appropriate attire for the Department Memorial Service.
21 Appropriate attire is a white dress, white blouse or top,
22 white skirt or slacks, white shoes. No minidresses, tank
23 tops, spaghetti straps, jeans, shorts, pedal pushers/capri
24 pants, or flip flops."

25 Is there any discussion?

1 (No response.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: All those in
3 favor say aye.

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Aye.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Motion carried.

8 Excuse me, Vella. Could you please use your outdoor
9 voice? They can't hear you over here.

10 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MYERS: I'm sorry. I'll try
11 to speak right into this. How's that?

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MYERS: All right.

14 Certificates of Appreciation were presented to each
15 District Chaplain for their service throughout the year as
16 well as a personal gift from the Department Chaplain.

17 Certificates of 100 percent reporting were awarded to 16
18 District Chaplains with 25 districts reporting. Second
19 and third place awards were presented in committee. A
20 complete listing will be posted in the office following
21 this report.

22 This completes the report of the Chaplain
23 Committee meeting. By direction of the committee I move
24 adoption of this report.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: So moved.

1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MYERS: With your permission,
3 Madam Chairman, I have a short supplemental report.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Yes, you may.
5 Thank you.

6 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MYERS: In the category of
7 Chapel of 4 Chaplains, the largest donation it was a
8 three-way tie, so three different Chaplains are going to
9 be awarded a certificate in that respect. So let's see if
10 I've got these in the right order. Probably not. Okay.
11 District 12, District Chaplain Josephine Whitmore.

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MYERS: District 16, Madeline
14 Lee, Unit Chaplain, District Chaplain.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MYERS: District 28, Unit 31
17 Carol Adams, Chaplain, Sandy Patterson, District 5.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MYERS: Okay. In the Loving
20 Tribute largest donation, the District award goes to
21 District 16 Carol Lombaugh, District Chaplain, Unit 211
22 Madeline Lee.

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MYERS: Okay. Most cards for
25 the various occasions, that is District 22, District

1 Chaplain is Amy Bonell.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MYERS: Okay. Best Unit
4 Supplemental goes to Unit 694, District 28, Chaplain Susan
5 Baker.

6 (Applause.)

7 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MYERS: Best District
8 Supplemental goes to District 21, Chaplain Alma Jocklin.

9 (Applause.)

10 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MYERS: Okay. Best prayer
11 book is District 22 Chaplain (inaudible).

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MYERS: Okay. The best unit
14 prayer book goes to Unit 694, District 28, Chaplain Susan
15 Baker.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MYERS: Madam President, my
18 narrative supplemental. The Chaplain this year has been
19 the Master Comforter. It has been a tough year and
20 comfort has been needed in abundance.

21 We began the year attending a workshop in Clovis
22 and gaining insight into the program and its needs. The
23 time was well spent and very enjoyable.

24 Chaplains, both Unit and District, have been very
25 active all year. They have opened and closed unit and

1 district meetings with prayers to our Heavenly Father for
2 the well-being and success of our organization in its
3 support to our veterans, youth, and families. They have
4 prayed with and administered to the needs of grieving
5 families on the loss of family and friends. They have
6 served the needs of their communities. They have presided
7 at memorial services in units and districts for our
8 members who have entered into heavenly service. They have
9 truly been comforters. We are lucky to have them in our
10 service.

11 In midyear we gathered in Bakersfield for the
12 Department Executive Committee meeting and I had a chance
13 to speak with several different chaplains on their
14 concerns and their program. I have been able to send
15 cards of condolence and/or get well to families and
16 members. I am very grateful to have been of personal
17 service to our Past Department President Pat Sweeney
18 during the last few months.

19 We have just concluded a touching memorial
20 service for our departed members and we have especially
21 honored Past Department President Sue Hooker and Past
22 Department President Pat Sweeney for their years of
23 service to our great organization. I know you join me in
24 being grateful to God that we had the hands and hearts of
25 these wonderful and great ladies.

1 Madam President, thank you for this appointment
2 and this concludes my report.

3 (Applause.)

4 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MYERS: May I approach your
5 station to present you with your prayer book?

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Of course.

7 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MYERS: There have been so
8 many wonderful prayers for you sent to me for Madam
9 President's prayer book and I am so grateful for everyone
10 who has contributed. Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Chairmen, when
13 you please come up here, will you use your outdoor voices
14 because the corners can't hear very well.

15 And, Madam Vice President, I must bring greatness
16 to the Legion. And Ruby is coming with.

17 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: We'll have
18 historian followed by Girls State.

19 (Processional.)

20 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: Good morning, Madam
21 Vice President. Good morning, ladies. May I proceed?

22 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes.

23

24 HISTORIAN CONVENTION REPORT

25

1 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: The Historian
2 Convention Committee met on June 25th, 2015 in room Sage
3 of the Ontario Airport Hotel, Ontario, California. The
4 statistical report of this chairman appears on page 29 of
5 the Book of Reports.

6 The committee agreed upon the following report:
7 To amend Code 6 to include "if applicable" at the end of
8 the sentence. Shall I read that Code 6?

9 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes, please.
10 And then read it with the change.

11 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: Code 6 originally
12 reads: "All entries will be judged at the Department
13 Convention by three judges appointed by the Department
14 Historian, awards shall be first, second, and third."

15 The proposed addition would read: "All entries
16 will be judged at the Department Convention by three
17 judges pointed by the Department Historian, awards shall
18 be first, second, and third, if applicable."

19 I make a motion to add this change.

20 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: It's already been
21 seconded.

22 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Is there any
23 discussion?

24 (No response.)

25 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: All in favor

1 of this change?

2 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

3 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Wait a
4 minute.

5 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: All entries
6 will be judged at Department Convention by three judges
7 appointed by the Department Historian, awards shall be,
8 first, second, and third if applicable. All in favor?

9 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

10 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: Did you call for the
11 question?

12 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Motion passed.

15 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: Hopefully I'll read
16 this next one correctly. It is proposed that we change
17 Code 7 to now be numbered Code 8 so we may put in a new
18 amended code. Shall I read that now? Am I reading it;
19 right?

20 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: It should be a
21 new code, not an amended. You're putting in a new code?

22 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: A brand-new code.

23 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Okay. So
24 inserting a new number 6.

25 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: Inserting a new

1 number 7.

2 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Number 7. I'm
3 sorry.

4 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: The new code number 7
5 that is being proposed shall read: "Picture/written book
6 submissions on electronic media. CD/flash drives rules to
7 read: Rules for CDs and flash drives California only:
8 Number 1: You may combine written and picture together in
9 one CD or flash drive.

10 Number 2: You may submit only written or only
11 pictures on CD or flash drive. Please note on your report
12 which you are submitting.

13 Number 3: You may be as creative as you want in
14 your CD/flash drive picture history. Clip art, photo
15 editor, et cetera is encouraged.

16 Number 4: Stick to the Auxiliary Branding Guide.
17 Happy, fun photos of Auxiliary/Legion family activities.
18 Pictures containing alcohol will automatically be
19 eliminated from competition.

20 Number 5: Try to tag the photo so it will be
21 forever known who is in the history.

22 Number 6: Submit your CD/flash drive report in
23 chronological order. For this chairman our history year
24 is, for example, June 2014 (President Harriet's
25 inauguration) through end of April 2015. You may add your

1 Poppy plans as an addendum.

2 Number 7: CD/flash drives written history shall
3 follow National Historian Plan of Action Guidelines.
4 Units will write their unit year, District Chairmen will
5 write a synopsis of the district year.

6 Number 8: Special emphasis on any of the goals
7 in the Centennial Strategic Plan are encouraged."

8 Madam President, I make a motion to add this Code
9 No. 7.

10 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Is there a
11 second?

12 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: You don't
13 need a second.

14 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: I'm sorry.
15 I'm going to learn this for next year, Diane. Okay. It
16 has been moved by the committee to add new Code No. 7:
17 "Picture/written book submissions on electronic media.
18 CD/flash drives rules to read: Rules for CDs and flash
19 drives California only:

20 Number 1: You may combine written and picture
21 together in one CD or flash drive.

22 Number 2: You may submit only written or only
23 pictures on CD or flash drive. Please note on your report
24 which you are submitting.

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1 your CD/flash drive picture history. Clip art, photo
2 editor, et cetera is encouraged.

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6 eliminated from competition.

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10 chronological order. For this chairman our history year
11 is, for example, June 2014 (President Harriet's
12 inauguration) through end of April 2015. You may add your
13 Poppy plans as an addendum.

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15 follow National Historian Plan of Action Guidelines.
16 Units will write their unit year, District Chairmen will
17 write a synopsis of the district year.

18 Number 8: Special emphasis on any of the goals
19 in the Centennial Strategic Plan are encouraged."

20 Is there any discussion?

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yes,
22 Madam President. Over here.

23 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN SOARES: Michelle
24 Soares, District 28, Unit 694. The department code is
25 generally used by the Department Chairman. This seems

1 more like a rule that would go to the District Chairman or
2 Unit Chairman for a historian's program. So it does not
3 seem like a code to me. It's a rule, it's not a code.
4 It's a guide. It's a guide.

5 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Diane
6 DeLashmit, Department Parliamentarian. We do have some
7 rules in our code, so I'm not objecting to that. What I
8 am objecting to is some of the rules are too specific.
9 For instance, rule number 6, we should not have in there
10 about our history year is June 2014 because, you know,
11 it's going to be over in a few days. So it really needs
12 to be in there may be our fiscal year or some other
13 terminology rather than a specific year because then that
14 code would have to be changed every year.

15 The last one also is special emphasis on any
16 goals of the Centennial Strategic Plan are encouraged.
17 Centennial Strategic Plan is only for four years now, so I
18 think perhaps we need to reword that in such a manner that
19 there's special emphasis on any goal for Department or
20 National are encouraged and leave out the specifics of
21 Centennial. So I move that perhaps the committee needs to
22 go out and -- because I'm not advocating how it should be
23 written, but there's a few things there that I think will
24 cause them problems in the future.

25 CONSTITUTIONAL & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN SOARES: If I

1 may have one more comment, please. I don't disagree with
2 Diane that the code does have some rules in it, but I
3 would -- I would encourage you to think about District
4 Chairmen and Unit Chairmen who actually read the code.
5 I'm not saying that nobody does it. A lot of people do.
6 But I know that I have heard over and over again this year
7 and last year that there were no rules for the historian
8 posted on the website, and so I would think that it would
9 be better served to create a rules list that could be
10 listed on the department website for them to access easier
11 as they do for the Chaplain's book and prayer books and
12 things like that. Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: Shall I answer that
15 statement, Madam President?

16 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Sure.

17 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: Specifically
18 addressing that there were written history rules posted on
19 the website this year. There were not any written picture
20 history rules this year. For some reason they were
21 written four or five years ago and we do not know what
22 happened to them. So I went upon the advisory of some of
23 my past historians to try to get those written history
24 picture rules recreated and that is going to be a
25 recommendation for the next historian to try to get that

1 put back into the website.

2 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Tami, would
3 you and your committee -- first, would you withdraw the
4 motion and then you and your committee go back out and
5 just rewrite this code change in a simpler way to the
6 specifics the way Diane is suggesting with the dates and
7 the year.

8 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: I will at this time
9 withdraw my motion and at this time could I please have
10 the Historian committee -- do you want me to finish this
11 part of my report and then call me back?

12 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes, please
13 finish your report.

14 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: Okay. Thank you very
15 much, Madam President -- Vice President. The Department
16 of California began the year with installation of our
17 2014-2015 department officers. Harriet Clendenin, our new
18 Department President presented her theme C.R.A.F.T.S.,
19 Creating Relationships Assisting Families Through Service.

20 President Harriet aptly created her pin to show
21 two women stitching a quilt together showing the civility
22 of working together in a culture of goodwill to better
23 serve our veterans, their families, and our communities.

24 Immediately after our installation our team
25 traveled to Girls State. Girls State is always a fun and

1 exciting time in the Department of California, working
2 with our bright and energetic girls.

3 Next up, July is a busy month beginning with
4 President Harriet having the honor to install the incoming
5 officers of her own District 15 and then off to install
6 District's 16 incoming officers and have her first DCV
7 with District 16. Now off to begin the Northern
8 California VA Medical Center tours and Poppy production
9 facility tours. Also July sees our Department of
10 California participating in many 4th of July parades and
11 patriotic events.

12 The Yountville VAMC tour is always fun, with an
13 old-fashioned picnic out on the beautiful grounds. The
14 Northern California VAMC tours are a whirlwind with five
15 hospitals to visit in four days. These were extremely
16 important tours reviewing the needs of our veterans in
17 each location and the roles the units have in meeting
18 those needs.

19 Of note in the discussions with the hospital
20 directors was the revisions being made to the appointments
21 and urgent care for our veterans in the wake of oversight
22 recommendations regarding the VA scandals last year. We
23 were encouraged that our VAMCs were making strides to
24 remedy any veteran complaints and shorten wait times for
25 appointments.

1 The Mather VAMC was without any Auxiliary deputy
2 for quite some time. President Harriet and our Northern
3 California hospital rep worked diligently with the
4 director and the local Legion family, and with great
5 success we finally gained a new deputy and have ongoing
6 volunteers assisting the veterans in that facility.

7 Still on the road our team travels to our first
8 department workshop in Rio Linda.

9 (Applause.)

10 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: This was an exciting
11 workshop with 27 first-time attendees. This was a lively
12 group of Auxiliary members eager to learn the plan of
13 action with each program. With many questions asked and
14 our seasoned Auxiliary giving out lots of easy tips and
15 fun activity ideas to accomplish the program steps. The
16 chairmen made suggestions toward keeping membership and
17 attaining new members by introducing micro volunteering,
18 inviting their communities and Auxiliary members' friends
19 and families to participate in their activities without
20 the burden of coming to a meeting. The Department of
21 California wants to strengthen involvement serving our
22 veterans and our communities, and with that micro
23 volunteering will grow our membership.

24 Traveling to Clovis the team presented the next
25 training workshop, also reviewing membership goals for the

1 upcoming year and program activities and how-tos.

2 Now we are off to Charlotte, North Carolina and
3 our National Convention. What a beautiful city. Clean
4 with old southern charm. California won many awards,
5 particularly membership milestone awards. We were
6 thrilled to march in the parade and attend the Legion
7 family baseball game.

8 The highlight of the convention was it was being
9 led by our Department of California's own Nancy
10 Brown-Park. Many Auxiliary members in the national
11 delegation attended with earnest the workshops for
12 attaining for the million member march and learned the
13 program ideas for the new five-year centennial plan. Our
14 Department California President Harriet Clendenin and Vice
15 President Susie Tozier were installed.

16 Back to work. More DCV visits and the Southern
17 California VAMC tours, to include our remaining poppy
18 production locations. We have two sites in the Department
19 of California that are beginning groundbreaking for much
20 needed Fischer Houses. We have several VAMCs in
21 California that are the beneficiaries of government monies
22 for remodeling and updating the facilities to include
23 state-of-the-art blind center rehabilitation, head trauma
24 centers, and updates to the way our increasing female
25 veteran population receives its medical care.

1 In cooperation with the VA local companies and
2 our Legion family, there were many stand downs to help our
3 veterans through a rough patch and get them back on their
4 feet. The Department of California has one of the largest
5 homeless veteran populations nationwide, and throughout
6 the state we make it one of our key priorities to address
7 these veterans' needs.

8 Our Department of California is proud to
9 participate in Veterans Day parades and barbecues.
10 November and December find us getting ready to help our
11 veterans have a great holiday. We prepared food baskets,
12 decorated Christmas trees in our VAMC, held holiday
13 parties on our bases and in our post home for our active
14 duty military.

15 January finds us at our DEC meeting and giving
16 our midyear reports. Our hospital representatives and
17 deputies held a special meeting to report on the status of
18 our facilities. We are marching towards our membership
19 goals with newfound eagerness. Here, President Harriet
20 introduces a new task force committee charged with
21 creating a plan to roll out the five-year centennial plan
22 and Million Member March for California.

23 Spring finds our Department President finishing
24 DCV visits. Of note in the visits throughout California
25 we find increasing attention to support our female

1 veterans.

2 Two districts in California honored our female
3 veterans with a Mother's Day Tea and Kentucky Derby hat
4 contest. The female veterans that attended are from the
5 RENEW program, a counseling course to help them rebuild
6 their lives from the sexual trauma that all received while
7 in the military. They found camaraderie, shared their
8 stories, and sang spiritual songs.

9 May finds California having many Poppy
10 distribution events. Serving our veterans and sharing the
11 Poppy story, we also had several units participate in the
12 Poppy poster contest.

13 June finds our Department of California getting
14 ready for convention. We will utilize technology to share
15 our convention via Facebook and Twitter. That concludes
16 my platform remarks.

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: Madam Vice President,
19 I also would like to thank you, Madam President Harriet,
20 and Wendy O'Brien for allowing my husband and I to tour
21 with you on the hospital tours. It was very, very
22 enlightening, very fun. If I may give out my awards now.

23 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes.

24 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: For first place Unit
25 History Supplemental Highland, Unit 421 Debbie Fletcher.

1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: For Best District
3 Supplemental, Jean Law, District 29.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Can we do the
6 pictures afterwards, please? Maybe we can get the group
7 together. Thank you.

8 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: First place Picture
9 History Book, Unit 261, District 18.

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: First place, District
12 28, Picture History Book.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: First place District
15 Written History, Elizabeth Doidge, District 28.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: And in our new
18 category History Innovation Award, Rosian Susan, District
19 18.

20 (Applause.)

21 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: Shall I now ask the
22 Historians from their committee to leave the room and --

23 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Are you done
24 with your awards?

25 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: I am done with my

1 awards.

2 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes, you can.

3 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: May I have the
4 Historians from each district come outside so we can
5 rewrite the code. Thank you.

6 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Girls State is
7 next. So Danielle is saying that this isn't made for
8 short people. This isn't made for me either.

9 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR HARDY: Madam Vice
10 President, may I give my report?

11 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes.

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13 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR CONVENTION REPORT

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15 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR HARDY: Madam Vice President
16 Susie -- or Madam President. Pardon me. But your name is
17 not Harriet which is written on my notes. Distinguished
18 Guests and Fellow Crafters, 35 years ago I attended
19 California Girls State as a delegate from District 19,
20 Unit 314.

21 (Applause.)

22 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR HARDY: Who could have
23 predicted that all these years later I would still be
24 involved in Girls State as its director. That is the
25 power of this program. We are indeed the dream catchers.

1 The 2015 session will occur in a few days with
2 now 494 delegates slated to attend and I will be departing
3 after this to prepare. However, let's go back in time so
4 I can tell you a little about the 2014 session. 514 girls
5 from all over the Golden State attended. They were a
6 patchwork of races, religions, shapes, and sizes. They
7 were a diverse group of young women leaders who somehow
8 became a cohesive group and worked to create a fantastic
9 Girls State.

10 Brittany Patterson from District 21, Unit 200 was
11 elected our 2014 governor. Madeline Ducharme from
12 District 9, Unit 161 and Ogechi Obed from District 24,
13 Unit 283 were selected to represent California as our
14 senators at Girls Nation in Washington D.C. Both young
15 women made us very proud. Maddie served as the
16 Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate and Ogechi was elected Vice
17 President of Girls Nation.

18 (Applause.)

19 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR HARDY: In addition several
20 members from California served on staff. Kendall Madsen,
21 Sherry Schneider, Yumi Nam and Sandra Rice were part of
22 the California contingent, as well as our own Past
23 National President and my friend Nancy Brown-Park.

24 (Applause.)

25 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR HARDY: This year we

1 implemented online registration for our delegates and
2 alternates. Like anything new there have been some kinks
3 that will need to be worked through. From my end,
4 however, the online registration was a great success. I
5 didn't have to try to read anyone's handwriting to figure
6 out a name or email address. Keeping in contact with
7 delegates was made simple because I had immediate direct
8 access to them and their parents through email. I am
9 hopeful we can further streamline the process in years to
10 come and work to make the paperwork side of Girls State
11 less cumbersome for everyone. Amen is right.

12 Thank you to all the unit and Girls State
13 chairmen who were so conscientious and read and followed
14 the directions made available to them. We really
15 appreciate all your hard work in helping this program be a
16 success. I hope you will continue to keep in contact with
17 your delegates and invite them to be a part of your
18 activities. If they are eligible, ask them to join your
19 unit. We will be working at this session to encourage the
20 296 delegates with eligibility to consider joining our
21 ranks.

22 (Applause.)

23 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR HARDY: Early in my report I
24 spoke about the power of Girls State. This year I saw
25 that power in action over and over again. A young woman

1 wearing a Girls State sweatshirt was stopped in an airport
2 by an older woman who had attended Girls State many years
3 before. They spoke together, sharing the wonderful
4 experience of Girls State. And I posted their picture on
5 Facebook. Still others connected through social media to
6 arrange to become roommates at colleges all over the
7 nation. Women reported getting jobs because they had
8 Girls State on their resume or spoke of it in their
9 interview. Even our current Miss America attended
10 California Girls State in 2008.

11 (Applause.)

12 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR HARDY: I bet you didn't
13 know that.

14 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: I didn't know that.

15 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR HARDY: This program changes
16 lives. We need to work to make sure it is still available
17 for my granddaughters I hope I'll have some day and our
18 future granddaughters, like this young lady down here, to
19 grow as young women leaders and show that every state is a
20 Girls State. Are you from Girls State?

21 EVERYONE: Yeah, yeah.

22 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR HARDY: I am.

23 (Applause.)

24 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR HARDY: Madam President,
25 this concludes my report. Thank you.

1 (Applause.)

2 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Boy, she's tall.

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4 GIRLS STATE CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORT

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6 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: I'm sorry. The
7 Convention Committee on Girls State met on --

8 UNIDENTIFIED AUDIENCE MEMBER: Can't hear you.

9 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: The Convention
10 Committee on Girls State met on June 25th, 2015 in the
11 Riesling Room in the Ontario Airport Hotel in Ontario,
12 California. The statistical report of this chairman
13 appears on page 28 of the Book of Reports.

14 Elissa Kirkland of District 26 was appointed
15 secretary. Silvia Hillyer, District 6, offered prayer and
16 Bobbi Estes, District 20, was appointed Sergeant-At-Arms.
17 A total of 23 District delegates answered roll call and
18 eight visitors were present.

19 The committee read the department code and two
20 proposed code changes. We then read Resolution 1. After
21 motion and second, the resolution was discussed. The vote
22 was called for and Resolution No. 1 was rejected.

23 Article VI Subsidiary Organizations of the
24 constitution and bylaws for Department of California and
25 the standing rules proposed changes were provided to the

1 committee for information. The Girls State director,
2 Valerie Hardy, explained these purposes -- the purposes of
3 the changes.

4 Madam President, may I now present the
5 committee's proposed department code changes?

6 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes.

7 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Code 26 currently
8 reads: "Applications must be submitted to the Department
9 Chairman and all fees to the Department Office by March
10 31."

11 The proposed change will read: "Applications
12 must be submitted to the Department Chairman and all fees
13 to the Department Office by March 31st. The Department
14 Chairman will forward a list, by unit, of number of Girls
15 State delegates to the Department Office for that year's
16 session by March 31st. Any changes will be submitted to
17 the Department Office by the Department Chairman as they
18 occur."

19 Rationale for Code 26 is to add: "The Department
20 Chairman will forward a list, by unit, of number of Girls
21 State delegates to the Department Office for that year's
22 session by March 31st. Any changes will be submitted to
23 the Department Office by the Department Chairman as they
24 occur."

25 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Are you going

1 to move for the code change?

2 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: I move for the
3 acceptance of the change to Code 26.

4 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: It has been
5 moved and seconded to accept the code change for 26.
6 "Application must be submitted to the Department Chairman
7 and all fees to the Department Office by March 31st. The
8 Department Chairman will forward a list, by unit, of
9 number of Girls State delegates to the Department Office
10 for that year's session by March 31st. Any changes will
11 be submitted to the Department Office by the Department
12 Chairman as they occur -- as they occur."

13 Is there any discussion?

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Hearing none,
16 all in favor?

17 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

18 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Motion passed.

21 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Code 27 currently
22 reads: "A \$50 registration fee shall be required from
23 each delegate attending Girls State. This fee to be paid
24 by the delegate, her parents, or guardian. In case of
25 hardship, the fee can be paid by the Unit, District,

1 school, and/or outside source, but must be paid no later
2 than the March 31st deadline when the fees are due from
3 the Unit to the Department."

4 The proposed change will read: "A \$75
5 registration fee shall be required from each delegate
6 attending Girls State. This fee to be paid by the
7 delegate, her parents, or guardian. In case of hardship,
8 the fee can be paid by the Unit, District, school, and/or
9 outside source, but must be paid no later than the March
10 31st when the fees are due from the Unit to the
11 Department."

12 The rationale for Code 27 is to change the \$50
13 registration fee for each delegate to \$75 to help cover
14 the actual cost of nearly \$425 per girl to attend Girls
15 State and in hopes of making the chosen delegate less
16 likely to change her mind on attending Girls State.

17 Madam President, I move for this change.

18 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Is there a
19 second?

20 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Second.

21 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Code change
22 will read: "A \$75 registration fee shall be required from
23 each delegate attending Girls State. This fee to be paid
24 by the delegate, her parents, or guardian. In case of
25 hardship, the fee can be paid by the Unit, District,

1 school and/or outside source, but must be paid no later --
2 no later than March 31st when the fees are due from the
3 Unit to the Department."

4 Is there any discussion? I have a comment -- I
5 can't say anything.

6 DISTRICT 22 MEMBER FARRAR: Madam President,
7 Midge Farrar, District 22. When I contacted one of my
8 high schools, I told them about that \$50 thing and he said
9 we can't send a delegate because we cannot ask to have
10 that paid. So I am hoping to not have this increased now
11 because that's another \$25 out of the unit. Thank you.

12 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Say your name,
13 please.

14 DISTRICT 22 1ST VICE PRESIDENT KOCHUR: April
15 Kochur, District 22. I oppose this as well in that I
16 think we're having fewer and fewer units that are paying
17 -- that are still paying the girls' way. It's all money
18 out of the unit. There's communities -- and similar with
19 this proposal that was defeated, is that these communities
20 are so isolated, so out in the middle of nowhere, if it
21 wasn't for the Auxiliary to pay those fees, all of it,
22 they would not go to Girls State. They just wouldn't make
23 it. Even though it's an extra \$25, that's the burden of
24 the unit, you know. I think these are areas that we
25 really need to keep in mind.

1 And the other thing too is I know there's so many
2 units that do pass the entire cost onto the families or
3 whoever, and so I get it that there's no money that comes
4 out of their pocket, not that much, but with the small
5 units or the smaller units, it really does impact them.
6 Thank you.

7 VA&R CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Madam President, Wendy
8 O'Brien, District 6, Unit 521. I would just like a little
9 clarification. We pay \$400 now for the delegates to go to
10 Girls State. My understanding is that that was going to
11 be upped to 425. So this \$75 is -- instead of changing it
12 to 425 for each unit, then the girls still pay \$50, it's
13 going to go to try and get our girls -- some girls do not
14 understand the importance because the money is not
15 affecting them; someone else is paying the money. So when
16 they have to take the money out, it becomes more important
17 to them.

18 So is that my understanding, that it was going to
19 go up to 425, and instead they added it to the expense for
20 the family or we can -- the units can pay it, but is that
21 my understanding? I'd like some clarification on that,
22 please.

23 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: That is the intent.
24 It does cost the department almost \$425 per girl, so also
25 it will help offset, but it will go out of department.

1 DISTRICT 16 MEMBER CROWE: Vicki Crowe, District
2 16, Unit 741. I speak in favor of the increase. If the
3 girls don't have anything put into this, they end up not
4 coming. Do you know last night two more girls cancelled?
5 If they don't have to pay anything, then it's not
6 important to them.

7 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: We've had 16 girls
8 now cancel in the last week.

9 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Elizabeth
10 first.

11 GIRLS STATE NURSE TOMLIN: Madam President,
12 Elizabeth Tomlin, District 29 President, Girls State
13 Nurse. Ladies, we have to have these girls be enthused.
14 They need to understand who American Legion Auxiliary is
15 and why they're going, who's supporting them to send them
16 to Girls State. We need their buy-in. We can't have them
17 not understand what is going on. If -- I know there are
18 some areas that need help, but there's also fundraising
19 ideas that are around that they can help raise the money.
20 They can help you with your spaghetti dinners. They can
21 help do all sorts of things to raise the money to -- they
22 don't have to pay it from their pocket.

23 Of the 500 girls that we send to Girls State,
24 maybe 10 percent cannot afford the \$50, but the rest can.
25 So those people we can help them get different fundraising

1 events, different things throughout our community that
2 they can do to help raise their money. Then they have
3 buy-in. They understand what we do, that we serve
4 veterans, that we support them. We need to have them help
5 us support our veterans. This is why we set up this
6 program. Thank you.

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Go ahead.
9 Over here.

10 DISTRICT 15 MEMBER RYAN: Delores Ryan, Unit 26,
11 District 15. I am in favor of this motion. We send seven
12 schools and are trying to get two more out of Bakersfield.
13 We have 17 high schools, and I have one school that cannot
14 afford this for the girl to pay money. So the good makes
15 that one up. The others all raise the money somehow to
16 pay the cost of that. I even have schools donating money
17 for the rest of the money to us out of their athletic
18 funds.

19 So if you work with your school you can raise the
20 money and this -- you know, they have raised the money for
21 football, they raise money for basketball, and they can
22 donate some of that money for Girls State.

23 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Amen.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Over here,

1 please.

2 DISTRICT 18 MEMBER TABACHI: Judy Tabachi,
3 District 18, Unit 755. Let's be honest, I know that years
4 ago when we put the \$50 in it was supposed to be cancelled
5 at a later date. I have been with Girls State for about
6 150 years. It is --

7 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: You look good
8 for 150 years.

9 DISTRICT 18 MEMBER TABACHI: Well, I had to be 16
10 to go, so -- no. But anyway, I know that this -- this is
11 supposed to be paid by the parents. If the parents have
12 money invested, they're not -- and I'm going by what I
13 have been told in the past, when the parent called, "My
14 little darling wanted to go to cheerleading camp so she's
15 not going."

16 And that is a bunch of bull because I think all
17 of us who are doing interviews tell them the dates and are
18 you going to be able to attend. And a lot of the units
19 don't realize that if they do not show up, those parents
20 are supposed to pay the unit back when they sign that
21 thing okay for them to go. There is a line in there that
22 if your daughter doesn't show up, you repay the unit. But
23 we've had too many people or too many girls that don't
24 show up because swim camp comes up or I want to go play
25 golf so this is what we have.

1 If we put that responsibility on the parents,
2 it's not going to -- I know there's a lot of people from
3 the north that have to fly down and all. There's
4 different organizations you can contact that will be more
5 than happy to get you that money.

6 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Thank you.

7 DISTRICT 18 MEMBER TABACHI: And one of them is
8 the alumni association. Thank you.

9 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Okay. We're
10 going to take a couple more. Maria.

11 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT ADAME: Good morning. Mary
12 Adame from District 11, Unit 16. I oppose the increase
13 because we do have several low-income families. This
14 year, let's see, we left -- we left -- we sponsored four
15 schools, and one of the schools gave us half and then we
16 give half. But bottom line is this year one of the
17 mothers called me just about a month ago, I think it was,
18 and she was in dire straits. She was sick last year, she
19 lost her job, then her and her husband separated. So she
20 said, you know, we need the money for the flight, so I
21 went ahead and paid because I wanted the girl to go. In
22 this instance I was able to do that.

23 And yes, we've had fundraisers, but they also now
24 have to pay for their flight which is like 200 plus, and
25 that's just from Stockton. Now I know in the meeting

1 earlier one of the ladies said that we're far away; we
2 have to pay \$700 for the flight, so it's really -- it's
3 really going to be a hardship. And I know we can have
4 fundraisers, but I guess if it does pass we can go to the
5 Girls State Foundation. But I oppose.

6 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: We're going to
7 take a couple more comments.

8 DISTRICT 21 MEMBER VONDRIER: My name is Leslie
9 Vondrier, District 21, Unit 519. I am in favor for the
10 increases. Now that I started thinking about it it's just
11 -- I understand why you're doing it. Last year I had two
12 of my delegates leave Girls State early, so it -- to me if
13 the girl cannot afford it, they can always come to the
14 unit and we can help them do a fundraiser for them. They
15 can do a fundraiser at their school for them. Their
16 counselors also told me that they will help them raise the
17 money. They can do car washes or whatever. Because the
18 program to me is such an important program for these
19 girls. I think that it's a great idea. Thank you so
20 much.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes.

23 DISTRICT 6 MEMBER DULGINER: Good morning.
24 Sylvia Dulginer, District 6, Unit 77, Girls State chair
25 for both the unit and the district and also Girls State

1 Grandma second year in a row. Number one, I think it's
2 crucial that the interview process be conducted properly
3 because I think there's a disconnect between the interview
4 process and selecting the right candidate. This has to be
5 a priority for the delegates.

6 Number two, fundraising is also crucial and you
7 should mention that in your appreciation dinner or
8 whatever event you have when the girls come back. Because
9 last year a Gold Star family donated a thousand dollars to
10 the program. But you have to talk about it. You have to
11 tell them about it. And I'm not embarrassed to ask for
12 money. So that's my two cents.

13 (Applause.)

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good morning. District
15 24, Unit 43. I think this is something we need to
16 appreciate. We talk about how fabulous these girls are
17 and the qualities that they have. This is when they learn
18 accountability. When you commit to doing something, you
19 commit, and if it takes a little bit of financial support
20 to go along with them too. So if they're going to commit
21 to Girls State and be a delegate and put us through the
22 effort to get them there, then that financial
23 accountability helps with giving them the moral
24 responsibility. It starts now. It doesn't start when
25 they're in college. It doesn't start when they get a job.

1 The other thing is, you know, the Auxiliary is
2 great. Theirs fans are great. Their hospitals are great.
3 If they need help with getting the extra \$50, where
4 there's a will, there's a way. But first they have to be
5 made accountable and start doing for themselves, and if
6 they are not held accountable for themselves, then the
7 people who have made the effort to get them to that point
8 and possibly ding somebody else who was qualified to go
9 and now for whatever reason has made other plans and can't
10 hold that spot. Thank you.

11 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Okay. Terry
12 Mikesell, and then you will be the last one.

13 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:
14 Terry Mikesell, District 2. You know, I've got to tell
15 you something, ladies. It takes us two and a half, three
16 hours just to get to the airport. Our units up there, we
17 pay the Girls State fee, but the parents pay for the
18 flight, so I'm not going to be willing to ask parents for
19 more money. I am in favor of Girls State. It's a
20 wonderful program, but I am against this \$25 increase.
21 Thank you.

22 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Wait a minute,
23 please. Terry is going to assume my position because
24 Midge can't speak on this. Sorry.

25 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:

1 Recognizing Susie Tozier.

2 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: District 22
3 sends over 40 girls. San Diego County has a law. We
4 cannot ask for that \$50 or \$75. All that money has to
5 come from the unit. There was a lawsuit that said it was
6 discriminatory, that low-income families cannot be asked
7 for the money. Even if they want to go to sixth grade
8 camp, we cannot ask for that money. So all that -- all
9 the \$75 for all the students comes from the units in San
10 Diego, and some of the units have over four or five girls
11 they sponsor. Thank you.

12 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:
13 Go ahead.

14 DISTRICT 24 MEMBER SQUIRE: Leloni Squire, Unit
15 23, District 24. I am opposed to this increase because
16 what about my girls at risk? What about the lower income
17 girls? With all due respect, what I hear is, oh, my child
18 can't go because of cheerleading. With all due respect,
19 that's a privileged child. I want to see the young girls
20 who don't have the chance, who don't have the opportunity
21 to go to Girls State with all due respect more than -- you
22 know, the privileged children already have the privilege.
23 What about the young women who don't have special
24 privilege. Thank you.

25 (Applause.)

1 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:
2 Recognizing Nancy Brown, last speaker on this question.

3 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Thank you,
4 Madam President. Thank you very much. Nancy Brown-Park,
5 Past National President. I have attended Girls State
6 California for a little over 40 years, and things have
7 changed over those 40 years. I will tell you that 25
8 years ago there isn't a girl that was selected who would
9 not show up. They have a lot of other opportunities
10 today. Whether you're rich or you're poor, you have a lot
11 of other opportunities today. And sometimes girls don't
12 make good choices. And the woman that spoke who said that
13 where there is a will there is a way, there is.

14 And I think this \$25 increase is twofold. It's
15 going to help those girls make a commitment. The other
16 fold is whether we take it here or we take a fee increase,
17 it's going to happen because we are not meeting our
18 budget. So I think we need to look at it that way as
19 well.

20 There's -- we have a California Girls State
21 alumni, the foundation, that is willing to help. I sit on
22 that board. We get very few requests for help. So if you
23 need help, if the girls need help, we're here to help. We
24 actually helped a girl this year because she needed money
25 for transportation. We're here to do that.

1 So there's lots of ways to do it, but we're going
2 to need this money one way or another. So I really
3 encourage us to do it when we ask the girls to be
4 committed and their parents to be committed. And there
5 is. Where there is a will, there's a way. We can help
6 those that don't have that money. Thank you, Madam
7 President.

8 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:
9 Thank you, Nancy.

10 Anita.

11 NEC WOMAN BIGGS: Anita Biggs, District 23. I
12 move to call the question.

13 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:
14 Thank you.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:
17 That was only stopping the debate. Okay. All those in
18 favor of stopping the debate, say aye.

19 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

20 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:
21 Is there any opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:
24 Thank you. Okay. Motion has gone to the floor to change
25 Code 27 from a \$50 registration fee shall be required for

1 each delegate attending Girls State. This fee to be paid
2 by the delegate, her parents, or guardian. In case of
3 hardship, the fee can be paid by the Unit, District,
4 school, and/or outside source, but must be paid no later
5 than March 31st when the fees are due from the Unit to the
6 Department.

7 The proposed code will read: "A \$75 registration
8 fee shall be required from each delegate attending Girls
9 State. This fee to be paid by the delegate, her parents,
10 or guardian. In case of hardship, the fee can be paid by
11 the Unit, District, school, and/or outside source, but
12 must be paid no later than March 31st when the fees are
13 due from the Unit to the Department."

14 All those in -- all those in favor say aye.

15 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

16 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:

17 Any opposed?

18 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: No.

19 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:

20 Okay. We're going to have to take it to the delegates, so
21 we need to know how many votes each delegation has. It's
22 going to have to go to a vote. You have a five-minute
23 recess.

24 (Recess from 10:54 a.m. to 11:04 a.m.)

25 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:

1 Ladies, go back to your seats. Okay. Ladies, okay.

2 Diane is going to be giving you some instruction.

3 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: The reason
4 we're doing this is because this is not a one person has a
5 vote. Some districts or units may have several votes as
6 one person may be carrying three or four votes. So we
7 have to do it this way. So what I hope each district has
8 done is some are very small and it doesn't take much time
9 to do it. Other districts are big. Each unit needs to
10 report to your district presidents how many votes your
11 unit has, how many are yes, how many are no, and if
12 anybody is abstaining. You have the right to abstain if
13 you wish. Each unit needs to report that to your district
14 president.

15 We will have to do a roll call vote, and when
16 your district is called, you need to combine all those
17 units into the vote the district president has and she
18 will say X amount yes, X amount no, and if any are
19 abstaining.

20 So please, District Presidents, make sure every
21 unit that is represented has given you the proper amount
22 of votes they're entitled to. Do you have any questions?
23 And there will be a roll call and Ruby will be doing that.

24 Okay. We will still take a minute or two because
25 we have to -- we have to know -- we have to know how many

1 have registered. Hopefully they're not in this room if
2 they have not registered. I think we have a question over
3 here.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, Madam Chairman.
5 Delegates in their own right?

6 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Delegates
7 in their own right have one vote. Even if they're the
8 only person here from their unit there is only one vote.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And so how does the
10 District President report those?

11 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: They're
12 included in the total -- with the total district.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, yeah. All right.
14 Thank you.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I want
16 to remind all the delegates in their own right, if you're
17 a delegate in your own right and you decide to vote your
18 unit vote, you lose your per diem from the Department of
19 California.

20 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:
21 So, ladies, change your vote so you get to keep your
22 money. Now Terry's unit happens to have three votes and
23 Terry has a vote, that would equal four. But if Terry
24 voted those other three votes, she would be a fool. So
25 Terry is going to vote one vote and Terry's going to vote

1 three.

2 Okay. Are we ready? Ladies, please take your
3 chairs. Okay. Ladies, please take your chairs.

4 Kathie Martinez, are you with your district?

5 Are we ready, Ruby?

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yes.

7 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:

8 Okay. Ruby is going to tell you your delegate strength.
9 Listen up, ladies.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

11 District 1, zero, absent. District 2, five.

12 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:

13 District 2 has nine.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: There's
15 five registered.

16 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:

17 No. Unit 197 has three, plus me that's four. This is
18 wrong.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.

20 If there's a difference in what the district chairman has,
21 you tell me the difference. Okay. So District 2 has nine
22 registered?

23 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:

24 Correct.

25 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Ruby, some

1 of these aren't going to be in the room or it's a
2 possibility they won't be in the room. I think they need
3 to tell us how many votes they have.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
5 Fine.

6 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:
7 Ruby, District 2 has nine.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I don't
9 believe you, Terry. No. I'm only kidding, honey.

10 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:
11 Yeah, nine.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
13 Ladies, are you ready to line up? Okay. Please get to a
14 microphone in numerical order of your district. I hope
15 somebody has got a calculator in this room. I've been
16 asked to repeat. Ladies, ladies, ladies, I've been asked
17 to repeat.

18 Delegates in their own right, you belong to a
19 unit, but you're a delegate in your own right for the
20 Department of California, and if you are a delegate in
21 your own right, you get mileage from the Department of
22 California. If you decide to vote your unit voting
23 strength, you lose your delegate in your own right for the
24 Department. What that means is no money; if you don't get
25 mileage. Okay. That's basically what it means.

1 Everybody understand that? No, you don't?

2 Okay. Are we ready? Okay. Ladies, I need --
3 District 2. District 2.

4 DISTRICT 2 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
5 District 2 has nine votes.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
7 you. And is it for or against? You want to go through --
8 Nancy, how many are for?

9 DISTRICT 2 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON: We have
10 nine votes. Nine, nay.

11 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:
12 Nine votes no.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
14 you. District 3 has.

15 DISTRICT 3 PRESIDENT RAMEY: Three.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Where's
17 three?

18 DISTRICT 3 PRESIDENT RAMEY: Right here.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
20 Three.

21 DISTRICT 3 PRESIDENT RAMEY: Three yes.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Three
23 yes. District 4.

24 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT DOWDEN: We have nine votes
25 and nine noes.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

2 District 5.

3 NAT'L STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBER TAYLOR:

4 Go sit down. You're fine. Melanie Taylor, District 5.

5 We are entitled to four votes. There's one yes and three
6 noes.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

8 District 6.

9 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT LOPEZ: District 6 has 20
10 votes. Four noes, 16 yes.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
12 you. District 7.

13 DISTRICT 7 PRESIDENT BANDERA: Janie Bandera,
14 District 7. We have five votes here. Two no, two yes,
15 one absent. She's registered but absent.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
17 you. District 8, nobody present; right? No votes.

18 District 9.

19 DISTRICT 7 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT RIOS: Four yes.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

21 District 10.

22 DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT PARSHAL: District 10 is 11
23 yes.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Eleven?

25 DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT PARSHAL: Eleven.

1 NAT'L STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBER TAYLOR:
2 Eleven yes; is that correct? Thank you.

3 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT ADAME: Mary Adame,
4 District 11. We have 11 votes no.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
6 District 12.

7 DISTRICT 12 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT KELLEY:
8 District 12, Anne Kelley. We have 10 votes, 10 votes aye.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: That
10 means yes?

11 DISTRICT 12 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT KELLEY: Yes.
12 Thank you, Ruby.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: You're
14 welcome. District 13.

15 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT DENNY: We have five. Two
16 yeses and three noes.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Two
18 yes, three no?

19 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT DENNY: Yeah.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
21 District 14.

22 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT McCLURG: District 14,
23 Ellen McClurg. We've got 13 yeses.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
25 you, Ellen.

1 DISTRICT 15 PRESIDENT GRAHAM: District 15, Dee
2 Ann Graham. We have 17 yes.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
4 District 16.

5 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT MUNCH: District 16, Karen
6 Munch. We have 34 votes, 28 yes -- excuse me. 26 yes and
7 eight no.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: 26 yes,
9 eight no.

10 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT MUNCH: (Nods head.)

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
12 you. 17.

13 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT PARSON-CROOKS: District
14 17, Yoko Parsons-Crooks. We have three votes and all no.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
16 you, Yoko. District 18.

17 DISTRICT 18 PRESIDENT BRADSHAW: Laura Bradshaw,
18 District 18. We have 31 votes, 18 yes, 13 no.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
20 you, Laura. District 19.

21 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT BULLARD: District 19 has
22 30 votes, 10 yes, 20 no.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
24 you, Becky. District 20.

25 DISTRICT 20 PRESIDENT McCHESNEY: 18 votes yes.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
2 you. 21.

3 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT WARDRIP: District 21,
4 Brenda Wardrip. We have 14 yeses and one no. We have 15
5 votes.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: 15
7 votes. Thank you. District 22.

8 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT COATNEY: We have 35 yes,
9 four no.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, no. You're backwards.

11 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT COATNEY: That's what my
12 secretary put down. Four noes, 35 yes.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: 35 yes,
15 four no.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

17 DEPARTMENT 22 PRESIDENT COATNEY: Okay. 35 noes,
18 four yes.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
20 you. 23, District 23.

21 DEPARTMENT 23 PRESIDENT BARBER: Okay. We have
22 12 noes and one yes.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
24 you, Helen. District 24.

25 DEPARTMENT 24 PRESIDENT HACKNEY: We have -- nine

1 votes we have. We're going four, two ought to be -- so
2 we'll be eight and one.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Eight
4 yes, one no?

5 DEPARTMENT 24 PRESIDENT HACKNEY: Yes, yes.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Eight
7 yes, one no. District 25.

8 DEPARTMENT 25 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: 48 yes and
9 eight no.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
11 you. District 26.

12 DISTRICT 26 PRESIDENT VITANGELI: All ten yes.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Ten
14 yes. Thank you. District 27.

15 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT MYERS: 17 votes yes.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
17 you. 28.

18 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT BAKER: District 28, Susan
19 Baker. 15 votes yes.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
21 you. District 29.

22 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT TOMLIN: Hello. We have 45
23 and three in their own right. All 48 say yes.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
25 District 30.

1 DISTRICT 30 PRESIDENT VINCENT: Six and one in
2 her own right. Seven yes.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Seven
4 yes.

5 DISTRICT 30 PRESIDENT VINCENT: Yes.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
7 you. Now I've got to add these all up. Have you ladies
8 been laboring your little fingers and got this tallied?

9 While we're tallying, I'll tell you a funny
10 little joke. There was these three ladies in a sauna, and
11 one was an Italian, one was a German, and one was an
12 American. So they're sitting there, and all of a sudden
13 the German's hands start shaking like this. "Oh, well
14 that's my cell phone. It's a built-in chip."

15 Italian lady, all of a sudden her arm starts
16 doing something, I don't even remember what it was doing,
17 and anyway, "Oh, it's something else, this technology."

18 So the American started thinking, went into the
19 bathroom saying how am I going to beat this. She goes to
20 the bathroom and she comes out. She's got toilet paper
21 hanging out of her butt. And the ladies, the Italian and
22 the German, they're, "Oh, look."

23 "Oh, yeah. I'm getting a fax."

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:

1 Ruby?

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yes.
3 We're waiting for the official count. I want you to know
4 that we're going through this for \$25. But that's okay.
5 I understand. If you have ten delegates, it would be \$250
6 so it's an important decision.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Liz, do you have
8 some cheerful music for us?

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Also,
10 all of you who don't know, this is our big fundraiser for
11 the convention for the department Ways & Means. There's
12 all kinds of dividers. Unit gifts for your officers. \$7
13 from Ways & Means. Red and blue.

14 (Music playing.)

15 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:
16 Okay. The motion count. It was 142 no and 327 yes.
17 Thank you, ladies.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:
20 142, 327.

21 You can resume your report. Thank you very much.

22 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Good morning, Madam
23 President, Department Officers, Chairmen, and Dream
24 Catchers. It has been an interesting yet frustrating year
25 for us, has it not? Last year at this time I stood here

1 reading code changes. A couple of code changes brought a
2 ton of questions from the floor. Do you remember the
3 signature sheet discussion? It's been like today's
4 discussion.

5 This year we put all those code changes into full
6 throttle. I wish I had known what we know now. Little
7 did I realize we had become a pilot program. I was
8 receiving more questions than a two-year-old. The online
9 application worked well overall, other than the many phone
10 calls asking what the D word was. The delegate code.
11 This process, however, has now proven to be efficient and
12 worth the change.

13 Ahh, but the eight-page packet mystery was
14 another story. There were nearly 1500 delegates and
15 alternates who sent these packets to me. One by one they
16 arrived in my mailbox, faster and faster as we approached
17 the deadline. When is the deadline?

18 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: March 31st.

19 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: The mailman now
20 knows more about the Girls State program than I do. I
21 wish the delegates were as good as the unit chairmen were
22 back in the day when the chairmen were double-checking
23 these packets. How many Girls State chairmen are here
24 today? Oh, how I appreciated you.

25 I do believe that everyone dealing with next

1 year's Girls State next year will be happier with the
2 packet changes that are coming your way. You will once
3 again be the chairman's right hand in checking the packets
4 for errors and completeness. Our eight pages will be
5 condensed so everyone will have an easier job. But there
6 is one thing that is so important for all our chairmen to
7 remember to do, and that is to read your instructions
8 first. You need to know what you are doing before you do
9 it. It will prevent the frustration and confusion we all
10 faced this year.

11 I ask that you adhere to deadline dates and
12 follow up. There you will also eliminate barrels of your
13 frustrations.

14 Girls State is a very prestigious program for the
15 best of the best of California, our country's future.
16 Keep that in mind as you interview next year. It's not a
17 popularity contest. I know most of you have picked some
18 very special and exceptional girls as delegates. I am so
19 excited and eager to meet them in just two days.

20 How many units here today have made dream
21 catchers for our Girls State delegates? I just picked two
22 up up here. They are beautiful and I am so impressed.
23 But there's one problem I should have thought about before
24 now. How in the world are we going to hang them?

25 In closing, I want to let you know that despite

1 your frustrations, my frustrations, despite the many
2 emails and phone calls, despite the many months and hours
3 it took to sort through tons of paperwork and despite the
4 fact I had no living area in the living room, it was more
5 than worth it.

6 (Applause.)

7 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: I enjoyed working
8 with you, the Girls State Chairmen. I thank you from the
9 bottom of my heart for everything you did to help me
10 prepare the packets in order to get the girls ready for
11 the experience of their lifetime. Thank you, thank you,
12 thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Madam President, I
15 thank you even more for entrusting me with this very
16 worthwhile program. It gave me the opportunity to
17 contribute towards the future of so many young women who
18 will go so far. I appreciate this very special and
19 memorable experience you have allowed me. It will always
20 be cherished in my heart, and now in just short days, our
21 hard work showing so much dedication to the Girls State
22 program will begin. Next week at this time we will have
23 500 girls chanting, "Are you from Girls State?"

24 EVERYONE: Yeah, yeah.

25 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: And the tears. All

1 of us will sadly say goodbye to California's best. Please
2 pass a tissue. Yes, it is well worth every minute and
3 hour we put into this program. Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: May we have the
6 chairmen or the Girls State committee come line up here so
7 I can introduce you?

8 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:
9 Girls State committee please line up here in the front.
10 Committees move a little slow today. They're getting
11 ready for next week, so they're slow.

12 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: We're going to be
13 fast paced by then. Okay. Ladies, the Girls State
14 committee: Karen Perrera, Zana Chaney, Elissa Kirkland,
15 Elissa Tomlin -- Elizabeth Tomlin. I'm so sorry. Nancy
16 Brown-Park, Valerie Hardy, Donna Enright, and Gloria
17 Sinopoli. These girls are so great.

18 (Applause.)

19 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: May I now present my
20 awards and certificates.

21 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:
22 You may.

23 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Let's see Vicky
24 Veen, Unit 161, District 9 for rendering to this
25 organization invaluable time, dedication in the Girls

1 State program. First place for the most delegates, which
2 is 16 at Girls State. She almost had 18.

3 (Applause.)

4 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: And then Anne
5 Kelley. She was here. Okay. Here she comes. Okay. And
6 Anne Kelley for rendering to this organization invaluable
7 contributions to the Girls State program. First place
8 unit supplemental report.

9 (Applause.)

10 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: And let's see. I
11 didn't make these, but they're sure cute. Anna Cooley for
12 rendering to this organization invaluable contributions to
13 the Girls State program. First place district
14 supplemental report.

15 (Applause.)

16 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: And, Madam
17 President, may I approach for a small --

18 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:
19 You may.

20 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: -- token.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you so
22 much.

23 (Applause.)

24 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Madam President,
25 that concludes my report. Thank you very much.

1 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:
2 Thank you very much. In light of what is going on, I
3 couldn't read Diane's writing. The correct count was 142
4 no and 323 yes. 323 yes. Thank you.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you very
6 much, Terry.

7 Will the Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal, along with
8 the Distinguished Guest Chairman -- here she comes --
9 please escort James Adames, President of the American
10 Legion Riders.

11 (Processional.)

12 RIDERS DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ADAMES: Let me check
13 to see first. Yep. Good morning, ladies. How are you
14 feeling? Let me start out my remarks, and I'll try to be
15 brief, but I want to start off by apologizing to Ms. Anita
16 Biggs. I have to apologize to you because when I came
17 last year to address the body, I was not taught well on
18 how to be a proper president and so, therefore, I came
19 empty-handed. And she gave me some nice comments, let me
20 tell you. So I will do everything in my power to make
21 that right and I will definitely, most definitely, ensure
22 that the next president is taught correctly.

23 (Applause.)

24 RIDERS DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ADAMES: And Past
25 President Biggs, I am going to fix that. I will find you

1 somewhere along the way. I don't care if I have to strap
2 it in the front fender of my motorcycle, I will get
3 something to you.

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Diamonds.

5 RIDERS DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ADAMES: I'm sorry?
6 Did you say diamonds?

7 (Applause.)

8 RIDERS DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ADAMES: Okay. You
9 know, this morning I started out speaking to the American
10 Legion and the Sons of the American Legion, and as they
11 say, you always save the best for last.

12 (Applause.)

13 RIDERS DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ADAMES: Now my wife
14 who's not here -- she's actually taking care of her
15 grandmother back in Puerto Rico -- told me because I'm --
16 usually by now I'm not speaking with any notes. This is
17 the way I normally speak, but she said when you get ready
18 to speak, make sure you have your thoughts at least
19 written down on your iPad or something so I don't ramble
20 like I'm doing right now.

21 So I gave a very passionate speech over there
22 about what we do, what -- why are we here. We're here to
23 conduct Legion business, Sons business, and the ladies
24 business, but why were we here? We're here to help
25 veterans; correct?

1 (Applause.)

2 RIDERS DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ADAMES: So I took it
3 a step further and I said we're here to help veterans and
4 their families.

5 (Applause.)

6 RIDERS DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ADAMES: Because the
7 families serve. Their loved one is off defending our
8 freedoms and you're left at home to take care of the kids.
9 You're everything. You're everything while that soldier,
10 sailor, Coast Guard is out there defending freedom.
11 You're everything at home. That is the toughest job I
12 believe in the whole wide world.

13 So we're here to do that, and one of -- oh, let
14 me say this. This is one reason I should have notes that
15 I don't have. May I have everybody who is associated with
16 the American Legion Riders please stand up so you can see
17 who they are.

18 (Applause.)

19 RIDERS DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ADAMES: Thank you
20 very much. You know what. One of the things that we do
21 at the American Legion Riders is we have benefits for
22 whatever organization that's going to benefit from the
23 organized event that we have. And my own personal -- and
24 I don't know. Some of you may remember. I lost a
25 daughter to cancer. So mine is the American Cancer

1 Society. That's what I do.

2 (Applause.)

3 RIDERS DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ADAMES: Now I didn't
4 do this at the other two conventions, but I will do it
5 here and you'll see why. If you were affected in any way,
6 a family member, you had it, you're a survivor, God bless
7 you. Raise your hand. Look around the room. Sadly I
8 want this number of hands to go down eventually and that's
9 why I do what I do for the American Cancer Society and
10 that's why when I organized a -- you know, my old chapter
11 211, now chapter 48, has taken the handle on that and we
12 have raised over \$20,600 in Sarah's name -- my daughter's
13 name is Sarah -- for the American Cancer Society so we can
14 make sure there's a lot less hands raised around the
15 world.

16 (Applause.)

17 RIDERS DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ADAMES: So let me
18 make a pitch now. If you're not busy September 19th, come
19 on out to Chapter 48, Post 48 in beautiful Oxnard,
20 California. But I thank you because in my travels as
21 president and even before I was president just riding
22 around, some of the hardest working people that work in
23 the post are the ladies. You take the money, you make
24 sure we are straight, and we got everything just right.
25 So without you I think the whole ball of wax falls apart.

1 We can't go far without you.

2 And so let me finish by saying I personally thank
3 you for everything you do for us. I personally do.

4 Because without you, a veteran cannot be healthy. Without
5 you a family cannot be healthy. Remember that. We're
6 more than just -- in my case we're more than just a patch.
7 We're more than that. You are more than that. You help.

8 We all help. We help veterans, we help their families.

9 And before I go, I learned a great lesson last
10 year and, again, I am going to make that right. So --

11 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: You said it in front
12 of all these people.

13 RIDERS DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ADAMES: I said it in
14 front all of these people. And I am a southern gentleman
15 from the great state of Texas and we make sure we follow
16 what we say. No. Oh, Ms. Biggs' comes later. I'll get
17 hers in person. That didn't sound right, did it?
18 Seriously, I had to follow a toilet paper out of the dress
19 joke. I've never had to follow that joke.

20 Okay. That's all I'm going to say. Okay. So on
21 that with the American Legion -- I don't know if you can
22 see it or not. It says the American Legion Riders,
23 President Harriet Clendenin. Thank you for your support.
24 American Legion Riders. It's going to flash off that
25 thing. 2014-2015.

1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: That's
3 beautiful.

4 RIDERS DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ADAMES: And it comes
5 in a fancy box too, so --

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay. I too
7 have a gift for you.

8 RIDERS DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ADAMES: All right.
9 Let me close that up.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I've got pages
11 for that. They're beautiful.

12 RIDERS DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ADAMES: Wow. I
13 wished I had pages. Thank you.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: There are a
15 couple things from me. And also I would like to make a
16 donation to the American Cancer Society in honor of my
17 parents who are both cancer survivors.

18 RIDERS DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ADAMES: Thank you
19 very much.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you.

21 RIDERS DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ADAMES: You all have
22 a great convention. Thank you.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you so
24 much for coming over.

25 (Processional.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I will call the
2 Past Presidents Parley Master Canner Linda Fercho.

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4 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CONVENTION REPORT

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6 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Well,
7 it's almost after noon. Not quite, but close. Madam
8 President, I would like to start with my convention
9 committee report.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Yes.

11 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN FERCHO: The
12 convention committee on Past Presidents Parley met on June
13 25th, 2015 in Room -- in the Walnut Room. That's where we
14 were. We had a good time. Of the Ontario Airport Hotel.
15 The statistical report of this Chairman appears on page 32
16 of the Book of Reports. Linda Diebel of the 19th District
17 was appointed secretary. Sharon Moore, 23rd District,
18 offered prayer. Connie Biggers was appointed
19 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 18 district delegates
20 answered roll call and there were seven visitors.

21 The meeting opened promptly and the above
22 appointees were approved and the Chaplain led us in
23 prayer, the Sergeant-At-Arms led us in the Pledge of
24 Allegiance, and the secretary read the roll call. The
25 code was read and a proposed addition was made. By

1 direction of the committee I moved that we add number 18
2 to read: "The nomination form and rules for nominating
3 women who are currently serving our country in the U.S.
4 Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard
5 (including National Guard and Reserve components of each
6 branch) for the 'Salute to Servicewomen Award' can be
7 found on the Department website. The completed form and a
8 written narrative (750 words or less) or a YouTube video
9 (3 minutes or less), done by the nominee must be sent to
10 the National Past Presidents Parley Chairman by deadline
11 set by National. A copy of this nomination must also be
12 sent to the Department Past Presidents Parley Chairman by
13 the second Friday in May so that she can contact the
14 nominee regarding the Department function that she will be
15 honored at."

16 There was discussion. This is being added
17 because there is at this time no reference in the PPP code
18 for this award.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay. The
20 proposed code change at number 18 to read: "The
21 nomination form and rules for nominating women who are
22 currently serving our country in the U.S. Army, Navy,
23 Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard (including National
24 Guard and Reserve components of each branch) for the
25 'Salute to Servicewomen Award' can be found on the

1 Department website. The completed form and a written
2 narrative (750 words or less) or a YouTube video (3
3 minutes or less), done by the nominee must be sent to the
4 National Past Presidents Parley Chairman by deadline set
5 by National. A copy of this nomination must also be sent
6 to the Department Past Presidents Parley Chairman by the
7 second Friday in May so that she can contact the nominee
8 regarding the Department function that she will be honored
9 at."

10 Is there any discussion?

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: All in favor --
13 yes?

14 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: Madam President,
15 Anita Biggs, District 23. Can we just drop the "at" at
16 the end of that sentence? Just end it with "honored." I
17 move to amend the code. I move to remove the "at" at the
18 end of the code.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay. It's been
20 moved and seconded to amend the code. Do I read it to
21 eliminate the "at" at the end of the code change? Is
22 there any discussion?

23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: All in favor?

25 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Opposed?

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Motion carries.
4 We'll go back to the first reading of it with the "at" in
5 it.

6 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Amended.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay. We will
8 vote the motion as presented and as amended. All in
9 favor?

10 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Motion carried.
14 Thank you.

15 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Thank
16 you, Madam President. All awards except the first place
17 awards were handed out in committee. A copy of the awards
18 were given to the Department office -- oh, a copy of the
19 awards were given to the Department office for posting.
20 All certificates of appreciation to women veterans for
21 their service were to be -- were to be placed in the
22 District envelopes. And I do apologize. I did not get
23 that done. I had my -- everyone in the room has had this
24 issue. The computer. Literally the power, the hard drive
25 burnt out. So I went to my laptop. Lights on, no one

1 home. No screen. I got another tower, hooked it up.
2 Well, I didn't have the disc to hook up the printer so I
3 couldn't print. It just went on and on and on.

4 So I am going to mail those to the districts that
5 reported to me. And I thank you very much for sending me
6 those names. I truly want to honor all women veterans,
7 and I apologize that I didn't get it done. It's one of
8 those things. So we also had -- I'm also going to be
9 honoring some of the attendees at the PPP luncheon today.
10 And I want to thank those that made sure that I knew that
11 they were going to be there so that we can do that as this
12 year is a special year for honoring our women veterans as
13 always, but a little special this year.

14 We had a closing prayer. We were dismissed at
15 11:30. By the direction of the committee I move the
16 adoption of this report.

17 (Applause.)

18 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN FERCHO: If I can
19 go on with my remarks. This isn't in my state remarks,
20 but I noticed something that went on today that I really
21 want to congratulate all of you about, and that is that I
22 know having sat in the audience many, many years and
23 thought, gee, I really want to speak to that, but you know
24 what that little girl in me that was in the classroom that
25 said: Oh, no, don't say nothing. Sit where you are.

1 That's scary getting up and saying something. What if
2 they don't like it?

3 I was amazed today how many of you stood up and
4 went to the microphones and spoke on the Girls State.
5 Thank you for doing that.

6 (Applause.)

7 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN FERCHO: And
8 thank you for all of the Past Presidents in this room, all
9 of the mentors that have gotten these so that the women
10 feel comfortable speaking out. I was just very impressed.
11 We're doing a great job and I just wanted to make that
12 little note.

13 Now moving right along, Master Quilter Harriet,
14 this year has been a fun year with your theme C.R.A.F.T.S.
15 and I've had a great deal of fun welcoming everyone to my
16 kitchen. Your Master Cannery have been very busy this
17 year recognizing and assisting active duty service women,
18 taking advantage of the opportunity provided by National
19 and Department waiving the per capita for new members who
20 are women veterans, looking in the kitchens of their units
21 they have sought out their very special unit member of the
22 year for that award, and promoting the nurses scholarship
23 through donations.

24 The units sought out homeless women veterans
25 living on the street, providing them with food, clothing,

1 personal items. One unit recruited 31 volunteers that
2 sought out 52 women veterans, of which 41 were homeless,
3 and brought them into their post home and provided all of
4 the above. The units were very generous providing
5 numerous items for the Naomi House, which is a transition
6 home for homeless women veterans who are on -- it's on the
7 West LA Hospital grounds. These were delivered by our own
8 Master Quilter along with the National President Janet
9 Jefford when she made her visit to California.

10 One unit held a Salute to Women in Uniform - Past
11 and Present luncheon. This was their first year, but they
12 are planning to continue on on an annual basis.

13 Speaking of signing up new women veterans as
14 members, one unit signed up a women veteran who was 94
15 years young.

16 (Applause.)

17 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN FERCHO: World
18 War II veteran. And she is quoted as saying she signed up
19 to be an Auxiliary member because she wanted to be in the
20 same organization with her daughter. And, boy, are they
21 glad to have her; she's amazing.

22 I want to thank everyone that donated to the
23 nurses scholarship and this year we were able to give away
24 a \$4,000 scholarship and a \$2,000 scholarship to two very
25 deserving women, one of which you will meet real soon.

1 But please continue to put this on the top of your
2 donation list and maybe see if you can increase your
3 donations next year by adding a few more dollars. It
4 would be great if the Past Presidents Parleys held a
5 special fundraiser for this very worthwhile program.

6 This year we only have reported sending \$4,001,
7 so I did call Ruby, and bless her heart, we had more than
8 that so we were able to award two -- one 4,000 and one
9 2,000. So please keep this in your mind for next year to
10 increase if you can so we can make sure we continue to
11 give these women this help that they need.

12 I know our Master Quilter had a tough time
13 choosing the Unit Member of the Year, but the nominee she
14 chose is an amazing woman who you will not only meet, but
15 you will hear all about her at the PPP luncheon where she
16 will be honored. This year we had seven nominees, but I'm
17 sure there are a lot more deserving unit members out
18 there. Please start as soon as you get home and look into
19 your kitchen and see who's cooking and start writing down
20 all her accomplishments because it is so easy to forget at
21 the end of the year when you're trying to recall it all.

22 I want to thank all who submitted to be
23 recognized, and I made certificates for them and they're
24 being mailed. We had two active duty servicewomen
25 nominated for Salute to Servicewomen Award, but one of

1 these nominated retired prior and became ineligible, and
2 the other one is Lieutenant Dorothy Reid, Army, sponsored
3 by John M. Armitage Unit 684, District 27, but she is
4 currently serving in Texas and will be deployed to
5 Afghanistan in October. So could you please keep her in
6 your thoughts and prayers. She is unable to be with us.

7 Master Quilter Harriet, this concludes my
8 remarks. May I continue with my presentation?

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Yes.

10 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Okay.
11 My first place award Unit Supplemental goes to LuAnn
12 Capazzi, Unit 684 John M. Armitage, District 27
13 co-chairman.

14 (Applause.)

15 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN FERCHO: I didn't
16 even have to send a note to call her to the stage. Here's
17 a little gift and here. Thank you very much. You did
18 great, great, great.

19 And the first place award for Best District
20 Supplemental is Donna Mattox. And she was one of my Rodeo
21 Queens.

22 (Applause.)

23 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN FERCHO: And I do
24 thank everyone who did report. They were amazing and
25 you're doing just amazing things. At this time --

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Will the
2 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal, along with the Distinguished
3 Guest Chairman, please escort up to the podium the \$4,000
4 scholarship winner Leslie Mancini.

5 (Processional.)

6 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN FERCHO: You
7 don't need to come all the way up here. As you can see
8 Leslie is so excited. Leslie is in her second semester of
9 a four semester nursing program at Napa Valley College.
10 Leslie is certified -- Leslie personifies the idea that it
11 is never too late to follow your dream. And you'll hear a
12 little from her at this moment, a little, and then a lot
13 more at the luncheon this afternoon -- following this
14 session or whatever.

15 MS. MANCINI: Okay. I really don't know what to
16 say.

17 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN FERCHO: This is
18 the whole delegation. As a matter of fact, we have a huge
19 luncheon group. 160 of you will be joining us for lunch
20 and you will hear a lot more at lunch.

21 MS. MANCINI: I can say thank you and to all of
22 you who support this group. This is amazing. And I've
23 never been married and I feel like I just got married. It
24 was quite an experience down the aisle. So thank you all
25 for that.

1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Will the
3 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal, along with the Distinguished
4 Guest Chairman, escort the Unit Member of the Year Brenda
5 Boyd nominated by her Unit 314 Hawthorne District 19.

6 (Processional.)

7 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Well,
8 you can hear the noisy 19 over there is pretty excited. I
9 talked with Brenda a little last night. She said this is
10 the most nervous she's ever been. She's never seen such a
11 big room. But it is my pleasure to have you here. I have
12 this. It's the same color down here. And at this point
13 we're going to have the Vice President please --

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Susie, could you
15 please --

16 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Madam
17 President will now present you with your sash. And we
18 will hear a lot more about Brenda at the luncheon today.
19 You can tell she's -- they're really excited, 19th
20 District.

21 (Applause.)

22 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN FERCHO: I think
23 -- where's our notions? Where's our notions lady with her
24 pins? Our notion chairman. Oh, the nurse has it. Of
25 course the nurse has a pin. I didn't look to make sure.

1 I thought it all the way around so I only brought one pin,
2 but we got her all fixed up. So we will hear a lot more
3 at the luncheon. And this does complete all of my
4 remarks.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you very
6 much.

7 (Applause.)

8 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN FERCHO: One more
9 thing. Where's the luncheon at?

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Right outside.

11 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN FERCHO: And we
12 do have one thing. She's going to introduce someone who's
13 here with her today.

14 MS. BOYD: I would like to introduce my
15 father-in-law who is the outgoing Commander for the 19th
16 District, Robert Boyd.

17 (Applause.)

18 MS. BOYD: And my husband Jim Boyd, which is the
19 Adjunct for the Sons for Unit 314.

20 (Applause.)

21 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN FERCHO: And I
22 was a little amiss. I did not say for the \$4,000
23 scholarship Leslie Mancini was sponsored by District 5 and
24 it was presented by Jean Desmeules. And I'm not sure what
25 unit that is.

1 NAT'L STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBER TAYLOR:
2 Theodore Roosevelt 21.

3 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Oh,
4 yeah. That's Melanie's group. So thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Ruby, do you
7 have any notices to share today?

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Oh,
9 yeah. I had so many I had to put them in an envelope so I
10 wouldn't lose them. District 22 has one banquet ticket
11 available. District 23 would like to purchase one ticket
12 from District 26, and District 14 has two banquet tickets.
13 Oh, District -- that's the same. District 26. District
14 26 has one left, one banquet ticket left.

15 If anyone is interested in a CD of patriotic
16 anniversary music, see District 18. This tape I believe
17 Judy is going to give to the musician so that you can hear
18 a sample of this music. It's an absolutely great tape for
19 your unit meetings. It's got all kinds of beautiful music
20 on it. So, Judy, are you going to be -- she already has
21 it. You won't be sorry you purchased that. Believe me,
22 I've got two of them at home.

23 The Peachy Performers and Classy Penguins will
24 have lunch at the noon break on Saturday, June 27th in
25 Room 811. LuAnn 's Ship Captains will meet at 7:00 a.m.

1 Saturday in the atrium restaurant. Bev's Stars along with
2 Madeline Lee's and Linda Caples' District Presidents will
3 meet for lunch Saturday at noon in The Blu. Oh, they're
4 going to the bar.

5 Goldie's Golden Leaves, Gerri's Cards, Margaret's
6 Dream Catchers, Ruby's All Stars, Shelby's Actresses,
7 Pilar's Musicians will have lunch in Room 216 at the
8 Ontario Hotel at the noon break tomorrow on Saturday.

9 From the leadership chairman on the far side of
10 the room are two project boards in civility. Please take
11 a look at them, and you will what you will see are your
12 comments from the virus chat. Norma DuVall.

13 The H.O.O.P.S. Dream Team Captains are meeting
14 with the Commissioner Anita Biggs -- oh, there's another
15 one going to the bar. At the Blu Bar & Grill here in the
16 Ontario Airport immediately following Saturday morning's
17 session at approximately noon. Please send Anita a note
18 if you will attend.

19 Melanie's Balloon Pilots, Sue's Light Houses will
20 meet for breakfast Saturday morning 7:00 a.m. in this
21 hotel atrium restaurant. I believe that concludes the
22 announcements.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Announcements, announcements.
24 A horrible death to die. A horrible death to die. A
25 horrible, horrible, horrible, horrible, a horrible death

1 to die. Announcements, announcements, announcements.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: The PPP luncheon
3 will be held right outside. It's outside right there.
4 And for those of you who are making nominations for
5 2015-2016, please be on stage when we return from lunch.
6 We will now recess for lunch and reconvene at 2:00 p.m.

7 (Lunch recess from 12:12 p.m. to 2:08 p.m.)

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AFTERNOON SESSION - 2:08 P.M.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Will those who are making nominations for 2015-2016 please come to the stage. Ladies, please take your seats.

Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal, will you please shut the doors. Thank you.

Ladies, please take your seats. The convention is reconvened.

NOMINATIONS FOR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS 2015-2016

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: At this time we will proceed with the nominations for Department Officers, Junior Member of Finance, and Delegates and Alternates For the National Convention. If there are no objections, the chair will open the nominations.

(No response.)

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Nominations are now open for the office of Department President. The Chair recognizes June Coatney from District 22.

DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT COATNEY: Good afternoon, ladies. District 22 and San Diego Unit 6 nominate Susie Tozier for Department President for the year of 2015-2016.

(Applause.)

1 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT COATNEY: Susie's
2 eligibility is through her parents, Clyde and LaReine
3 Maxey, and three brothers Tom, Jim, and Dan. Along with
4 her three -- six brothers and sisters she grew up in a
5 Legion family. As a junior member of San Diego Unit 6 she
6 worked alongside the adults on various projects including
7 working in the kitchen and preparing the hall for events.

8 Susie took a break in membership for ten years
9 and returned to El Cajon Unit 303. Susie moved to San
10 Diego Unit 6. She has held chairmanship of both units
11 including president several times. On the district level
12 she has been District President twice and helped with
13 various department chairmen positions.

14 On the Department level Susie has held three
15 years Junior Conference, three years Financing Committee,
16 Children & Youth, VA&R, Membership/Department Vice
17 President positions. Susie has over 35 continuous years
18 of membership.

19 (Applause.)

20 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT COATNEY: Thank you.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Are there any
22 further nominations for Department President? June, did
23 you say nominate or endorse?

24 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT COATNEY: Endorse.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay. Could you

1 please --

2 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT COATNEY: I nominate Susie
3 Tozier as your district -- Department President for
4 2015-2016. Thank you very much.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Are there any
7 further nominations for Department President?

8 (No response.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Hearing none,
10 the nominations for Department President are now closed.
11 Nominations are now open for the office of Department Vice
12 President. The Chair recognizes Glenda Schultz from
13 District 6.

14 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REYES: 6.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I said 6.

16 DISTRICT 6 SECOND VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank
17 you. Unit 521 along with District 6 nominates Wendy
18 O'Brien for Vice President Department of California
19 2015-2016.

20 (Applause.)

21 DISTRICT 6 SECOND VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Wendy
22 O'Brien has been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary
23 for 12 years. She qualifies for the American Legion
24 Auxiliary under her husband of 37 years, John O'Brien, a
25 Vietnam veteran who served in the U.S. Navy, and both of

1 her brothers who also served in Vietnam, both receiving
2 Purple Hearts. Her stepson, stepdaughter, and
3 granddaughters all belong to the American Legion family.
4 She's a charter member of the American Legion Riders
5 Chapter 521 where she has served as Judge Advocate. She
6 is a lifetime member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW.
7 Wendy is retired from a business that she and her husband
8 started and ran for 15 years.

9 Wendy has chaired most programs at the Unit and
10 District levels, being the district of District 6 in 2011
11 and 2012. She has served as hospital representative at
12 Northern California VA Hospital for the last five years.
13 She has served as Area 1 membership support for two years,
14 Department Education Chairman, Department Leadership
15 Chairman, and is currently the Department of Veterans
16 Affairs & Rehabilitation Chairman. Haggin-Grant Unit 521
17 and District 6 along with her family are happy to nominate
18 Wendy for Vice President.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Are there any
21 further nominations for the office of Vice President?

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Hearing none,
24 nominations for Department Vice President are now closed.

25 (Applause.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Nominations are
2 now open for the office of Department Junior Member of
3 Finance. The chair recognizes Linda Fercho from District
4 16.

5 NAT'L W. DIVISION GIRLS' STATE CHAIRMAN FERCHO:
6 It is my honor to nominate Junior Member of Finance for
7 2015-2016 Linda Hayes, Palmdale Unit 238, District 20.
8 Linda has been an Auxiliary member for 23 years. Her
9 eligibility is through her late father Richard "Dick"
10 Madison who served as a Marine during World War II. Her
11 husband Richard Hayes is also a veteran from the Vietnam
12 era and served in the U.S. Army. Linda has two sons,
13 three stepsons, two granddaughters, two grandsons, two
14 stepdaughters and is also a proud pet owner.

15 Linda is a member of the Palmdale Unit 348 in
16 District 20. She has served as unit president for ten of
17 the last 13 years and has served in most positions and
18 chairmanships. She also served as the district president
19 after going through the chairs and currently is secretary.
20 At the department level she has served as Junior
21 Activities Chairman for 2012-2013, Girls State Chairman
22 for 2013-2014 and 2014-2015, Veterans Home Representative
23 for William "Pete" Knight Veterans Home in Lancaster for
24 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.

25 She was employed by the Acton-Aqua Dulce Unified

1 School District from September 1976 until she retired
2 August 31st, 2004. During her years at the school
3 district she set up the bookkeeping system for the
4 cafeteria in 1977. Later she became a payroll clerk which
5 in part required her to prepare and maintain the district
6 payroll budget for both certificated and classified
7 employees. This included all health and welfare benefits.
8 Later on Linda was promoted to administrative assistant to
9 the district superintendent which still included her
10 personnel and payroll duties.

11 Richard and Linda purchased a franchise business,
12 Screenmobile, which became very lucrative after the first
13 year. She retired from the school district to work in the
14 business full-time. Her job was to schedule appointments
15 and handle all aspects of the business.

16 Madam President, I nominate Linda Hayes, Palmdale
17 Unit 348, District 20 for Junior Member of Finance.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Are there any
20 further nominations for the office of Department Junior
21 Member of Finance?

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Hearing none,
24 nominations for the department Junior Member of Finance
25 are now closed.

1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Are there any
3 endorsements for National Officer?

4 (No response.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you. We
6 will now proceed with the nominations for delegates to the
7 National Convention.

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9 NOMINATIONS FOR DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO
10 NATIONAL CONVENTION

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12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: We are entitled
13 to five delegates for charter and 15 for the amount of
14 membership for a total of 20 delegates. Department
15 Constitution Article V, Section 10 reads the Department
16 President, Department President Elect, Department
17 Secretary/Treasurer, or the individual called by the
18 Department President to serve as a delegation secretary
19 for the National Convention, and National Chairman shall
20 be the first nominating delegates. If they are attending
21 the National Convention, each district will present the
22 names of the elected delegate and/or alternate for
23 ratification. The privilege of further nominations
24 provided the number of delegates and/or alternates is
25 under the designated number shall be given by district

1 numerical membership strength.

2 Membership -- I'm sorry. Nominations are now
3 open for delegates to National Convention. Will our
4 secretary, Ruby Kapsalis, please read the names of the
5 nominees.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

7 District 25, Donna Scott. District 6, Wendy O'Brien.
8 District 7, Bonnie Bradbury. District 24, Deloris Artis.
9 District 3 passes. The alternates that I have received.
10 From District 6, Ramona Tafoya and District 24, Ruth
11 Hackney.

12 Madam President, that leaves only one, two,
13 three, four -- four -- we have only had four delegates
14 assigned and we need 20. I do not have --

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Could the
16 Department Presidents please line up in numerical order.

17 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT CORNISH: Madam President,
18 Lois Cornish from District 22. I was sure I sent in all
19 the paperwork and I did send in a national delegate form.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: What is
21 your national delegate and what is your --

22 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT CORNISH: Susie Tozier is
23 the delegate and Donna Smith is the alternate.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
25 you.

1 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT McCLURG: Madam President,
2 Ellen McClurg, District 14. I mailed in ours for Gloria
3 Sinopoli as delegate and Rosalie Taylor as the alternate.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Gloria
5 Sinopoli as the delegate and Rosalie Taylor as the
6 alternate.

7 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT McCLURG: Yes, ma'am.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
9 you.

10 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: District
11 26, Linda Workman is the delegate. Terry Snyder is the
12 alternate.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
14 you.

15 NAT'L STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBER TAYLOR:
16 Ruby, microphone two.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Hold on
18 just a moment, please. Okay.

19 NAT'L STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBER TAYLOR:
20 Melanie Taylor, District 5. We have one delegate, Melanie
21 Taylor, and we have passed on the alternate.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
23 you. Hold on just a moment. Okay. Thank you.

24 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MYERS: Vella Myers, District
25 27. LuAnn Capazzi is the delegate and pass on the

1 alternate.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
3 you.

4 DISTRICT 23 PRESIDENT BARBER: District 23,
5 Jackie Cleveland is the delegate to National and Wantu
6 Robinson is the alternate.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Hold
8 on. Helen, what was -- who was the delegate?

9 DISTRICT 23 PRESIDENT BARBER: Jackie Cleveland.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Jackie
11 Cleveland. Thank you.

12 DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT PARSHAL: Liz Parshal,
13 District 10. Constance Harbour, delegate. No alternate.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I'm
15 sorry. What's the name again.

16 DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT PARSHEL: Constance
17 Harbour.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Harbour
19 like H-A-R-B-O-R?

20 DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT PARSHEL: Harbour,
21 H-A-R-B-O-U-R.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All
23 right. Thank you. Constance; right?

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: What district
25 was that?

1 DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT PARSHEL: 10.
2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And you
3 passed on the alternate; right?
4 DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT PARSHEL: Yes.
5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
6 Susan.
7 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT BAKER: District 28 passes.
8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: On
9 both?
10 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT BAKER: Yes.
11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
12 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: District 9, Dolly
13 Rios. Pass on both.
14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Just a
15 moment, please. These are delegates. It takes us a few
16 minutes to find where you are on the roll call. Okay.
17 Thank you. District 29.
18 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT TOMLIN: District 29, Tami
19 Bell delegate. Kendall Madsen, alternate.
20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Tami Bell.
21 Kendall Madsen, alternate. Thank you.
22 DISTRICT 15 PRESIDENT GRAHAM: District 15, Zana
23 Chaney is the delegate and Delores Ryan is the alternate.
24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
25 Zana Chaney delegate. Okay. And Delores Ryan alternate.

1 DISTRICT 20 PRESIDENT McCHESNEY: District 20
2 passes.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Both;
4 right? Both alternate and delegate?

5 DISTRICT 20 PRESIDENT McCHESNEY: Right.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.

7 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT WARDRIP: District 21
8 passes on both.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
10 District 21. District 30.

11 DISTRICT 30 PRESIDENT VINCENT: District 30
12 passes on both.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
14 you.

15 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT MUNCH: District 16
16 delegate is Linda Fercho and our alternate is Darlene
17 Duncan.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
19 you. Darlene Duncan.

20 DISTRICT 12 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT KELLEY:
21 District 12 passes on both.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
23 you, District 12. There you are.

24 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT LOPEZ: Maria Lopez,
25 District 6 passes on the alternate.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Ramona
2 Tafoya, you want me to change that to pass?

3 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT LOPEZ: Yes, please.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
5 Removing Ramona Tafoya from District 6 and they're passing
6 for the alternate. Wendy O'Brien is the delegate?

7 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT LOPEZ: Correct. Yes.

8 DISTRICT 2 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON:
9 District 2 passes on the delegate, passes on the
10 alternate.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
12 you.

13 DISTRICT 15 PRESIDENT GRAHAM: District 15 has to
14 revise their alternate. It's Dee Ann Graham.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Dee Ann
16 Graham. Okay. Thank you. Is that it?

17 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT BULLARD: Ruby, I'm so
18 short you just didn't see me. District 19 has a question.
19 I sent in paperwork that said none, no one was going to
20 National.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: That's
22 a pass.

23 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT BULLARD: Since then had
24 someone just now someone spoke up and said they are able
25 to go to National. May we put them in as a delegate?

1 Tammy Sollazzo.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: That's
3 the delegate, right, Tammy Sollazzo?

4 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT BULLARD: Yes. No
5 alternate. Thank you.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
7 you. Pass on the alternate. District 17.

8 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT PARSONS-CROOKS: Pass on
9 both.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Pass on
11 both. No delegates.

12 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT DENNY: District 13 passes
13 on both.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
15 you. District 18.

16 District 18 PRESIDENT BRADSHAW: District 18,
17 Laura Bradshaw. Madam Secretary, we also did submit
18 paperwork. The delegate would be Aurora Sosa, A-U-R-O-R-A
19 S-O-S-A, and the alternate would be Norma DuVall.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
21 you. District 4.

22 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT DOWDEN: District 4 passes
23 on both.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
25 you, Lori.

1 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT ADAME: District 11 passes
2 on both.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
4 you.

5 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT BULLARD: Ruby, hello.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Oh,
7 there you are. I was going who's calling me?

8 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT BULLARD: District 19
9 President Becky Bullard. We have an alternate which is
10 Brenda Boyd from Unit 314.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Brenda
12 Boyd.

13 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT BULLARD: Brenda Boyd,
14 B-O-Y-D-E -- no E. Sorry. B-O-Y-D.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
16 Thank you. District 1, no one is here. That's a pass on
17 both. District 8 is a pass on both. So how many do we
18 have? Did anyone count? How many do we need?

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I have 19.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I have
21 19. So we only need one more. Then we go by numerical
22 strength. Do you want me to repeat it or just go to
23 District 29? Hey, with 2,000 members in one unit, guess
24 who's going to be first in numerical order; right?

25 Okay. District 29, we need one more delegate.

1 Please go to the microphone. Do you have another -- you
2 can either pass or give us the name.

3 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT TOMLIN: District 29
4 passes.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
6 District 22, do you have a delegate? We need one delegate
7 name.

8 DISTRICT 22 SECRETARY CORNISH: The name of
9 Donna -- excuse me.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Excuse me. We
11 have -- we are actually at 18 because I have Susie up here
12 and I counted Susie here, so -- so we actually have 18,
13 best estimate. We need two.

14 DISTRICT 22 SECRETARY CORNISH: Lois Cornish
15 representing District 22. We want the name of Donna
16 Smith, to raise her from an alternate to a delegate.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
18 you. Delegate -- so we're removing her as an alternate.
19 Okay. That is 20; right?

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: No, 19.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: One
22 more. District 25?

23 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT TOMLIN: Ruby, can I go
24 back?

25 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: District 25

1 passes.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
3 you. District 29.

4 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT TOMLIN: I'm back. We move
5 Kendall Madsen up to delegate from alternate.

6 (Applause.)

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
8 We need to remove Kendall Madsen as the alternate. Okay.
9 You're not replacing the alternate?

10 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT TOMLIN: No, ma'am.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: You're
12 passing. Okay. I only counted 17. I have President
13 Harriet Clendenin, President Elect Susie Tozier, National
14 Convention Diane DeLashmit, District 29 is Tami Bell and
15 Kendall Madsen, District 22 is Susie Tozier and Donna --

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: You're counting her twice.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Oh,
18 Susie is on here twice. See how special you are, Susie.

19 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: I know.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
21 So it's just Donna Smith for District 22. District 25 is
22 Donna Scott, the delegate. District 21 passes. District
23 19 Tommy Sollazzo, delegate; Brenda Boyd as the alternate.
24 District 16, Linda Fercho, delegate; Darlene Duncan,
25 alternate. District 28 passes the delegate and alternate.

1 District 18, Aurora Sosa is delegate; Norma DuVall
2 alternate.

3 District 11 passes both delegate alternate.

4 District 5 delegate Melanie Taylor; alternate passes.

5 District 23, Jackie Cleveland; Wantu Robinson alternate.

6 District 6, Wendy O'Brien delegate and pass on the

7 alternate. District 14, Gloria Sinopoli; Rosalie Taylor

8 alternate. District 27, LuAnn Capazzi, delegate; passes

9 on the alternate. District 15, Zana Chaney, delegate and

10 Dee Ann Graham as the alternate.

11 District 20 passes both delegate and alternate.

12 District 12 passes both delegate and alternate. District

13 26, Linda Workman, delegate; Shelly Snyder alternate.

14 District 7, Bonnie Bradbury, delegate; passes on the

15 alternate. District 2 passes both the delegate and

16 alternate. District 3 passes both the delegate and

17 alternate. District 4 passes both. District 13 passes

18 both.

19 District 24, Deloris Artis, delegate; Ruth

20 Hackney is the alternate. District 10, Constance Harbour

21 is the delegate; passes on the alternate. District 1

22 passes both. District 9 passes on both. District 3

23 passes on both. District 8 passes on both. District 8

24 passes on both. District 17 passes on both.

25 So that's the count that I have. Is that any

1 different than yours?

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: No, you're
3 right.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
5 So what do we got? We've got one, two, three, four, five,
6 six, seven, eight, nine, ten, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17.
7 We need three. I'm leaving it up to these ladies to
8 count. I can't write and count at the same time.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I think that's
10 20, Ruby. I start with three and I've got 20.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
12 We've got our 20 delegates, ladies.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Nominations are
15 now closed for delegates to the National Convention.
16 Nominations are now open for alternates to National
17 Convention. Will our secretary, Ruby Kapsalis, please
18 read the names for the alternates.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
20 District 29 passes alternate. District 22 is Donna Smith.
21 Oh, no. She was moved to delegate. District 22 passes.
22 No, she's alternate.

23 DISTRICT 22 SECRETARY CORNISH: District 22 will
24 move up alternate June Coatney to first alternate.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.

1 Thank you. Okay. District 25 alternate. Does District
2 25 have an alternate?

3 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: Pass.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Pass.
5 District 21 passes. District 19, Brenda Boyd. District
6 16, Darlene Duncan. District 28 passes. District 19,
7 Norma DuVall. District 11 passes. District 5 passes.
8 District 23, Wantu Robinson. District 6 passes. District
9 14, Rosalie Taylor. District 27 passes. District 15, Dee
10 Ann Graham. District 20 passes. District 12 passes.
11 District 26, Sherry Snyder. District 7 passes. District
12 2 passes. District 30 passes. District 4 passes.
13 District 13 passes. District 24, Ruth Hackney. District
14 10 passes. District 1 passes. District 9 passes.
15 District 3 passes. District 8 passes. District 17
16 passes.

17 Eight? I've got one, two, three, four, five,
18 six, seven, eight, nine. I got nine. Nine. Okay.
19 Ladies, we need names. Even if you're not going, we need
20 names. Okay. District 29, I'll wait for you. I'll wait
21 for you.

22 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT TOMLIN: We would like to
23 submit an alternate, Melveta Mason.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Melveta
25 Mason. Thank you.

1 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT BULLARD: District 19, I
2 have two alternates. Diana Livas and --

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Just a
4 moment. It's not your turn yet.

5 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT BULLARD: I'm sorry.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I have
7 to go by numeric strength. District 22.

8 DISTRICT 22 SECRETARY CORNISH: District 22 puts
9 the name of April -- June Coatney as alternate. Okay.
10 Would you like another one?

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: No. We
12 have to go through the numeric strength before you can put
13 another one.

14 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: District 25
15 puts --

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
17 District 25.

18 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: Tamara Durant.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Tamara
20 Durant. That is 11. Remember your numbers, ladies.

21 District 21. Does District 21 wish to submit a
22 name?

23 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT WARDRIP: District 21 would
24 submit Marge Rye.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Marge

1 Rye. All right. Thank you. District 19, now you're up
2 too.

3 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT BULLARD: Now I don't want
4 to move.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: You've
6 got to build up that membership if you want to be number
7 one.

8 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT BULLARD: I am number one.
9 District 19 submits Jean Cooley-Desmeules.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
11 you very much. Okay. District 16. That's 13.

12 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT MUNCH: District 16 passes.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
14 District 16 passes. Okay. How about District 28? I
15 think they continue to pass; is that right, Susan?
16 District 28.

17 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT BAKER: We continue to
18 pass.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
20 you. District 18.

21 DISTRICT 18 PRESIDENT BRADSHAW: District 18
22 passes.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
24 District 11.

25 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT ADAME: We're passing.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Still
2 pass. District 5 still pass?

3 NAT'L STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBER TAYLOR:
4 Still pass.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
6 District 23. District 23? You still -- didn't you pass?
7 District 6.

8 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT LOPEZ: That's us. Maria
9 Lopez for District 6. Sherry Watson will be the
10 alternate. Sherry Watson.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Watson?

12 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT LOPEZ: Yeah.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
14 S-H-E-R-R-Y?

15 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT LOPEZ: S-O-N.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: No,
17 Sherry. S-H-E-R-R-Y. Watson. Okay. That's 14. Okay.
18 Okay. I'm going to go back to District 22. I think we
19 kind of messed you up or I kind of messed you up. Go
20 ahead and submit another one. You got a name? This is
21 for alternate.

22 DISTRICT 22 SECRETARY CORNISH: We have lots of
23 names. I'm sorry. This is Lois Cornish, Secretary
24 District 22. We put in the name of April Kochur,
25 K-O-C-H-U-R.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
2 you. Okay. Ladies, that's 15. Okay. Now we're moving
3 back down to 14. District 14, we need five more names.

4 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT McCLURG: District 14 we
5 have a Debbie Hurado, H-U-R-A-D-O, and a Doreen Long.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: One at
7 a time. Give me the one name.

8 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT McCLURG: Debbie Hurado.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: What's
10 the first name?

11 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT McCLURG: Debbie.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And is
13 it H-E-R-R-A-R-A?

14 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT McCLURG: H-U-R-A-D-O,
15 Hurado.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
17 One name only. District 27 pass. District 27 passes.
18 Okay. We've got 16. We need four more. District 15.
19 District 15.

20 DISTRICT 15 PRESIDENT GRAHAM: We're going to
21 pass.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
23 You're still passing. Okay. District 20. District 20,
24 are you -- we need four names, ladies. Whether they go or
25 not, we need names.

1 DISTRICT 20 PRESIDENT McCHESNEY: Still pass.
2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
3 District 12. District 12. District 12.
4 DISTRICT 12 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT KELLEY: We
5 pass.
6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
7 District 26.
8 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: We're
9 passing.
10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: You
11 pass. District 7.
12 DISTRICT 7 PRESIDENT BANDERA: We still pass.
13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
14 District 2.
15 DISTRICT 2 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON: Pass.
16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
17 District 2 still passes.
18 DISTRICT 2 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT JOHNSON: Yes.
19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
20 District 30.
21 DISTRICT 30 PRESIDENT VINCENT: I would like to
22 be an alternate.
23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Kim
24 Vincent. That's 17. District 4.
25 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT DOWDEN: Still pass.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Pass.
2 District 13.
3 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT DENNY: Pass.
4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: 13
5 pass.
6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Is there anybody
7 who plans on attending?
8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
9 District 24.
10 DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT HACKNEY: District 24.
11 Nancy now is going to be going to convention.
12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Nancy
13 Niles. That's 18. Thank you. District 10.
14 DISTRICT 18 MEMBER PETERS: Susie Peters. I'll
15 be alternate.
16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: That is
17 17, 18, 19. One more. 24. We're at District 1. No one
18 here. District 9.
19 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT WARDRIP: Ruby, District
20 21, Leslie Vondra, V-O-N-D-R-A. Leslie Vondra for an
21 alternate.
22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
23 Thank you. District 21, repeat that name again.
24 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT WARDRIP: Leslie Vondra,
25 V-O-N-D-R-A.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Leslie
2 Vondra. And by my count that would be 20.

3 (Applause.)

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
5 I want to -- there's some question about whether the
6 alternates are actually going that we've got the names
7 for. Are there any -- anyone in the audience that is
8 going to National Convention that is not a delegate or
9 alternate? Only one.

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Two. Vergie.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
12 Any of the names nominated for alternate that are not
13 going? Are there any of you that their names have been
14 submitted and are not going? Because there are -- we need
15 to make room for -- please stand so we can see you. We've
16 got one from District 22. That's --

17 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Sherry Watson from District 6.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay. District
19 6. So can we withdraw -- are there -- can we withdraw
20 District 6's nomination?

21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Leslie Vondra, District 21.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: We're
23 going to withdraw Leslie District 21. Okay. Anyone else?

24 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT LOPEZ: District 6
25 withdrawn.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Sherry
2 Watson. Okay. There it is. Okay. So that's two. Oh,
3 I'm sorry.

4 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT ROWLAND: District 25.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: You're
6 not going. Okay. District 25. Remove that. We've
7 removed three. Anyone else that's name has been submitted
8 that is not going? Kim Vincent, are you not going?

9 DISTRICT 30 PRESIDENT VINCENT: (Shakes head.)

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.

11 Thank you. That's four. Marge Rye. Okay. Okay.

12 Ladies, we only have three I believe that said they would
13 like to go to National and are not alternates; is that
14 correct? Please stand. We have one, two. We should have
15 three or four. Only if you're going do I want your name.

16 So we have four and we're replacing four. So
17 that should be okay. Wait a minute. 24. I've got to go
18 back to 24 and put down your name; right? Actually I
19 have -- I'm just deleting it. Okay. District 24, Judy
20 Urich for District 24. That's one of the four that is
21 going. Over here, Lois?

22 DISTRICT 22 SECRETARY CORNISH: Yes, Vergie
23 Goffney as an alternate.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Is she
25 going?

1 DISTRICT 22 SECRETARY CORNISH: Yes, she is.
2 She's Jolena's aunt and she will be her chaperone.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
4 That's two. There's two.

5 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT McCLURG: District 14, we
6 have a Doreen Long.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And she
8 is going?

9 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT McCLURG: Yes, ma'am, she
10 is.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
12 Believe it or not -- okay. I think we're at 20 again.
13 Are we not?

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Could you please
15 give me the names.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
17 All right. District -- just alternates?

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Just alternates,
19 please.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
21 District 29 we have Cheryl Neiffer and we've got Melveta
22 Mason. Okay. District 22 we have June Coatney and we
23 have Vergie Goffney and April Kochur. Whatever. Sorry.
24 My notes are hard to follow. District 25 we have Nancy
25 Niles. I mean that's District 24. Sorry.

1 District 25, let's see. Where is my District 25.
2 There's nobody; they pass. Okay. District 21, is Marge
3 Rye passing? No, she's not going. So there is no
4 District 21 alternate.

5 NAT'L STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBER TAYLOR:
6 You need to ask them to be quiet so the court reporter can
7 hear.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Yes, please.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: So
10 District 19 is Brenda Boyd, Jean Cooley-Desmeules.
11 Desmeules. I'm sorry. District 16, they have Darlene
12 Duncan. And I'm looking down here to see if there's any
13 more. Nope, no other ones. District 28 passes. District
14 18 is Norma DuVall. And I don't believe I have any
15 others. No.

16 District 11 passes. District 5 passes. District
17 23 is Wantu Robinson, and that's all I have there.
18 District 6 is pass. District 14 is Rosalie Taylor and
19 Debbie Hurado and Doreen Long. Oh, okay. Those are
20 Josie's girls. Thank you.

21 District 27. Okay. District 27 passes and
22 continues to pass. District 15 is Dee Ann Graham and no
23 others. District 20 passes. District 12 passes.
24 District 26 is Sherry Snyder and no others. District 7
25 passes. District 2 passes. District 30 passes. District

1 4 passes. District 13 passes. District 24 is Ruth
2 Hackney, Nancy Niles, and Judy Urich.

3 District 10 passes. Oh, yeah, passes. Oh, Susan
4 Peters. I'm sorry. Susan Peters. District 1 passes.
5 District 9 passes. District 3 passes. District 8 passes.
6 District 17 passes. And District 22 did I say Vergie
7 Goffney? Yeah. So did anyone get a count? Is that 20?

8 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I finger counted at 20.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: You
10 finger counted 20.

11 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: 20.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
13 That is it. We're done.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Nominations are
16 now closed for alternates to National Convention. Will
17 the candidates nominated for the office please come to the
18 stage.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: They're
20 coming to the stage. Now that we've got those national
21 delegates and national alternates elected, I want you to
22 know that there is a deadline for housing and it's as
23 early as July 24th. The packets. Delegates pick the
24 packets for the convention, but I'm telling you pay
25 attention to the deadline because I think the banquet is

1 the 21st of July, housing is the 24th of July. These are
2 deadlines so make sure you look at them closely.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: In the meantime,
4 Linda -- come on, Linda. I almost forgot where I was at.
5 At this time it is my pleasure to present your department
6 candidates for the year 2015-2016. For Department
7 President Susie Tozier.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: For the
10 Department Vice President Wendy O'Brien.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: For the Junior
13 Member of Finance Linda Hayes.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: While pictures
16 are being taken, Ms. Anita, Past Department President, can
17 you -- thank you for reminding me. After Tami Bell.

18 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: Yes.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Can you please
20 come up and finish your -- and do you have copies for
21 everybody?

22 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: Yes.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you very
24 much. Ladies, thank you.

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1 HISTORIAN CONVENTION REPORT (Resumed)

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3 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: Madam President and
4 Members of the Assembly, the Historian Committee met out
5 in the dining room to revise the proposed amended --
6 proposed code addition, and we would like to amend Code 4.
7 Code 4 now reads: "Written and Picture History Book
8 Competition: Units and Districts may compete on
9 Department level under the following classifications:
10 Seniors. Junior Class I (ages through 12 years). Junior
11 Class II (ages 13 through 17 years). Prizes: Unit and
12 District shall each be awarded first, second, and third.
13 Junior Class I - first and second. Junior Class II -
14 first and second."

15 The proposed code change would be: "Written,
16 Picture, and CD/Flash Drive History Picture Book
17 Competition. Units and Districts may compete on
18 Department level under the following classifications:
19 Seniors. Junior Class I (ages through 12 years). Junior
20 Class II (ages 13 through 17 years). Prizes: Unit and
21 District shall each be awarded first, second, and third.
22 Junior Class I - first and second. Junior Class II -
23 first and second."

24 I make a motion -- no. Okay. By direction of
25 the committee, we propose this code change. I move for

1 this code change.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Let me see if I
3 can get this. "Written, Picture, and CD/Flash Drive
4 History Picture Book Competition. Units and Districts may
5 compete on Department level under the following
6 classifications: Seniors. Junior Class I (ages through
7 12 years). Junior Class II (ages 13 through 17 years).
8 Prizes: Unit and District shall each be awarded first,
9 second, and third. Junior Class I - first and second.
10 Junior Class II - first and second."

11 Is there any discussion?

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: All in favor?

14 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Motion carried.

18 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: Thank you, Madam
19 President.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you, Tami.

21 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: May I have one moment
22 to please give you a presentation? One second.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay. Tami,
24 apparently you had gone out for --

25 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: We -- I have the copy

1 of the rules for the written picture and CD/flash drive,
2 and with a little bit of tweaking we would like to
3 recommend that we give that to the next Historian to put
4 on the website.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you, Tami.

6 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: Now may I present you
7 with my presentation?

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Please.

9 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: On a quick note,
10 Madam President, it is with sincere appreciation that
11 again I would like to thank those that assisted in
12 donating and helping for the children's military dance.
13 And at this point I would like to present you with a
14 signed picture from all of the military families thanking
15 the American Legion Auxiliary for the dance.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you so
18 much.

19 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: They had the very
20 best time this year, and Madam President was even up there
21 and doing the Lilo and Stitch dance with all the kids.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: It was a sight
23 to behold.

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25 NEC WOMAN CONVENTION REPORT

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DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: Thank you, Madam President. This is the report of the National Executive Committeewoman. That is me. Yay.

Madam President, although the weather was a huge challenge with my first flight cancelled, I was still able to attend the Washington D.C. Conference. The NEC meeting was extremely informative with oral reports by selected national chairmen. There was a resolution presented that was defeated to allow a department to solicit donations from other departments. So you don't have to worry about hearing about that.

We were all given an Auxiliary winter poppy scarf and gloves. We then visited the World War II Memorial where myself, Past National President Nancy Brown-Park, and the Western Division VA&R Linda Workman each placed a red corsage at California's pillar. We then joined -- it was beautiful. It was gorgeous.

(Applause.)

DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: We then joined the National President and sang God Bless America. The conference had presentations by many veteran advocates that provided some new as well as different ideas for veteran caretakers and volunteer opportunities.

The Home Depot Foundation was the recipient of

1 the Spirit Award for their outstanding financial support
2 of American Legion Post renovations across the country and
3 veteran housing projects.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: Yeah, Home Depot.
6 So don't forget to apply if you want any assistance.
7 They're very willing to assist. Veterans Administration
8 Secretary Bob McDonald held a special press conference for
9 all the attendees to discuss the status of Veteran
10 Administration operations and backlogs.

11 Once back from DC, I had the honor of attending a
12 town hall meeting conducted by the American Legion DC
13 Director Verna Jones and her team at Hollywood Post 43.
14 Distinguished guests included the West Los Angeles VA
15 Medical Director, Department Service Officer Scott McKee,
16 NEC man Hugh Crooks, and Department Commander Janet Wilson
17 along with many veterans who spoke up about the lack of
18 care and medical issues at VA facilities.

19 It has been my extreme honor to represent
20 California on this National level. And, Madam President,
21 that concludes my report.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you,
24 Anita. Vice President Susie, will you please assume the
25 chair so I can give my report, please?

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2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CONVENTION REPORT
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4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I used to think
5 I like to be over here, but I'm really excited to give
6 this report.

7 Good afternoon, friends. I am so excited to be
8 here and tell you in just a few minutes the highlights of
9 this year. One of the first big days for me was
10 installing District 17. Over one hundred people were in
11 attendance for this momentous event. The back room of a
12 Chinese restaurant was filled with Auxiliary and Legion
13 members wishing the District good luck. Since there were
14 other patrons sharing the room, when we got to the Pledge
15 of Allegiance and sang the National Anthem, the patrons
16 joined in. It was heartwarming to witness. Oh, and the
17 food was delicious.

18 Visiting all the VA medical centers with vice
19 president Susie and VA&R Chairman Wendy was quite an
20 adventure as well. The tours were great and talking to
21 the brand-new directors, and in some cases voluntary
22 coordinators, was an eye opener. When we went to the
23 first, second, and third facility and were meeting
24 brand-new directors, well, that was interesting, but then
25 after meeting all nine brand-new directors, I realized

1 that the well-deserved shakeup that the VA system was
2 under due to the scrutiny. They had all been audited and
3 were quite frank about it, and in my opinion, the good
4 things happened because very bad things were public
5 knowledge.

6 It has been exciting to see the changes that have
7 only benefited our veterans this year, and you know there
8 are more to come. I also am very proud of the American
9 Legion, for they were the first and for a long time the
10 only ones to shout out to the powers that be in Washington
11 that the system was broken and needed fixing not tomorrow,
12 but right now. We are not done yet, but we have done
13 great things already with more to come.

14 Another highlight of this year was visiting with
15 National President Janet Jefford at the Naomi House on the
16 campus of West Los Angeles VAMC, bringing two carloads of
17 items for the women in the shelter, and meeting with the
18 director. Then we went to the lawn area and helped serve
19 food to veterans as it was almost Veterans Day. I hope
20 she has forgiven me for forgetting our coats on the
21 airplane to Monterey, which were never found. Both
22 Pacific Palisades and Monterey did a great job and, oh,
23 the food was delicious.

24 Visiting districts and hearing the amazing work
25 done by members was so much fun. I know you will hear

1 more about it from our chairman. The special part about
2 meeting and visiting the districts, I met some real worker
3 bees. Not just the ladies we see at convention, but the
4 ladies we don't. Hearing what they do in their units for
5 the veterans and communities was very rewarding. Sharing
6 fundraising tips, tips for packing packages, or how to
7 offer poppies was great and educational for all of us.
8 The hospitality was excellent and everyone made me feel
9 welcomed and special. Oh, and did I say the food was
10 delicious?

11 While for the most part this has been an amazing
12 year, there are some sad and difficult parts. Losing two
13 Past Department Presidents this year was especially
14 difficult for me. Sue Hooker from my own district,
15 advisor and friend, in October, and last month Pat
16 Sweeney, also friend and from District 27, our next door
17 neighbor.

18 Another issue has been the six-page letters from
19 members complaining about silly stuff, wasting so much
20 time answering with just the right words and trying to get
21 to the bottom of whatever the complaint really was about.
22 That's why I decided to encourage atta girls.
23 Certificates from me were passed out with a little gift.
24 These members' names and a brief description on the great
25 things they have done have been sent to me by other

1 members. I have 65 atta girls that I have given out. I
2 will -- Ruby is not here.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yeah, I
4 am.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Oh, you are.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
7 Including my husband.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Ruby, could you
9 come up here and grab that envelope on the bottom, please?
10 I forgot to bring it.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: You
12 need an envelope on the bottom of what?

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: That. Okay.
14 Well, I'll read the atta girls later. One of the atta
15 girls that I gave was to Art for all his support on the
16 west side, and I called him an atta girl anyway.

17 This year has been so much fun. I have learned
18 so much and have made some friends along the way. One was
19 an amazing lady I just met recently is 106 years old. She
20 is from District 5 and still works for Poppies. She told
21 me she was unit president about a dozen years. Two years
22 ago a lady exactly half her age became the unit president.

23 I met a brand-new member in District 21 who took
24 on an exceptional Children & Youth project that the unit
25 president was very proud to brag about. Both these

1 members will get atta girls. We need to thank our members
2 more. We need to show more appreciation. The five-year
3 centennial plan, Goal 2, is my favorite. Create an
4 internal culture of goodwill. Practice saying thank you.
5 Forgive silly errors. Remember, the person you may not
6 like might be the best person to help you achieve your
7 particular goal.

8 23,000 miles later, here we are at convention. I
9 have to thank all the amazing people who have helped me
10 throughout this year. Diane and Ruby, my fabulous
11 advisors, the officers and chairmen, district presidents,
12 and the caring members who have helped forge great
13 memories. Thank you all for your support and the
14 privilege and honor to serve as your Department President.
15 We have and will continue to create relationships, assist
16 families through service to veterans and our communities.
17 Thank you very much.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay. Now it's
20 your turn.

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22 SECRETARY/TREASURER CONVENTION REPORT

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24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Well,
25 thank God I don't have to add up anything. First and

1 foremost, Madam President, I want to personally thank all
2 of our members on behalf of the staff, Janeen Thomas,
3 Imelda Cruz and myself for all of the courtesies and
4 understanding that you have provided throughout this year.
5 Our number one goal is to be there for each of you
6 providing outstanding customer service that exceeds your
7 and my expectation which I believe and hope has been done
8 throughout the year.

9 Do you like the colored Book of Reports cover?

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: You can
12 thank the Convention Committee as they paid the costs to
13 print in color and Lyle Workman printed them. Thank
14 you --

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
17 you, ladies, and, Linda, please convey a job well done to
18 Lyle for us.

19 The Legion annual sweepstakes continues to be our
20 largest annual fundraiser, bringing in almost \$9500 a
21 year. We owe a debt of gratitude to the American Legion
22 for giving us the opportunity to participate and to all
23 the Auxiliary members who purchase the sweepstakes
24 tickets. I want to encourage all members to participate.
25 Take a chance. Who knows. You may be that lucky winner.

1 The more Auxiliary members participating, the more income
2 the Auxiliary will receive.

3 President's Club is another fundraiser that
4 specifically helps the general fund and charms and cards
5 will be presented by President Harriet when schedule
6 permits. So if you haven't signed up, it's not too late
7 and we'll get you added to the list of the presentations.

8 August 24th through the 31st is the approximate
9 time frame set for moving back into the War Memorial
10 Building, if that is where we are moving to. The War
11 Memorial Commission does not plan on renewing their
12 present contract for current office space past August
13 31st, 2015. So by September 1st, 2015, we will be home
14 wherever that may be, in San Francisco or Sanger,
15 depending upon decisions made by the Legion and the
16 Auxiliary at this convention.

17 In September the Franchise Tax Board,
18 MyFTBAccount and the person who is registered for the
19 account can view all your notices, tax returns and
20 correspondence received and sent to and from the Franchise
21 Tax Board. If you notice a tax return is not visible when
22 the expanded version of the account goes live, let me know
23 and I will get in touch with my point of contact and she
24 will make it visible for you. This will enable you to
25 view and print copies of all your state returns and

1 correspondence.

2 There are two membership changes that are going
3 to take place in 2016 that everyone needs to know about.
4 And they are National will be setting all the unit
5 membership goals. Setting goals is in conjunction with
6 the strategic or centennial plan of reaching one million
7 members by 2020. Although it is not clear exactly how all
8 of this will work as yet, more information and guidance
9 will be forthcoming.

10 With the 2016 membership year, members will be
11 able to pay their dues online directly to National and
12 National will reimburse the department their portions --
13 the Department's portion plus the Unit's portion of dues
14 and then Department will have to turn around and send the
15 Unit's portions directly to the unit. This is the same
16 way the Legion is operating at present, and although there
17 are pitfalls, it's a new way of doing business that we
18 need to embrace and get ready for this change.

19 Currently the Department has 139 live units and
20 11 live districts with viewing rights only for the ALA
21 Management Information Systems or what I call ALAMIS. I
22 believe if you ask any one of the current users they will
23 tell you they love it and that it is a great and valuable
24 membership tool. Are you laughing because of this? Oh.

25 Live units can monitor their membership and get

1 reports with little to no effort whenever and from
2 whenever they want them. Units do assume the
3 responsibility of manning their unit database to the
4 extent that National allows them to do so, such as making
5 name or address changes or inputting all new members'
6 information into the system before they transmit the
7 membership to Department.

8 When units fulfill these responsibilities, it is
9 a tremendous timesaver for the Department in processing
10 and getting posting into ALAMIS. The policy of the
11 Department is to process membership transmittals and
12 checks and get membership posted into ALAMIS within two
13 days of receipt. And I am happy to report we have
14 successfully been able to do this largely due to Terry
15 Mikesell stepping up to the plate and volunteering her
16 time and efforts to make this happen.

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank
19 you, Terry. We couldn't have done it without you.
20 Unfortunately there are times when the two-day policy
21 doesn't work, and that is when membership applications are
22 not submitted with membership transmittals or are
23 submitted but not filled out completely and correctly, not
24 enough or too much money is sent in with transmittals, and
25 that's when the transmittals get into the dreaded pending

1 file until such time as the unit gets back to the
2 department with the information or correct amount of dues
3 needed to post the membership into ALAMIS.

4 Common errors: information is not legible, no
5 name of deceased eligibility. Even if a veteran is
6 deceased, we must have his or her name on the application.
7 No post affiliation for living eligibility. We do not
8 have -- we do have members that do not have -- do not know
9 that in order to join the American Legion Auxiliary,
10 eligibility must belong to a post. We actually have
11 members that didn't know that and quite -- and more than
12 that one. That is common knowledge to those of us who
13 have been affiliated to this organization for so long, but
14 that information is not always known to all members and
15 particularly new members.

16 There is another misconception that Auxiliary
17 members are eligible through their father-in-law's
18 service, and this is not true. Please look at the
19 relationship on the membership application for
20 eligibility. Eligibility is set by Congress and cannot be
21 altered. It says "daughter," not "daughter-in-law." We
22 have approximately 19 members on the department pending
23 list currently that the department can't process because
24 we need information that only the unit or member can
25 provide. That's 19 members your units, districts, and

1 department are not receiving credit for, and more
2 importantly those members assume they are members, and as
3 far as the Department and National are concerned, they are
4 not members until the dues have been processed into the
5 National database.

6 Help us end this problem by taking a few minutes
7 to review all membership applications before you mail them
8 in to the Department to ensure that the membership
9 application is completely filled out providing all the
10 requested information and is signed by a post certifying
11 the eligibility of sponsor or unit secretary in case of
12 female veterans. If you can't read the information, you
13 can be assured we can't either. So please make sure
14 applications are legible.

15 New changes to ALAMIS: National has set up a
16 paid dues online report. This report will show any
17 members who have paid their dues online for our department
18 through ALAForVeterans website.

19 Wondering who has transferred within your
20 department? You now have the department transfer report.
21 This report displays any members who have transferred
22 within your department to a new unit. National will still
23 be sending emails for those members who transfer from one
24 state to another.

25 UnitView Security Group has now been added to

1 ALAMIS. UnitView only allows units to see unit reports
2 and export them. They are locked out of all our functions
3 of ALAMIS; the cost is still \$10 per user per unit.

4 How many of you even thought about litigations
5 and lawsuits when you joined this organization to help
6 others? It's a total different world out there, ladies,
7 today and units need to consider new avenues to protect
8 their unit and their officers through director and
9 officers liability insurance. Each district has been
10 given a flyer of recommended insurance coverage
11 recommended by National. If you haven't received it yet,
12 I'm going to have to get it to you.

13 Another protection for offices is becoming
14 incorporated which provides another level of protection
15 for you officers and generally protects them. Because if
16 there is a lawsuit, the corporation is normally sued and
17 not the governance. On the other hand, all officers have
18 a fiduciary responsibility serving in governance position
19 and if neglect can be proven, incorporation doesn't
20 prevent an officer from a personal lawsuit regardless of
21 whether the entity is or isn't incorporated.

22 The best course of action is to contact a local
23 insurance company in your community for guidance, then
24 take this information to your governance for a decision on
25 course of action that best suits your particular needs.

1 This is a recommendation and not a mandate.

2 There is strong encouragement from National that
3 departments embrace the National centennial or strategic
4 plan. And one of the hottest topics of concern right now
5 is fostering a culture of goodwill and also called
6 civility and Goal 2 of the ALA centennial plan. Foster an
7 internal culture of goodwill. The reason it is such a hot
8 topic is from past American Legion Auxiliary surveys,
9 incivility, bad behavior is the main reason our
10 organization is unable to retain members. Within three
11 years of joining, 45 percent of new members drop out. A
12 copy of the information that was presented to the ALA NEC
13 in February 2015 in Washington DC was distributed to the
14 Department Executive Committee meeting for review, study,
15 and possible future implementation into our Department's
16 own strategic plan.

17 Also given to the Department Executive Committee
18 members is a social media policy establishing guidelines
19 for all the social media now being used through websites,
20 Facebook, Twitter, et cetera. Tweeting, whatever. Rather
21 than reinventing the wheel, establishing our own
22 guidelines, the National guidelines were taken and
23 slightly modified to fit our department.

24 As far as our financial situation, we are doing
25 very well and in the best shape that I have ever seen for

1 many years, largely because we are not paying a third
2 salary.

3 (Applause.)

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Many of
5 you will remember the email that was distributed about all
6 the unclaimed property listed on the State Controller's
7 unclaimed property website belonging to the name of the
8 American Legion Auxiliary that wasn't affiliated with a
9 live unit or an active unit. I processed the claim and
10 I'm happy to report that the Department received a check
11 in the amount of \$1,224.91 --

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: -- from
14 the State of California. There are still four items
15 remaining on the list that may belong to one of your
16 units. One is for \$36.58 for Unit 310; one in Santa
17 Maria, no unit number, \$100 and over; one in Oxnard, a
18 safe deposit box. Contents I have no idea what's -- that
19 may be lots of good stuff. And last one doesn't identify
20 a city at all for \$20. If I -- I do have copies, and if
21 you belong to those units and you want the copy, see me
22 after the meeting and I'll be happy to provide it.

23 Madam Department President, I would like to thank
24 Kathie Martinez for obtaining a donation from her boss to
25 offset printing costs for the budget. She has done this

1 for three consecutive years and is a big savings to the
2 Department of California. Would you please have Kathie
3 come forward for the presentation you will be presenting
4 to her?

5 (Processional.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay. It says
7 this is a citation of recognition awarded to Kathie
8 Martinez, citation of recognition awarded to Joe Krieger,
9 regional manager, Traction Heavy Duty for rendering to
10 this organization invaluable help and support donating the
11 printing costs for 600 copies of 11 pages per year of the
12 department budget for the past three consecutive years.
13 In grateful acknowledgment of outstanding contribution to
14 the American Legion Auxiliary printing cost of 2013, 2014,
15 and 2015. The citation is awarded today. Would you
16 please give this to him on our behalf?

17 (Applause.)

18 POPPY CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: I will do that. Thank
19 you.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madam
21 Department President, on behalf of the staff and myself it
22 has been a pleasure working with and for you and serving
23 this great organization. And we extend our best wishes
24 for a memorable and most successful convention. And this
25 concludes my report.

1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: We will now
3 continue with the Department Chairmen reports. Will
4 Children & Youth, National Security, and Editor please
5 come to the stage. Scratch that. Ladies, no rush. We
6 need to finish with the officers. And I'd like to start
7 with the Parliamentarian, please.

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9 PARLIAMENTARIAN CONVENTION REPORT

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11 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: I feel
12 like a good portion of my report has already been given.
13 You guys are going to hear some of the same things.

14 Madam Master Quilter Harriet, this has been a
15 busy year as usual. Your theme Creating Relationships
16 Assisting Families Through Service is a good place to
17 start when we encounter problems. Most of the problems
18 seem to be personality and/or control issues, in other
19 words, relationships.

20 We need to give opportunities to our newer
21 members so that they can learn what we are all about and
22 carry on after us. Over and over I hear the same people
23 holding the same positions, and that includes me. If we
24 continue to do this, there will be no one to take our
25 place when we are no longer able. We need to mentor and

1 build relationships to carry on our good work. The
2 culture of goodwill -- I think we've heard that a few
3 times today -- needs to be adopted. Respect for others
4 and their ideas is essential if our organization is going
5 to be around for another generation. How we handle
6 situations like these tells a lot about our character.

7 Those of us that are seasoned members need to be
8 more open to our newer members. Just because we have
9 always done something a certain way does not mean it is
10 the right way or that there isn't a different way to do
11 things. I find it fascinating to hear someone say we have
12 always done something a certain way when they have only
13 been a member for five or ten years. Someone else's
14 always may be 50 years or more, and I don't know of anyone
15 that has been here since 1919 and that was our beginning.
16 Try to avoid that phrase as everyone's always is very
17 different and usually is based on how long they have been
18 a member.

19 Newer members need to avail themselves of the
20 opportunity to attend training sessions on proper ways to
21 do things. My experience is that those that need it the
22 most do not attend and those that have a pretty good grasp
23 of things are continually attending to learn more.

24 I'm diverting a minute. We have Odette Cuccaro
25 over there, and I'm not sure how long she's been a member.

1 About 65 years? How many? Sixty-five years. She still
2 goes to workshops.

3 (Applause.)

4 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Let's see.
5 Where was I? To hear that we have never -- I'm sorry. To
6 hear that they have never been told something troubles me,
7 especially if we don't go to anything where we can learn.
8 Often members do not want to take time out of their
9 regular meetings for any training, so when and where are
10 they going to learn?

11 In your theme, Madam President, parliamentarians
12 are notions that hold everything together, or try to
13 anyway. It is obvious to me that we need some training on
14 the Constitution & Bylaws, unit and department level.
15 Many answers to the questions and concerns can be found in
16 these documents, however, we either don't know how to find
17 what we're looking for or it's just easier to ask someone.
18 If you take the time to research various questions or
19 concerns, you will find it easier in the future and you
20 will remember the answer and where you found it.

21 Many times procedures we are using are not at all
22 correct, especially for voting on new members, elections,
23 or pre-convention caucuses. There needs to be a review
24 each year to make sure that we are in compliance and
25 button up any holes.

1 I leave you with this thought: Watch your
2 thoughts for they become your words. Watch your words for
3 they become your actions. Watch your actions for they
4 become your habits. Watch your habits for they become
5 your character. Watch your character for they become your
6 destiny.

7 Madam President, this concludes my report.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you,
10 Diane.

11 Liz, is the baby quiet? Can you give your report
12 to me?

13 MUSICIAN DOIDGE: She wants to sleep until we all
14 clap. No clapping.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: We'll all clap
16 quietly.

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18 MUSICIAN CONVENTION REPORT

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20 MUSICIAN DOIDGE: I messed up on my report a
21 little bit because I'm new. I combined my report with my
22 supplemental with my pre-caucus meeting, and then I was
23 listening and I realized it was done different, so I'm
24 going to report it a little bit differently than my actual
25 report as you're seeing just so it's the same.

1 The convention committee on Music met on June
2 25th in the Sycamore Room of the Ontario Airport Hotel in
3 Ontario, California. The statistical report of this
4 chairman does not exist; we don't have one. We did not
5 have -- appoint a secretary, so I acted as the secretary.
6 Pilar Reyes offered prayer and Jean Cooley-Desmeules was
7 appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of nine district
8 delegates answered roll call and there were three
9 visitors.

10 During our meeting we discussed the music
11 program. District 18 representative Judy Taddachi brought
12 up the CD that her district made with patriotic and gospel
13 music and asked Margaret to bring some, so if you guys are
14 interested in buying the CDs, Judy has them. Back there
15 raising her hand. I'm going to ask to play at least one
16 track a little later, and there's two tracks on the CD
17 that can't be heard on any other CD from what I've been
18 told. And that is the end of my committee report. May I
19 continue with my supplemental?

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I shook my head.
21 I'm sorry.

22 MUSICIAN DOIDGE: I saw it. Thank you, Madam
23 President Harriet, for this appointment. I've always had
24 a passion for music so I was excited to be asked to serve
25 as the Musician, and it got even better when I heard that

1 Harriet wanted rock music.

2 Due to finding out I was pregnant again shortly
3 after convention, I did not hold a song contest this year
4 or any other contest that I have a report of.

5 I do want to thank District 19 for submitting the
6 song book, and it's in the back there. Yeah, it is. It's
7 back there if anybody would like to take a look at it.

8 (Applause.)

9 MUSICIAN DOIDGE: The music program doesn't have
10 any end-of-year reports like most chairmen and officers so
11 I don't get to tell you about all the awesome things our
12 members have been doing this year. Instead I'm going to
13 tell you about some of the artists at USOs who perform
14 patriotic music throughout the year.

15 Pitbull entertained troops and their families
16 during the 4th of July USO concert at the White House.
17 Kiss and Def Leppard promoted hiring veterans while on
18 their summer tours. Trace Adkins and Casey James
19 performed at the USO/PenFed Concert in Fort Hood.
20 Nashville co-star Clare Bowen performed for troops at
21 Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma. Idina Menzel performed
22 the National Anthem at the Superbowl. Trisha Yearwood,
23 Phillip Phillips, Little Big Town, Carlos Santana, Aaron
24 Lewis, the Kansas City Symphony, and Joyce DiDonato
25 performed the National Anthem before each game of the

1 World Series.

2 Hopefully you have heard -- hopefully you have
3 heard of a couple of the musicians. These musicians and
4 many others support the troops by performing for them each
5 year. Thanks again to Madam President Harriet for this
6 appointment.

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you, Liz.
9 Marshal and Sergeant-at-Arms.

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11 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS & MARSHAL CONVENTION REPORT

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13 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS MOORE: Good afternoon, Madam
14 President and ladies. It has been a pleasure serving as
15 your Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal, also shown as the
16 Master Guard.

17 After installation in Santa Clara, we began our
18 responsibilities of keeping order at meetings, workshops,
19 providing courtesies to all guests which included
20 escorting members and guests, delivering and retrieving
21 messages, distributing materials and providing information
22 regarding proper advancement, retirement, and care of the
23 colors.

24 We are hopeful that the materials that were
25 distributed have been helpful in mastering your C.R.A.F.T.

1 and that you will continue to take pride in all that you
2 do to assist others, promote flag etiquette and honoring
3 our veterans.

4 Madam President, we thank you for this
5 appointment and wish you a most successful convention.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you very
7 much. Okay. Now I'd like to call please the Children &
8 Youth and National Security.

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10 CHILDREN & YOUTH CONVENTION REPORT

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12 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN MARSH: I don't know if
13 this is going to go down low enough for me or not. Madam
14 President, the Convention Committee on Children & Youth
15 met on June 25th in the Maple Room of the Ontario Airport
16 Hotel, in Ontario, California. The statistical report of
17 this chairman appears on page 26 of the Book of Reports.

18 Ann Philcox was appointed secretary. Bea Foster
19 offered prayer, and Terry Oclaray was appointed
20 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 22 district delegates
21 answered roll call. There were ten visitors present.

22 The committee agreed upon the following report:
23 The code was read and no code changes were made.

24 (Applause.)

25 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN MARSH: Gifts were

1 contributed to the chairmen. There was a question and
2 answer period that followed. Awards were presented for
3 100 percent reporting. Second and third place
4 supplementals were presented. The list of these awards
5 are posted in the office. The meeting was adjourned at
6 11:38 with closing prayer. This concludes this portion of
7 my report. May I continue with my supplemental?

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Please do.
9 Thank you.

10 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN MARSH: Once upon a
11 time in 2014 in a land far away, California, a princess
12 named Harriet Clendenin became president of the American
13 Legion Auxiliary Department of California. She chose a
14 theme for her merry workers to create teamwork and
15 motivation. She chose C.R.A.F.T.S., Creating Relations
16 Assisting Families Through Service. She charged each
17 chairman in the department to designate a craft as the
18 theme for her chairmanship. The Children & Youth Chairman
19 chose Cupcake Decorators with the analogy that they were
20 taking sweet small things and decorating their lives to
21 make their world a more beautiful place.

22 With this theme in mind the District and Unit
23 Chairmen set to work doing wondrous works and the
24 Auxiliary flourished. While the chairmen enjoyed playing
25 with their theme, they were very serious about their

1 dedication and work for the children and youth in their
2 respective units and communities.

3 Reported were 661 activities to raise money and
4 property to donate to needy children. Easter baskets and
5 Christmas and Thanksgiving baskets were prepared for the
6 needy and homeless veterans' children as well as others in
7 need. One unit collected 104 pairs of new shoes and were
8 rewarded by the excited faces of the children grateful for
9 receiving a brand-new pair of shoes.

10 One unit reported collecting 368 jackets, gloves,
11 and beanies that provided warmth to many children. A
12 disastrous fire that burnt 43 homes in one unit's area
13 created much need. The unit purchased \$50 Kmart gift
14 cards and provided them for children that needed new
15 backpacks and school supplies. Another unit sees to it
16 that the smallest children are also cared for by providing
17 diapers, receiving blankets, pacifiers, sleepers, powder,
18 bibs and other baby items to families stationed at the
19 local Navy base. Many hero packets were assembled and
20 given out by other members.

21 The unit in one area spent months preparing a
22 hometown heroes event. They recruited local merchants
23 that pitched in and helped along with other organizations
24 in town. Parents signed picture consents and 36 young
25 heros were shown a wonderful time with all kinds of

1 activities for them that helped them to forget for the day
2 that one of their parents was far away. It was a
3 well-planned wonderful day with the whole community
4 working together.

5 Units in another area also put months of work and
6 dedication into an annual military children's ball which
7 is -- or children's military ball which is a huge success
8 with over 100 children and their families from the
9 military base in attendance. Hours of planning, hard
10 work, and money goes into putting on these events.

11 Special attention is paid to the homeless
12 children attending veterans' Stand Downs around the state.
13 Donations for children's items are requested. Backpacks
14 are supplied with healthy, and some not so healthy, snacks
15 and juices for them to take with them. It is so sad to
16 see the homeless families.

17 Others that benefit from the generosity of the
18 Auxiliary members include local schools, Girl Scout
19 troops, 4-H groups, USO children's rooms, sports clubs,
20 City of Hope, St. Jude's Hospital, children's hospitals,
21 preschools, daycare centers, libraries, children's reading
22 rooms, Toys For Tots, Christmas wish trees, and many
23 others. Parties are given for hundreds of children to
24 celebrate various holidays throughout the year with food,
25 toys, and gifts in abundance. Many, many school supplies

1 were provided to students.

2 One unit had a mother who took her young son to
3 grandma's house for a holiday dinner and reminded him they
4 had not prayed yet. He replied, "We don't have to pray
5 here." His mother reminded him we always pray before a
6 meal. His reply was, "Oh, we don't have to pray here.
7 Grandma knows how to cook."

8 (Applause.)

9 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN MARSH: That's not part
10 of the report. I just wanted to see if you were paying
11 attention.

12 Units participated in the Star Spangled Kids
13 program with enthusiasm. They went to schools to hand out
14 flags and tell the students about veterans. Patriotic
15 music was used to interest the students. Sometimes
16 veterans went with them to meet and talk with the kids
17 about veterans.

18 The books Light of Liberty, Pledge of Allegiance,
19 Our Country's Flag, pocket U.S. constitutions were tools
20 of education. 5,669 booklets and pamphlets were handed
21 out. Many classrooms wrote letters to mail to veterans.
22 Valentines were made by elementary students. Junior
23 members folded pocket flags to be given to deploying
24 military members.

25 To encourage, educate and help Children & Youth

1 chairmen develop a successful program, each chairman
2 received a packet at the beginning of the year explaining
3 the various aspects of the program and encouraging each to
4 concentrate on things they could be passionate about and
5 create their goals for the year. Each again received a
6 personal communication from their department chairman
7 during the holidays. A second packet was sent out to the
8 department chairmen after the department executive
9 committee in January to make sure all district Children &
10 Youth chairmen that were unable to attend received all the
11 information.

12 Also, three separate department workshops were
13 held early in the year to make sure the northern, central,
14 and southern districts all had equal access to all the
15 information available. The Star Spangled Kids program was
16 highlighted in all of these informational opportunities.
17 The Star Spangled Kids program was the current National
18 children in need for the project.

19 No doubt about it, the California Auxiliary
20 ladies have been busy. Over 13,000 volunteers served
21 3,263 families, 33,826 children, volunteered 58,618 hours,
22 and spent \$259,453 to serve the children of the department
23 of California. When I look at all the units that did not
24 report, I cannot help but wonder what the statistical
25 report would look like if we had 100 percent of the units

1 reporting.

2 (Applause.)

3 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN MARSH: Madam
4 President, this concludes my report. May I continue with
5 the presentations of my first place awards?

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Of course.

7 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN MARSH: Okay. I have
8 an award for outstanding Hometown Heroes program featuring
9 Kids Are Heroes Too, goes to Unit 256, District 25, Judy
10 Samples, chairman.

11 (Applause.)

12 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN MARSH: For outstanding
13 Children & Youth program in April is Children & Youth
14 Month Activities goes to District 18, Christine Evans,
15 chairman.

16 (Applause.)

17 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN MARSH: Outstanding
18 military children's activities goes to District 29, Janice
19 Spriggs, chairman.

20 (Applause.)

21 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN MARSH: You wonder why
22 this is going to a district rather than a unit is because
23 the district and the units cooperated.

24 (Applause.)

25 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN MARSH: First place

1 district supplemental report in Children & Youth goes
2 District 29, Janice Spriggs, chairman.

3 (Applause.)

4 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN MARSH: First place
5 unit supplemental report goes to Unit 716, District 29,
6 Deborah Driscoll, chairman.

7 (Applause.)

8 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN MARSH: Madam
9 President, thank you so much for this appointment and
10 opportunity this year. It has been rewarding and
11 fulfilling.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you,
13 Loretta. You did a great job.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: National
16 Security.

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18 NATIONAL SECURITY CONVENTION REPORT

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20 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR STEWART-WILSON: Thank
21 you. Will everyone who has a Book of Reports please pull
22 it out? Because the numbers in my Book of Report are not
23 correct and I will give you the correct. And for those of
24 you up here, no, I will not be reading all of the papers
25 that you received. It is for your information only. This

1 is page 31 in the Book of Reports, and I will read the
2 corrections after I finish this.

3 Madam Department President, the Convention
4 Committee on National Security met at 9:00 a.m. on June
5 25, 2015 in the Sage Room of the Ontario Airport Hotel,
6 Ontario, California. The statistical report of the
7 Chairman appears on page 31 of the Book of Reports.

8 Denise Coleman, District 23, Unit 228 was
9 appointed secretary. Danielle White, District 27, Unit
10 118 offered prayer, and Janice Scott, District 18, Unit
11 359 was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 18
12 District Delegates answered roll call. There were six
13 guests present.

14 By the direction of the committee the following
15 report is submitted for acceptance by this delegation.
16 The code was read with no changes to the code. There were
17 no resolutions referred to the Committee. By executive
18 command 26 districts reported and 15 received citations
19 for 100 percent reporting. Third and second place awards
20 were presented in committee with a listing included in the
21 district packets. Those of you who did not receive those
22 listings, I do have them for you at the end of the session
23 today. Listings are also posted in the Department
24 Convention office and attached with the report for the
25 executive board. Questions and answers and discussions on

1 reporting and supplementals followed. With no further
2 business the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

3 If you will refer to your Book of Reports, page
4 31, National Security. Districts participating, 26
5 districts reporting. If you'll go down to total
6 volunteers, the number should be 9448. 9448, total
7 volunteers. Total hours volunteered, 29,442.50.
8 29,442.50. Total awards presented, 87. Total care
9 packages sent. This is correct, 1,017. Total dollars
10 spent on military was 77,171.95. 77,171.95. Total
11 military served, 32,601. The dollar on the coupons is
12 correct, and the Services to Gateway is 44. Services to
13 Gateway is 44.

14 This concludes the report of the National
15 Security and I move for its acceptance. And, Madam
16 President, may I continue with my supplemental?

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Yes.

18 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN STEWART-WILSON: Thank
19 you. California's National Security Chairmen worked their
20 year focusing on maintaining, promotion, and strengthening
21 strong support for our military personnel and their
22 families. Every Auxiliary counts current or former
23 members of the US Military and the National Guard as part
24 of their population, thus all individuals in the United
25 Armed Forces were recognized at whatever event we

1 participated in.

2 The American Legion Auxiliary recognizes the
3 value that these men and women bring home as a result of
4 their service and implemented programs and invested in
5 resources to supplement to support their needs and those
6 of their families. Recognizing this, we tried to meet
7 their needs ultimately at the state and community level.

8 Members of the Department of California National
9 Security team put on their working clothes and began
10 surveying the much-needed services that were needed within
11 their communities. California's Auxiliary has units
12 located in every part of the state you can imagine:
13 mountains, seashores, cities, and floating. Our Legion
14 families have been involved with fundraisers,
15 run/walk-a-thons, parades, animal societies, health
16 foundations, ROTC and JFOTC because they are trainable and
17 our future is on their shoulders and a host of other
18 innovative, fun, yet helpful, events.

19 Members partnered with community groups to pack
20 care packages to send overseas to military personnel. We
21 work with family readiness groups providing gifts and
22 needed school supplies to children of deployed soldiers.
23 Community organizations invited us to participate in their
24 honor programs. "Homes for Troops" invited the Legion
25 Family to help welcome a severely disabled veteran to his

1 new home, which was designed especially for his
2 disability.

3 All From The Heart provides electric wheelchairs
4 for veterans who have a special need. We partnered with
5 one of the USO programs called Veterans Without Families
6 where a Legion family member attends the memorial service
7 for a veteran whose family is unable to attend or possibly
8 they have no family.

9 We started every year by promoting emergency
10 preparedness to everyone and any organization that will
11 listen to us. We unified in collaboration with
12 organizations putting on emergency fairs and Stand Downs.
13 We wanted our state to be the first to have all our posts
14 registered with the American Legion Red Cross as community
15 emergency centers. Unfortunately we didn't make that
16 goal.

17 We prodded our post executive boards to get first
18 aid kits in our post homes, making sure they were
19 identified by location to post members. We collaborated
20 with training centers to offer cardiopulmonary
21 resuscitation training (CPR) for our members and the
22 surrounding community neighbors. This chairman spoke at
23 an area Legionnaire caucus and sent notices to our state
24 disaster and emergency services commission encouraging
25 posts to invest money in purchasing automated external

1 defibrillators, depending on the size of their facility.

2 We focused energy on our members imploring them
3 to have home disaster kits and family disaster plans,
4 reminding them to not forget their furry four-legged
5 friends. They need food, water, and blankets too.

6 A district contributed \$200 to the Dog Handlers
7 Military Program. Another unit donated funds to the new
8 K-9 dog training program that trains dogs to be comfort to
9 returning wounded soldiers. Donation drives were planned
10 and completed because our veterans are always in need
11 somewhere.

12 I'm going to go down to the middle of the second
13 paragraph, for those of you following. We participated in
14 113 Heroes to Hometown ceremonies where we provided
15 welcome hugs for troops, fed many who have not had
16 home-cooked meals for many months, provided personal care
17 items to help them restore their personal comforts, and
18 just shared a comfortable safe place for them to come back
19 to.

20 Many of our Auxiliary members raised funds to
21 supply items to the hangars where families waited for
22 their loved ones. Child care services were provided to
23 give parents some time alone while completing paperwork or
24 picking up supplies, exhibiting service, not self,
25 attitudes, instilling pride and loyalty in new Auxiliary

1 members who are learning what we do and who we really are.

2 The middle of the second paragraph. At USO
3 locations throughout California, Auxiliary members provide
4 much-needed supplies for troops transitioning through our
5 airports. Personal touches are increasingly important
6 when veterans are supplied with personal survival kits as
7 they utilize the facilities. Twenty-five units either
8 worked at USO or encouraged their families, friends, and
9 community to donate much-needed items to the USO in their
10 area.

11 Attached to your report, platform members, is a
12 flyer that this Chairman has sent out statewide to help
13 the Ontario USO facility this June 2015. Having been in
14 regular contact with the center manager, she indicated
15 they are expecting 9,000 reserve units from the Mojave
16 Viper Movement to pass through their facility and will be
17 in great need of the items listed on the wish list.

18 As a proud patriotic American, we are always
19 eager to honor the brave men and women who made heroic
20 sacrifices to protect our way of life. 195 units
21 participated in some type of POW/MIA program. Most units
22 attended ceremonies honoring POW/MIA's, held regular flag
23 draping rituals prior to the opening of their meeting, met
24 the plane delivering the soldier, or walked behind the
25 family and coffin as it went through the streets of their

1 town.

2 Some of the Auxiliary members, as myself, had an
3 opportunity to speak with family members of the deceased
4 or spoke to post members who knew the soldier and wanted
5 all to know how dedicated the soldier was to his
6 commitment of being a soldier.

7 I'm going to the next paragraph. Working with
8 Local Blue Star and Gold Star Mother Programs was richly
9 rewarding as we learned of the projects that were created
10 to help family members in touch with their home in the
11 states. 332 units interacted with these mothers working
12 Stand Downs, giving out personal items and useful
13 information about VA benefits. They raised funds to help
14 a wounded warrior with his hospital bills.

15 It has been a tremendous honor and a privilege to
16 represent you as the Department of California National
17 Security Chairman. Thank you so much for working with me
18 and I am extremely proud of you who worked very hard and
19 were dedicated to the office that you took. Thank you,
20 ladies. You are truly appreciated. Together we make a
21 difference.

22 (Applause.)

23 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN STEWART-WILSON: The
24 statistical numbers that I have are: Districts that
25 participated in the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program,

1 16. Operation Homefront, prepared care packages and wrote
2 letters, 84. Family Readiness Group, 66. Family to
3 Family Support, 50. Family Support Network who provided
4 childcare, tutoring, or adopted a family, 38. Operation
5 Comfort Warriors, 26. Heroes to Hometown, who honored
6 service members during welcome home ceremonies, 113. Gold
7 Star/Blue Star Banner Program, how many banners were
8 presented, 332 banners. POW/MIA Initiatives, those who
9 participated in those, recognized them, 195. Those who
10 went to the USO or participated in the reception centers,
11 25. National Military Appreciation Month, those who
12 participated, 25. Citizen Corps group, four. Those of
13 you who participated in ROTC and JROTC was 52. Total
14 number of volunteers, 9,448. Total hours volunteered,
15 29,442.50. Awards presented, 87. Care packages sent,
16 1,017. Dollars spent, \$77,171.95. Total number of
17 military served, 32,601, and the dollar value of coupons
18 sent, \$766,793.76.

19 Coupons were sent to Belgium, Germany, Great
20 Britain, Guam, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Okinawa,
21 Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Spain, Turkey, and the UK.

22 (Applause.)

23 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN STEWART-WILSON: There
24 was a flyer that was sent out and was saying that -- the
25 USO Ontario wish list of items. For those ladies who did

1 not receive it, I do have extras here to give to those who
2 would like to receive it.

3 For my award presentation, now I did send out
4 notices for the ladies to be present. I will start with
5 the best district supplemental which goes to -- first
6 place goes to District 28.

7 (Applause.)

8 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN STEWART-WILSON: Best
9 special project, activity, or event. This is focused on
10 Blue Star Mother goes first place, District 19, Unit 184.

11 (Applause.)

12 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN STEWART-WILSON: Best
13 military support unit. First place, District 16, Unit 66.

14 (Applause.)

15 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN STEWART-WILSON: Best
16 National Security program, first place goes to District
17 21.

18 (Applause.)

19 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN STEWART-WILSON: Now
20 this is to let you know that we do work very hard when it
21 comes to getting supplies to our military, so I am going
22 to let the audience know what the dollar amount that you
23 sent out, I have an honorable mention for District 25,
24 Unit 777. Your coupons was \$30,329.92.

25 (Applause.)

1 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN STEWART-WILSON: Third
2 place coupons submission, District 25, Unit 422,
3 \$96,407.40.

4 (Applause.)

5 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN STEWART-WILSON:
6 District 2 -- I'm sorry. Second place, District 28, Unit
7 694, \$139,501.74.

8 (Applause.)

9 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN STEWART-WILSON: And
10 first place goes to District 14, Unit 509. The value of
11 the coupons they submitted was \$436,195.80.

12 (Applause.)

13 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN STEWART-WILSON: And I
14 have -- this my special Merit to Service award, Malinda
15 Sinclair. As Malinda comes forward, you all need to know
16 that Malinda is the reason we had this emergency
17 preparedness program. She was the one that shared her
18 personal story and felt the need to get this whole package
19 idea together. And I want to let her know if it wasn't
20 for her idea, the emergency program that we have now
21 gotten started in the State of California would not have
22 taken place. So she has a citation for a Merit to Service
23 for Merit to Service and loyal cooperation, Malinda
24 Sinclair of District 18, Arcadia Unit 227 is awarded this
25 citation and recognition thereof by myself signed by

1 Harriet Clendenin.

2 (Applause.)

3 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN STEWART-WILSON: Madam
4 President, for your notification there was one award sent
5 to National and that was for the best military support
6 unit award submitted by Unit 521, Hagen-Grant.

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you very
9 much.

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay. Editor
12 Estella Avina. Let's start with a stretch here. You're
13 welcome. Okay. Thank you.

14

15 EDITOR CONVENTION REPORT

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17 EDITOR CHAIRMAN AVINA: Okay. The Convention
18 Committee on Editor met on June 25th in room Riesling of
19 the Ontario Airport Hotel in Ontario. There is no
20 statistical report for Editor.

21 Dodie Leaf, District 22, was appointed secretary.
22 You can't hear me?

23 NAT'L STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBER TAYLOR:
24 Bring it down.

25 EDITOR CHAIRMAN AVINA: Hello? You're going to

1 be sorry. LuAnn Capazzi, District 27, offered prayer, and
2 Geni Lefler, District 14, was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms.
3 A total of 13 district delegates -- no. 14. Sorry.
4 Typo -- district delegates answered roll call and there
5 were one guest and one alternate.

6 This committee agreed upon the following report.
7 The Auxiliary News Code was read and no changes were made.
8 After a question and answer session, the meeting was
9 turned over to Jennifer Bieger for the Public Relation
10 meeting.

11 Madam President, this concludes my committee
12 report. May I continue with my supplemental?

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Please do.
14 Thank you.

15 EDITOR CHAIRMAN AVINA: It's a short one. Madam
16 President Harriet, I am sorry to say that our numbers were
17 not very high this year. I received 41 articles in an
18 eight-month period and five photos were also submitted. I
19 have received a few phone calls from Auxiliary members and
20 even Legionnaires, and that's what happens when your
21 number is the only one on the Legionnaire. You think I'm
22 kidding. I get calls from Legionnaires: You know, I pay
23 my dues and la-la-la-la. Oh, wrong person. Call the
24 department. The calls are those members who are receiving
25 their Legionnaire when it is already outdated. I will be

1 sending Ruby information on schedules of next year's
2 deadline dates per issue.

3 Those who are having problems receiving
4 Legionnaire may want to sign up for "opt out" which means
5 you will receive it via email. You will not receive the
6 printed copy that comes in the mail. You will receive it
7 online. And, you know, it's nice because you -- you would
8 get it a lot faster than you would in the mail. I hope to
9 have more information by midyear on how we can improve the
10 Auxiliary News. We're having some problems and a lot of
11 it's we're not getting issues. A lot of it is they're
12 bypassing me and sending it straight to the Legion
13 webmaster, and if he doesn't know the information that
14 they're saying is valid or not, he will just print it and
15 you get complaints. So make sure you always send it to me
16 first and send a copy to your president.

17 Madam President, this concludes my report.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Secretary Madam
20 Ruby, do we have any notices?

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Do we
22 have any what?

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Notices.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: What?
25 I know there's a lady out in the audience that's really

1 lost because, you know what, someone turned in -- is this
2 an iPhone? Somebody's totally lost. I know they're
3 there. I don't even know how to turn it on. I have a
4 flip phone. Jean Cooley, it's yours? All right. Jean
5 Cooley.

6 Also, I don't know, I got a nice little -- nice
7 little -- cute little bag that might belong to somebody.
8 It doesn't feel like there's anything in it, I don't
9 think.

10 Personally I want to thank all the ladies that
11 are in the registration and Department Office. They're
12 doing a tremendous job and I just want to thank them for
13 that.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Now
16 this is a note that's Greek to me. Ruby, Goal 5 has
17 started promoting hash tag number ALARockstars and all
18 members of the organization. It allows us to promote the
19 ALA with a social media post, so if you are posting,
20 please include the number hash tag number ALARockstars.
21 Nancy. And it's all in capital letters. I -- I don't
22 know about this group being called the ALARockstars.

23 PAST NAT'L PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: No, it's hash
24 tag. Hash tag is the number sign. That means hash tag.
25 So it's not -- this is hash tag. So National is going to

1 have a contest, so if you are posting, and I think some
2 people are, please include that ALA, the hash tag.
3 ALARockstars.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURE KAPSALIS: There's
5 a note here that flowers are in for Tylia. What is it?
6 Flowers are somewhere for her.

7 Okay. Norma DuVall's Caribbean Queens, Linda
8 Fercho's Rodeo Queens will meet for lunch in the atrium
9 tomorrow, Saturday. Thank you.

10 Bonnie's District Presidents will meet in the
11 lobby bar after the close of business today. There goes
12 another one to the bar.

13 Please announce for all who attended National
14 Security Committee to see Rebecca Wilson over by pin table
15 immediately following today's session. Thanks.

16 District 22 has two banquet tickets available.
17 One banquet ticket, District 6. See Ramona Tafoya. I
18 assume that District 6 has one ticket available.

19 Melanie's Balloon Pilots, Sue's Lighthouses,
20 Margie's Chefs will meet for breakfast tomorrow morning
21 7:00 a.m. in the hotel restaurant.

22 Please announce that if members or districts want
23 pictures, to meet the Historian at the flags after today's
24 session. I think that concludes the notes.

25 Oh, District 11 has a banquet ticket.

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DISTRICT 11 MEMBER: \$100. Just kidding.

ADJOURNMENT

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: This session is now in recess until 5:00 a.m. tomorrow.

(Applause.)

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Oh, I was just kidding. This session is now in recess until 8:30 tomorrow morning.

(The American Legion Auxiliary Convention was adjourned at 4:31 p.m. to be reconvened on Saturday, June 27, 2015, at 8:30 a.m.)

1 STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
2 COUNTY OF STANISLAUS)
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5 I, Karen A. Andasola, 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 96th Annual
9 Convention was taken Friday, June 26, 2015, 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 96th 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 96th 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 10th day of July, 2015, at Modesto,
23 California.

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25 Karen A. Andasola, CSR No. 10919