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CALL TO ORDER

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DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Good morning,
10 ladies. Good morning.

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AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

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DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: The convention
13 session is reconvened. Will the District 12 Squadron of
14 the SAL please present the Colors of the Department of
15 California.

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(Processional.)

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DISTRICT 12 SQUADRON LEADER: Madam President,
18 Eight Time State, Seven Time National Champion Color Guard
19 Team presenting the colors for you this morning. I'd like
20 one question -- one request, if we have permission to
21 approach the podium.

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DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Yes, you may.
23 Please do.

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(Applause.)

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DISTRICT 12 SQUADRON LEADER: On behalf of the

1 Seven Time National Champion Color Guard and Eight Time
2 State, I would like to present you, Madam President, with
3 a Merits of Flag Half-Staff that all our Honor Guard wears
4 when we raise and lower the flag of the United States
5 Government.

6 And also we have a Chaplain coin. It's for
7 Chaplain. It started out last year, went very, very well.
8 We have a few left. And it's got the Four Chaplains. I
9 don't know if you know the story, but -- you know the
10 story. And on the other side has all the four families:
11 American Legion, the Riders, the Auxiliary, and the Sons
12 of the American Legion. Thank you.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you so
14 much.

15 (Applause.)

16 DISTRICT 12 SQUADRON MEMBER: Madam President,
17 it's my honor and privilege to present this star. "I am
18 part of a United States flag flown in the Central Valley
19 of California. I can no longer fly. The sun and wind
20 have caused me to become tattered and worn. Please carry
21 me with you as an ever reminder of our veterans who have
22 given the ultimate sacrifice to ensure our continued
23 freedom."

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you so
25 much.

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(Processional.)

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Will the
Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal -- our Master Comforter Vella
Myers will offer the invocation.

INVOCATION

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MYERS: Good morning. Let us
pray. Heavenly Father, be with us as we endeavor with our
friends of the Auxiliary for this last time under the
leadership of our President Harriet. We also ask that you
be with our fellow member Donna Scott as she fell earlier
today and we are unable to determine the condition at this
time. Help us as we commit ourselves to our various
programs of this great organization and continue in the
work for our veterans, families, and communities and
definitely the future of our youth. Guide us in all that
we do for you and for our country. Amen.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Will the Vice
President Susie Tozier please lead us in the Pledge of
Allegiance.

1 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: I pledge allegiance to the
2 flag of the United States of America and to the republic
3 for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible
4 with liberty and justice for all.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you. Will
6 the Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal, along with the
7 Distinguished Guest Chairman, please escort to this podium
8 Larry Van Kuran, the leading candidate for the Department
9 of California of the American Legion.

10 (Processional.)

11 DEPARTMENT LEGION COMMANDER VAN KURAN: Madam
12 President, Madam President Elect, and Madam Past
13 Presidents. You can't hear. I can project too.

14 Good morning, ladies

15 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

16 DEPARTMENT LEGION ELECT COMMANDER VAN KURAN: My
17 name is Larry Van Kuran. I'm from the 28th District in
18 the San Fernando Valley and I'm leading the candidate and
19 in about an hour and a half I'll be the Department
20 Commander, I believe, unless someone pops up out of the
21 woodwork.

22 I'll be really brief like a good Chaplain. What
23 you see is what you get, and I tell you what I'll do.
24 There's going to be a lot more communicating. I'll use
25 the mic.

1 We're getting a new website. We're going to
2 offer that to whoever cares to use it. It's going to be a
3 lot better than it used to be where you know what's going
4 on in your department. You'll be able to know a lot more
5 than you do now. And we're going to be orchestrating a
6 lot of different things.

7 You heard about Sanger. That was approved two
8 days ago, so we are going. Just so you know, that's been
9 in the plans since 2004 when Ken Hackney was the
10 Department Commander to look for a location between
11 Bakersfield and Fresno. The recent relocation because of
12 the remodel of the War Memorial Building in San Francisco
13 and the fact that we had to vacate our temporary premises
14 on September 1st caused us to start looking more earnest
15 for a location. So we found the Sanger building. It's in
16 town. It's not in an industrial park, so it fit a lot of
17 the needs.

18 You've heard a lot of things about pros and cons,
19 but the decision was made two days ago and we're going.
20 And what I will say is we will offer, should you choose to
21 come with us, no rent. But it's going to be your decision
22 if you should so decide.

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT LEGION COMMANDER VAN KURAN: So I
25 pretty much addressed everything I wanted to talk about.

1 If you would like to ask me any questions, feel free.

2 And by the way, don't be strangers. Call me,
3 send me emails. Anything you think will benefit the
4 Legion. I am for the Legion. Anything that can make it
5 better. And for the Legion family. My post never worked
6 so well as when we have our Auxiliary. We need to do that
7 more.

8 And I talked about a few things with Past
9 National President to do in the next coming year, and
10 maybe we can set some plans that will carry on beyond the
11 year. Because I only have a year. First three months is
12 the honeymoon, the next three months is hard work, and the
13 last three months they don't listen to you. Trust me,
14 that's true.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Except
16 in the Auxiliary.

17 DEPARTMENT LEGION COMMANDER VAN KURAN: So seeing
18 who you're going to have, who the Department is going to
19 have as the Commander I believe in the next hour and a
20 half I believe -- yes. Susie President Elect, meet with
21 me.

22 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: I did. Once I
23 did. At the Membership meeting. He owes me a dozen
24 long-stem red roses.

25 DEPARTMENT LEGION COMMANDER VAN KURAN: I'll

1 sweeten the pot.

2 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Oh, oh.

3 DEPARTMENT LEGION COMMANDER VAN KURAN: Dinner at
4 the location of your choice for you and your ten best
5 friends.

6 (Applause.)

7 DEPARTMENT LEGION COMMANDER VAN KURAN: I might
8 stretch it to 11. When Susie and I talked, she said how
9 about a dozen roses, and so we'll see. So I'm Larry Van
10 Kuran and we're going to work together and have a much
11 tighter group with the Auxiliary, the Sons, and the
12 Riders. Because we've got to do it in a family way.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you.
15 Thank you very much for taking time out of your busy
16 schedule this morning.

17 DEPARTMENT LEGION COMMANDER VAN KURAN: No busier
18 than yours.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: We are a little
20 bit behind. So I would like for you to have this pin.
21 It's two quilters working together, and that's what it
22 represents. So the best of luck to you.

23 DEPARTMENT LEGION COMMANDER VAN KURAN: Thank
24 you.

25 (Processional.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Madam Secretary,
2 will you call the roll of Department Officers, Chairmen,
3 and Hospital Reps.

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5 ROLL CALL

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7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good
8 morning.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: This is
11 the last column.

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
14 Department President Harriet.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I am here, Ruby.
16 Good morning.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good
18 morning, Madam President. Department Vice President Susie
19 Tozier.

20 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: I'm here.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
22 Secretary/Treasurer Ruby Kapsalis. I want to go home.
23 NEC Anita Biggs.

24 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: Good morning.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good

1 morning. Chaplain Vella Myers.

2 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MYERS: Here.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

4 Historian Tami Bell.

5 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: Yeah, I'm here. Yes.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Sort

7 of. Parliamentarian Diane DeLashmit.

8 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Notions

9 are here still.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

11 Musician Elizabeth Doidge.

12 MUSICIAN DOIDGE: Babies first come, first serve.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Are you

14 going to have some more?

15 MUSICIAN DOIDGE: No, no.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

17 Sergeant-At-Arms Sharon Moore.

18 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS MOORE: In the house.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Marshal

20 Debbie Fletcher.

21 MARSHAL FLETCHER: Good morning.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Finance

23 Committee Chairman Geri Fitzpatrick.

24 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: We're

25 still counting money.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: That's
2 a good sign. Finance Committee Kathryn Doran.

3 FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR MEMBER DORAN: Show me
4 the money.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Finance
6 Junior Member Susan Peters.

7 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MEMBER PETERS: Here.

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

10 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REYES: Present.

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

13 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL: Here.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
15 Advisory Committee Margaret Quinones. Excused, Madam
16 President?

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Yes.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Past
19 National President Nancy Brown-Park.

20 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: On my way to
21 Girls State.

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

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Excused.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

1 Auxiliary Emergency Fund Robin Falkenberg.

2 AEF CHAIRMAN FALKENBERG: I am out of bead
3 string. It's time to put them away.

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

6 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN MARSH: Washing my
7 sticky fingers.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
9 Community Service Tammy Sollazzo.

10 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN SOLLAZZO: Here.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
12 Constitution & Bylaws Michelle Soares.

13 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN SOARES: I can't
14 think of a humorous quip, but I'm here.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
16 Convention Diane DeLashmit.

17 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN DeLASHMIT: Shuu, shuu. It's
18 a lot of stuff.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
20 Convention Commission Melanie Taylor.

21 CONVENTION COMMISSION TAYLOR: I've got a hitch
22 in my stitch on the way to Fresno.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
24 Credentials Cheryl Neiffer.

25 CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN NEIFFER: Done counting,

1 ready to plow.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

3 Distinguished Guest Chairman Linda Workman.

4 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Good
5 morning.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Editor
7 Estella Avina.

8 EDITOR AVINA: Oh, here.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
10 Education Rosalie Taylor.

11 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: I'm here.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
13 Elections Karen Bobren.

14 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN BOBREN: Good morning.

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

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Excused. She's
18 at Girls State.

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

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Excused.

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

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Excused.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Junior

1 Conference Director Diana Livas.

2 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR LIVAS: Good morning,
3 Ruby.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good
5 morning, Diana. Leadership Norma DuVall.

6 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN DuVALL: I'm here, Ruby.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
8 Legislative Anita Biggs.

9 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN BIGGS: I'm making a huge
10 (inaudible).

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

13 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: I'm here.

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

16 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN STEWART-WILSON: Still
17 protecting.

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

20 PAST PRESIDENT PARLEY FERCHO: Finally out of the
21 kitchen. Thank you.

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

24 POPPY CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Good morning.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good

1 morning. Public Relations Jennifer Bieger.

2 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BIEGER: I'm here.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

4 Resolutions LuAnn Capazzi.

5 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: Good morning.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good

7 morning, LuAnn. Rules Danielle White.

8 RULES CHAIRMAN WHITE: Bon jour.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Bon

10 jour. I'll get that down. You have to teach me that that

11 the accent. Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Wendy

12 O'Brien.

13 VA&R CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: I have turned off the

14 ovens.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: She's

16 turned off the ovens.

17 NAT'L STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBER TAYLOR:

18 And took your head out.

19 NAT'L W. DIVISION GIRLS' STATE CHAIRMAN FERCHO:

20 Put your head in.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Ways & Means

22 Karen Munch.

23 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: I'm rich.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Oh,

25 she's rich. District 1 Pat Lindley. Excused. District 2

1 Barbara -- Nancy Johnson.

2 DISTRICT 2: District 2 is heading to the far
3 north.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
5 District 3 Lola Ramey.

6 DISTRICT 3 PRESIDENT RAMEY: Good morning.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good
8 morning. District 4 Lori Dowden.

9 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT DOWDEN: We're right behind
10 District 2 heading north.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
12 District 5 Melanie Taylor.

13 CONVENTION COMMISSION TAYLOR: Good morning,
14 Ruby.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good
16 morning. District 6 Maria Lopez.

17 DISTRICT 6: Good morning, Madam President.
18 We're wearing these stars for you.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you. Good
20 morning.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
22 District 7 Janie Bandera.

23 DISTRICT 7 PRESIDENT BANDERA: Good morning.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
25 District 8 Tammy Manini.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Absent.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

3 District 9 Dolly Rios.

4 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: Here.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

6 District 10 Liz Parshal.

7 DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT PARSHAL: Good morning,
8 Madam President.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Good morning.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

11 District 11 Maria Adame.

12 DISTRICT 11: Good morning, Madam President
13 Harriet. God bless you.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you, thank
15 you.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

17 District 12 Kathy Smith.

18 DISTRICT 12: We've sewn the final stitch. Good
19 morning, Madam President.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Good morning.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

22 District 13 Dondela Denny.

23 DISTRICT 13: Do you know the way to San Jose?

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I do.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

1 District 14 Ellen McClurg.

2 DISTRICT 14: Good morning, Madam President. The
3 thundering 14 is in the house.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good
5 morning. District 15 Dee Ann Graham.

6 DISTRICT 15: We have sewed, packing our sewing
7 kits, but not forgetting our vets. Hurry home, Madam
8 President.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you. Good
10 morning.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
12 District 16 Karen Munch.

13 DISTRICT 16: Our quilt is finished. The sweet
14 16 is on our way home.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Bye. Good
16 morning.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
18 District 17 Yoko Parsons-Crooks.

19 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT PARSONS-CROOKS: Good
20 morning, Ruby.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good
22 morning, Yoko. District 18 Laura Bradshaw.

23 DISTRICT 18: The evening stars and bow ties of
24 the Elegant 18th District are in the building. Good
25 morning, Madam President.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Good morning.

2 DISTRICT 18 MEMBER: And safe home to all.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

4 District 19 Becky Bullard.

5 DISTRICT 19: Good morning, Madam President. The
6 Noisy 19 District Dragons will continue to protect our
7 veterans as we say goodbye and thank you for an awesome
8 year.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you.

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

12 District 20 Carol McChesney.

13 DISTRICT 20: Some of us sew, some of us knit,
14 but we all worked for our vets. Good morning, Madam
15 President.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Good morning.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

18 District 21 Brenda Wardrip.

19 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT WARDRIP: Good morning,
20 Madam President.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Good morning.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

23 District 22 June Coatney.

24 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT COATNEY: Service, not
25 self.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

2 District 23 Helen Barber.

3 DISTRICT 23 PRESIDENT BARBER: Good morning,
4 Madam President.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Good morning.

6 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: Oh, good morning.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

8 District 24 Ruth Hackney. Oh, this is a show.

9 DISTRICT 24: We stitched, we sewed, it's time to
10 say goodbye. Bye-bye love. Bye-bye Harriet. Goodbye to
11 Harriet. I think I'm going to cry. Bye-bye love.
12 Bye-bye Harriet. Bye-bye. Bye-bye.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you so
15 much.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madam
17 President, do you need to make a new appointment maybe of
18 an entertainment chair?

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I think so.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I think
21 you have a good prospect. A choreographer. I'm sorry.

22 District 25 Gabby Roland.

23 DISTRICT 25: Time has come for us to leave. We
24 have a lot of fun. We wish you love and happiness now
25 that your year is done. Bye Madam President Harriet.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Bye.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
3 District 26 Linda Workman.

4 DISTRICT 26: We're going home, yeah.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
6 District 27 Vella Myers.

7 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT MYERS: Here.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
9 District 28 Susan Baker.

10 DISTRICT 28: Good morning, Madam President.
11 District 28 is still A-okay.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Good morning.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
14 District 29 Elizabeth Tomlin.

15 DISTRICT 29: We'll see you next year in the
16 front row.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: All right.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
19 District 30 Kim Vincent. She's excused I believe; right?

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Yes.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
22 Hospital reps. Fort Miley, Laurie Sullivan.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Absent.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
25 Northern California/Sacramento, Wendy O'Brien.

1 VA&R CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: I'm still here. I really
2 want to go home.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Central
4 California/Fresno, Toni Lopez. Absent. Palo Alto, Pat
5 Klang.

6 HOSPITAL REP KLANG: I'm here.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
8 Livermore, Ruth Briggs. Excused. WAVE Clinic San Diego,
9 Lois Cornish.

10 HOSPITAL REP CORNISH: I'm here. You see can't
11 me, but I am.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Loma
13 Linda, Jerry L. Pettis, Mavis Kanka.

14 HOSPITAL REP KANKA: Yes.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Long
16 Beach, Pat Alvarez. Greater LA, Earlean Paige.

17 HOSPITAL REP PAIGE: Headed west.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Veteran
19 homes. Barstow, Evangeline Acosta.

20 VETERANS HOME REP ACOSTA: Good morning.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Chula
22 Vista, Lois Cornish.

23 VETERANS HOME REP CORNISH: I'm here.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Fresno
25 Veterans Home, Rosalie Taylor.

1 VETERANS HOME REP TAYLOR: Present.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

3 Lancaster, Linda Hayes.

4 AUDIENCE MEMBER: She's still at Girls State.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: She's

6 going to be there a whole week too. Redding, Terry

7 Mikesell is here. Ventura, Madeline Lee.

8 VETERAN HOME REP LEE: Here.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: West

10 LA, Ruth Hackney.

11 VETERANS HOME REP HACKNEY: Yes.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

13 Yountville, Peggy Grabski. Absent.

14 That concludes your roll call, Madam President.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you very

16 much. We will continue with department reports.

17 Ms. Susie, Madam President, are you ready?

18 NAT'L W. DIVISION GIRLS' STATE CHAIRMAN FERCHO:

19 She is now.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: We'll start with

21 Membership and then we'll go to Finance.

22 Susie, please be sure to use your outside voice

23 and raise your voice.

24 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Can I use my short

25 person voice? Is everybody up here?

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MEMBERSHIP CONVENTION MEETING

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: The Convention Committee on Membership met June 25th, 2015 in the Juniper Room of the Ontario Airport Hotel, Ontario, California. The statistical report of this chairman appears on page 31 of the Book of Reports. Tracy Varnell, Unit 16 -- it's hot -- District 16 was appointed secretary, LuAnn Capazzi, District 17, offered prayer, Kendall Madsen, District 29, was the Sergeant-At-Arms. There were a total of 21 delegates that answered roll. There were 14 visitors present.

The committee agreed upon the following report: The code was read. The following changes were made. Code 5 reads: "When a Unit transfers from one district to another, the membership of that Unit and their goal shall be counted as part of the District's goal to which they have transferred. The District President shall be responsible for providing any assistance or information on transferring members whose Unit Charters are being cancelled."

Recommended change. Code 5 reads: "When a Unit transfers from one district to another, the membership of that Unit and their goal shall be counted as part of the

1 District's goal to which they have transferred."

2 New Code 6 -- this is all part of the same thing.

3 New Code 6: "The District President shall be responsible
4 for providing assistance or information on transferring
5 members whose Unit Charters are being cancelled."

6 The reason for this change is there were two
7 topics in one paragraph or two different subjects, so we
8 are separating the sentences and making the second
9 sentence a code in itself. That's what this change is.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Just a second,
11 please. The recommended change of Code 5: "When a Unit
12 transfers from one District to another, the membership of
13 that Unit and their goal shall be counted as part of the
14 District's goals to which they have transferred."

15 With new Code 6: "The District President shall
16 be responsible for providing assistance or information on
17 transferring members whose Unit Charters have been
18 cancelled."

19 Is there any discussion?

20 (No response.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: All in favor?

22 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Opposed?

24 (No response.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Motion carried.

1 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: At the direction of
2 the committee, I move that the subsequent codes be
3 renumbered from to 7 through 10 because of the change.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: The change
5 renumbering the codes. It's just -- okay. The code
6 change is to renumber Code 6 through 9 to read 7 through
7 10. Is there any discussion?

8 (No response.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: All in favor?

10 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Motion carried.

14 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Code No. 8. New
15 Code No. 8: "The Department President, Department
16 Chairman, Department Junior Activities Chairman, District
17 Presidents and District Chairmen shall be notified on the
18 1st and 15th of each month beginning with October as to
19 the status of the District membership standings by the
20 Department Office."

21 The recommended change: "The Department Office
22 shall publish weekly updates on the Department website the
23 Membership statistical information provided from
24 National."

25 By the direction of the Membership Committee, I

1 move the approval of this change.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay. It's
3 recommended to change: "The Department Office shall
4 publish weekly updates on the Department website the
5 Membership statistical information provided from
6 National."

7 Is there any discussion?

8 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: It's -- Code No. 7
9 was renumbered to 8. That's what the new 8 means. The
10 new 8. It's just a renumbering. It was Code 7.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: All in favor?

12 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Motion carried.

16 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Other discussions.
17 National is waiving the \$9 per capita again for the first
18 time new women veterans who join the Auxiliary. At the
19 recommendation of the committee -- by the direction of the
20 Membership Committee we move to again waive the Department
21 of California per capita for these new women veterans for
22 the year of 2016.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Did that go to
24 finance?

25 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: No. I remove the

1 motion for now. I will do that later.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay.

3 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: It was discussed
4 that the annual report should not only include statistical
5 information, but also ask the Units/District to describe
6 in detail their Membership activities. Maybe this will
7 encourage the Units/Districts to attach supplementals.
8 The information in the supplemental enables the Department
9 Chairman with details in their National report.

10 There was a discussion on paying dues online in
11 the future. They are going to allow in 2016 to pay dues
12 online. You can only pay your dues if you pay multiple
13 dues. You can't go -- you have to have a user ID and
14 password per membership card, and Juniors will not be
15 paying online.

16 There was also discussion about paying for PUFL
17 over time online. This question is being asked of Anita
18 Biggs, but she doesn't know the answer yet.

19 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: I just got the
20 question.

21 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Unless you have
22 updated information.

23 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: No, I don't.

24 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: The Colleen award.
25 Pat Sweeney's family is going to donate the money this

1 year; however, in the future they will not fund the award.
2 The committee passed the hat around and I have collected
3 the \$65. However, the family never did provide \$100, so
4 we got additional donations. We have \$100 for this year.

5 By the direction of the Committee, I move that
6 under department awards number F, the Colleen Award, that
7 we delete this code because --

8 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:
9 Second.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: It's been moved
11 and seconded that we --

12 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: The way the code is
13 is the Colleen Award is \$100 and is to be used to promote
14 the program of Education. This award will be under the
15 jurisdiction of the Department Membership Chairmen with
16 the following rules. One, the unit must have received a
17 Department Membership citation. Two, the unit must have
18 filed an activities report with the District President.
19 Three, activities report must show participation in the
20 following program: Americanism, Children & Youth,
21 Education, Legislation, Poppy, and Veterans Affairs &
22 Rehabilitation. Four, units shall attach a written
23 supplemental report which shows activities in each
24 program, hours spent, and dollars spent.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: It's been moved

1 and seconded to remove that entire code. Is there any
2 discussion?

3 DISTRICT 20 MEMBER PHILCOX: Yes. Ann Philcox,
4 District 20, Unit 377. Don't drop the award. I've been
5 looking for something to do in my husband's honor, and he
6 called the Auxiliary his girls, so every year I'm going to
7 donate that \$100 in his name.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Could you just
10 say your name and unit again so the recorder can get it?

11 DISTRICT 22 MEMBER PHILCOX: It's Ann Philcox,
12 District 20, Unit 377. Oh, and the name it will be under
13 is Edward Elks, E-L-K-S. And every year I will send \$100
14 for the Colleen Award.

15 (Applause.)

16 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Madam President, I
17 withdraw my motion.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you.

19 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: The meeting closed
20 at 11:20 a.m.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Could you please
22 make a motion to change the name to -- I'm sorry. Mr.
23 Elks --

24 DISTRICT 22 MEMBER PHILCOX: Edward.

25 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: I move to change the

1 name from the Colleen Award to the Edward Elks Memorial
2 Award. I'm sorry. I've got people talking in both ears.

3 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: I second.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay. It's been
5 moved and seconded that we change the Colleen Award to the
6 Edward Elks Memorial Award. Is there any further
7 discussion?

8 (No response.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: All in favor?

10 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Motion passes.

15 Thank you, Ann, so much.

16 (Applause.)

17 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: May I do my
18 supplemental?

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Yes.

20 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: The Puzzle Makers
21 started placing the Membership puzzle pieces on the board
22 right away. Units were eager along with Department to see
23 what the final picture will look like. The challenge was
24 on.

25 194 units have made goal. Five districts have

1 made goal. Renew/rejoin target was 84.47 percent in third
2 place behind Hawaii and Arizona in the Western Division.
3 Rejoin/renew target: 30th place nationally with the same
4 84.47 percent. Monthly milestone achievement award:
5 California needs 1,285. So we can get some money. So go
6 out there and get those renew and rejoin people in this
7 last few months so we can get some money. I like money.

8 Congratulations for completing your puzzles. It
9 was hard to give a lot of details to National about how
10 Units were able to get their memberships. I was able to
11 use information provided at midyear and looking at the
12 pictures on the website. Remember, all units and
13 districts should provide details as to how the program was
14 worked during that year. I forget that last sentence.

15 In May the National Leadership workshop. The
16 following information was given: The National per capita
17 for new women veteran members will again be waived.

18 2016 dues will be paid online. If you pay for
19 multiple dues, you will only be able to pay for yours
20 because you will have to log into the system with your
21 user ID and password with your Unit. A receipt will be
22 generated and you will present this to the Unit Membership
23 Chairman who in turn will give you your card for the year.
24 ALAMIS will be updated immediately. The amounts due to
25 the Unit and Department will then be EFT, electric fund

1 transfer, to Department about four months after National
2 receives the online payment. This is the same process the
3 American Legion uses.

4 PUFLL dues. Not sure when the members will be
5 able to do this online. National asked that all units
6 update ALAMIS system and add email addresses for senior
7 members. The first dues are due notices will be emailed
8 to those with email addresses in ALAMIS. Those without
9 email addresses will get them mailed. Emailing is a more
10 cost-effective way of reminding you to pay your dues. It
11 is also easy to shoot out a message to all who have
12 emails.

13 Awards. The Kaboom Award. This is my personal
14 award. This was for -- this was for the district with the
15 highest number of 100 percent units by group. Group A is
16 from 1 to 700 members. District 8 with 102.27 percent.
17 Group B was 700 to 1500 members. District 11 with 105.53
18 percent.

19 (Applause.)

20 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Okay. Group C,
21 greater than 1500 members. I don't want to do this one.
22 District 29.

23 (Applause.)

24 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: They get \$20 to use
25 for a program in their district. District with the

1 highest number of 100 percent units. Group A, District 8.

2 (Applause.)

3 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: It was based on
4 percentage so if you had 12 and you did eight I did a
5 percentage to figure out who was it is highest percentage
6 so it was District 8. Group B, District 11. They got
7 \$40.

8 (Applause.)

9 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Group C, District
10 22.

11 (Applause.)

12 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: I'm making her run
13 in her heels.

14 VA&R CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Cute heels.

15 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: I don't know what
16 happened to my notes I handed out yesterday, but that's
17 okay. Best Overall Unit Report, Pacific Beach Unit 552,
18 District 22.

19 (Applause.)

20 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Best Overall
21 District Report, District 25.

22 (Applause.)

23 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: 100 goal by April
24 1st. District 1, none. District 2, Unit 565.

25 (Applause.)

1 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: District 3, 568.
2 (Applause.)
3 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: District 4, 218.
4 (Applause.)
5 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: District 5, Unit
6 550.
7 (Applause.)
8 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: District 6, Unit 77.
9 District 7, 795. District 6, are you out there?
10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yeah,
11 they are.
12 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Can we have a
13 representative from 6 come up? District 7 had 795.
14 District 8 had Unit 510. District 9, Unit 161. District
15 10 had none. District 11, Unit 16, 102, 108, 172, 249,
16 376 and 798.
17 (Applause.)
18 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: District 12, 166,
19 102, 108 -- oh, I'm sorry. I'm reading the wrong ones.
20 Unit 166, 168, 491. District 12. District 13, Unit 419.
21 Oh, we're on baby detail. District 14, 110, 191.
22 District 15, 711. District 16, Unit 56, 66, and 482.
23 She's so greedy.
24 District 17, none. District 18, Unit 30 and 830.
25 District 19, 496. District 20, none. District 21, 574,

1 739 and 848. District 22, 146, 201, 258, 282, 310, and
2 552. District 23, 228. District 23. District 24, none.
3 District 25, 256, 421, 422, and 777.

4 (Applause.)

5 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: District 26, 238.
6 District 27, 118, 265, 636. District 28, 589. District
7 29, 132, 133, 222, 277, 281, 291, and 555.

8 (Applause.)

9 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: District 30, 135.
10 Oh, she had to leave. The Ethyl Flynn Award, and I owe
11 you a check, goes to Unit 281, District 29. 379.17
12 percent.

13 (Applause.)

14 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Well, you know, when
15 you have to go to Walmart for a cord, you know. I'd
16 rather -- oh, Cheryl, she'll get it from me. The Ethyl
17 Flynn Award is the Unit with the greatest numerical gain
18 over goal at the close of books. That was pretty good.
19 That was really good.

20 Maria, there's bag by my chair with paper in it.
21 Recruited the highest new members. Kendall. You have to
22 open it. This is a reminder of the millionth member that
23 she is going to sign up.

24 (Applause.)

25 VA&R CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: How many members,

1 Kendall?

2 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: 261.

3 (Applause.)

4 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: The Colleen Award
5 goes to Unit 552, District 22.

6 (Applause.)

7 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: A lot of the 100
8 unit reports came, but no supplementals. There was just a
9 very few. So get your district supplementals. You can
10 really make a lot. That concludes my report, Madam
11 President. May I ask that the 5th Area representatives
12 please come forward? They have a presentation to make.
13 The 5th Area is from down south. We have a lot of fun
14 every couple months and they have a presentation.

15 I've got one thing. Those that will be receiving
16 in the mail the angel pins are -- I forgot -- yeah. Will
17 be District 2 for Unit 720. District 4 for 807. District
18 6, 77, and 233. District 7, 119. District 8, 510.
19 District 5, 161. District 11, 16, 108, 229, and 376.
20 District 12, 83, 166, 168. District 13, 419. District
21 14, 110, 191. District 15, 124, 711. District 17, 741.
22 District 18, 30, 755, and 830. District 19, 496.
23 District 21, 519, 574, 739, 742, 848. District 22, 146,
24 149, 255, 282, 310, 468, 552, and 619. District 24, Unit
25 43. District 25, 112, 155, 256, 262, 421, 422, and 777.

1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: District 27,
3 636. District 28, 598, 593. District 29, 132, 133, 222,
4 277, 281, 291, 555, 716. I think I need to play poker.
5 District 30, Unit 60, 135, and 597. These awards will be
6 sent in the mail.

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: This is the --
9 oh, this is the Josie Melgard award. For those that don't
10 know, Josie Melgard is a Past National President for
11 California. Each unit president whose unit obtains its
12 membership goal plus 2 members on or before the Department
13 close of books. Congratulations to those units. You can
14 still bring in more. All those units that had those extra
15 members, go get two more and we'll make that 1200.

16 (Applause.)

17 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT TEAM NEIFFER: Okay. On
18 behalf of the 5th Area -- I would ask that each member of
19 the 5th Area please stand. I beat you all in competition.
20 You're all here. All right.

21 First off, I would like to give all of these
22 ladies a big hand for all of their efforts this year in
23 membership.

24 (Applause.)

25 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT TEAM NEIFFER: And everything

1 they've done. And on behalf of the 5th Area Membership
2 and District 29, who won this year again --

3 (Applause.)

4 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT TEAM NEIFFER: -- we would
5 like to present to Department President Harriet's special
6 project a check for \$238 --

7 (Applause.)

8 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT TEAM NEIFFER: -- as part of
9 our proceeds and we will ask that the Department of
10 California send to the Long Beach Fisher House a check for
11 \$238 which is the other half of our winnings.

12 (Applause.)

13 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT TEAM NEIFFER: These earnings
14 were earned through 5th Area meetings. And I would like
15 to thank all of the ladies for their generosity and their
16 kindness and I ask that all of you please, please continue
17 to work hard this next coming here. Thank you.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Madam
20 President, I think we need to recognize Beverly Sparks who
21 many of us -- many of you, if you're fairly new, have
22 probably never met Beverly. You don't know her because
23 she lives in Arizona now, so she doesn't -- she's a
24 trader, you know, but she still belongs to us. But we
25 don't see her often.

1 Bev, would you please stand? Because she's the
2 one that started this when she was Department Membership
3 Chairman in 1988 and we have continued it.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you very
6 much. I'd like to call Melanie to the stage and Susie
7 too, please.

8 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: I have permission to
9 do my motion now?

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I'm sorry.

11 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: By the direction of
12 the Membership Committee, I move that California waive the
13 per capita for the first year of a new women veteran again
14 for 2016.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Been moved and
16 seconded that we waive the per capita for a new member, a
17 new female veteran member for the year 2015-2016. Is
18 there any discussion?

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: All in favor?

21 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Yeah, motion
25 carried. I have four.

1 Susie, could you please take the podium for me?
2 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Where do you
3 want me to take it?

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5 CONVENTION COMMISSION CONVENTION REPORT

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7 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Madam
8 Department President, I would like to start my report by
9 telling you what the Convention Commission Committee
10 actually tries to accomplish. This Chairman and her
11 committee should be notified to attend the American
12 Legion's Convention Commission meeting held each year at
13 the Department Convention. The main reason being is to
14 hear where future convention city sites have been chosen
15 and to share with the Legion our desire to be included in
16 site inspections before contracts are signed.

17 I met with the 2016 Fresno Convention City
18 Commission in February and toured the hotel and convention
19 center where we will be meeting. I can report that the
20 hotel and convention center more than meet our
21 requirements and they are so excited that the Legion
22 family will be returning to their city.

23 (Applause.)

24 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: And I am
25 also happy to report that the Legion and the Auxiliary

1 will both be housed at the Fresno Hotel & Conference
2 Center.

3 (Applause.)

4 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: The
5 registration area will be located in the hotel alongside
6 the Legion. The DEC meeting Thursday morning and all
7 preconvention meetings will be held in the convention
8 center which is just down the street from the hotel. This
9 is approximately a block and a half away. And I have been
10 told, and I will confirm this again, that the Legion will
11 be providing carts to the convention center for anyone
12 unable to walk. It's not that far, but, I mean, if you
13 have difficulty walking, there will be carts available.

14 All meeting rooms and the Department Office will
15 be located on the second floor of the convention center
16 and the convention hall is downstairs. And just a little
17 side note here. Ruby, your office is going to be large.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Did you
19 say Ruby?

20 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Yes.
21 Your secretary's office is going to be pretty long. The
22 Past Presidents Parley Luncheon and the President's
23 Banquet will be held in the hotel. The candidate's
24 reception Thursday evening will also be held in the same
25 room as the President's Banquet because The Legion has

1 assigned vendors and exhibitors throughout the atrium area
2 where we normally would have the candidates' reception.

3 During my meeting and tour with the Legion and
4 hotel sales and marketing personnel, each were given a
5 copy of the revised Auxiliary convention requirements.
6 These were addressed and I advised them that the
7 Department President when she makes her tour, she will
8 then sign the agreement with the Convention City
9 Commission and hotel.

10 It is my recommendation there be a permanent
11 Convention Commission Committee for the Auxiliary. It
12 would make it much easier and better organized when
13 working with the Legion Convention City Commissions or the
14 Department Convention Corporation and the Auxiliary
15 Commission Committee if the key figures were the same each
16 year. That would mean a point of contact instead of
17 trying to figure out who the person is.

18 An update on the American Legion Department
19 Convention Corporation has changed since our last meeting
20 in Santa Clara last June. It seems there is still the
21 problem of filing the correct papers with the IRS and the
22 State of California. As a trustee of this Convention
23 Corporation, I am supposed to have attended a meeting at
24 this convention in order to finish the process of
25 correcting the corporation paperwork and bylaws in order

1 to submit them to the IRS and state. I have made myself
2 available and am waiting to hear where and when.

3 Another side note that didn't happen. We were
4 put on the back burner because of the Sanger situation.
5 As of now, Riverside will host the 2017 convention. There
6 is nothing yet for 2018, although San Diego and Palm
7 Springs may be interested in hosting a convention.

8 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: No Palm Springs.

9 NAT'L STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBER TAYLOR:
10 No Palm Springs. I'll put that in the advisement. I know
11 it was pretty hot and miserable the last time.

12 I have been told that Ontario has put in a bid
13 for the 2019 convention, but it has not been voted on by
14 the Legion and they are requesting our bids be put in for
15 location sites for 2019.

16 Madam President Harriet, thank you for this
17 appointment. This concludes my report.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay. Thank
20 you. We're waiting for finance. You're welcome to come
21 up here now.

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23 FINANCE COMMITTEE CONVENTION REPORT

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25 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: Good

1 morning, Madam President and ladies of the Auxiliary.
2 First off, I'd like to introduce you to the Finance
3 Committee. I'm the chairman, Geri Fitzpatrick. That's
4 Kathryn Doran, our senior member, and Susan Peters, our
5 junior member.

6 (Applause.)

7 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: The
8 Convention Committee on Finance met on June 25th, 2015 in
9 the Dolcetto Room in the Ontario Airport Hotel, Ontario,
10 California. There were no statistical reports in the Book
11 of Reports. Susan Peters, District 10, was appointed
12 secretary, Anne Kelley, District 12, offered prayer, and
13 Geri Adams, District 16, was appointed Sergeant-At-Arms.
14 A total of 23 district delegates answered roll call and
15 there were two visitors present.

16 The committee agreed upon the following report.
17 The Department Finance Code was read. A code change for
18 No. 5 was recommended by the convention committee. It
19 currently reads: "The Department Office shall provide the
20 Finance Committee a profit/loss budget performance report,
21 investment accounts and bank statements monthly. These
22 are due no later than the 15th of the month following
23 month end. 2012."

24 The last sentence shall now read: "These are due
25 no later than the end of the month following month end."

1 I move that this code change be accepted.

2 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REYES: Second.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: The proposed
4 code change will read: "The Department Office shall
5 provide the Finance Committee a profit/loss budget
6 performance report, investment accounts and bank
7 statements monthly. These are due no later than the end
8 of the month following month end."

9 Is there any discussion?

10 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Diane
11 DeLashmit, Department Parliamentarian. There was an
12 amendment that we have to take out that word, "month." So
13 it should say: "These are due no later than the end of
14 the following month."

15 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: Thank
16 you.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: "The end of the
18 following month end."

19 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Yes.

20 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: Did
21 everybody get that? The last sentence shall now read:
22 "These are due no later than the end of the following
23 month end."

24 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:
25 No.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay. If I am
2 correct, it should read that, "These are due no later than
3 the end of the following month end." No. No "end."

4 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: Okay.
5 So one more time. Now we've got it. I think we've got
6 it.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay. So it
8 would be: "These are due no later than the end of the
9 following month," period.

10 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:
11 Yes.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay. Got it.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Could
14 you please amend the motion?

15 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: I would
16 like to amend my former motion. I don't have to get a
17 second on that, do I? I move to amend the former motion.

18 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REYES: Second.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay. It has
20 been amended that this -- that this code shall now read:
21 "The Department Office shall provide the Finance Committee
22 a profit/loss budget performance report, investment
23 accounts and bank statements monthly. These are due no
24 later than the end of the following month."

25 Is there any further discussion?

1 (No response.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: All in favor?

3 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Motion carried.

7 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: A
8 request was made to include any information -- an
9 informational copy of the Junior Finance Budget and Girls
10 State Budget with our budget, and you will find these
11 attached on the back of our budget.

12 There was discussion about the Auxiliary not
13 being treated fairly in regards to the Auxiliary News. We
14 are paying \$18,000 to the Legion to help with publication
15 and to put articles in the publications. If possible, we
16 would like to have a study on this matter to see what can
17 be done to improve the situation. As Estella Avina said
18 the other day, we don't get that many articles published
19 in the paper.

20 The Finance Committee approved the recommendation
21 of the Girls State Committee to raise the registration fee
22 from \$50 to \$75. This will increase the per person fee
23 from 400 to \$425.

24 Madam President Harriet, a side note. The
25 Finance Committee meeting was scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to

1 12:00 noon. It began at 9:05 a.m. and concluded at 10:55
2 a.m., one hour and five minutes early. That concludes my
3 report.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you.

5 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: Can we
6 begin with the reading of the budget?

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Please do.

8 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: Okay. We'll
9 start with GF42409 - Americanism Donations, \$7,750.
10 GF42410 - Membership, 350,106. GF42411 - Dues for Unit
11 1000, 14,120. GF42412, 22,190. GF42413, \$2,000.
12 GF42414, \$1,000. GF42452, \$20. GF4245, \$6700. GF42416,
13 \$6100. GF42417, \$1200. GF42418, \$500. GF42419, \$3,000.
14 GF42420, \$10,375. GF42422, 4,777.50. GF42423, 17,000.
15 GF42424, 1,000. GF42425, 100. GF42426, 2500. GF42450,
16 9,000. GF42453, 20,000.

17 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Madam
18 President?

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Yes.

20 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: I just
21 have a question before we go to page 2. Since we just
22 voted to waive the per capita for the women veterans, was
23 that recognized in this budget?

24 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: Yes, it was.

25 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Thank you.

1 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: GF42454,
2 \$100. GF42460, \$4,000. GF42461, \$3500. GF42462, 2500.
3 GF42463, there's nothing in that line. GF42477, \$1700.
4 GF42449, 2,130. GF42480, 15,000. The total general fund
5 program income, 508,368.50.

6 Any questions on the income? Yes, ma'am.

7 DISTRICT 19 MEMBER FARRIS: Linda Farris,
8 District 19, Unit 314. I was just curious. I noticed
9 that we actually had a loss for the department luncheon
10 last year.

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: What line
12 item, please?

13 DISTRICT 19 MEMBER FARRIS: GF42461. I know it
14 doesn't have a specific --

15 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: It was
16 probably some posting errors during that time period.

17 DISTRICT 19 MEMBER FARRIS: Thank you.

18 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: Yeah, some
19 of the luncheon may have been put in with the banquet or,
20 you know, different things. Any other questions?

21 (No response.)

22 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: Let's go to
23 the general fund - administrative expenses. GF62401,
24 86,142.25. GF62402, 14,000. GF62403, 1,780. GF62404,
25 2,000. GF62405, 10,000. GF62406, \$3,300. GF62407, 300.

1 GF62408, 750. GF62409, 650. GF62410, 17,000. GF62411,
2 600. GF62412, 4,777.50. GF62414, 3,000. G24F615,
3 11,000. GF62416, 2,200. GF62417, 50. GF62418, 18,000.
4 GF62419, 50. GF62420, 600. GF62426, 75. GF62422, 1500,
5 GF62423, 1,000. Total General Fund Administrative,
6 178,774.75. Any questions?

7 DISTRICT 22 1ST VICE PRESIDENT KOCHUR: April
8 Kochur, District 22, First Vice in Unit 468. Under the
9 general fund administrative expenses line, Item 410, what
10 type of rental equipment does the department use?

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: That rental
12 equipment is the copier and the supplies for the copier.

13 DISTRICT 22 1ST VICE PRESIDENT KOCHUR: Okay.
14 And how many spaces is that -- how many people are we
15 paying for parking? 62411.

16 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: That is
17 rent, parking, and utilities. That is utilities. Parking
18 is not being paid for.

19 DISTRICT 22 1ST VICE PRESIDENT KOCHUR: How many
20 is that not being paid for? Is that being paid for
21 employees?

22 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: This is
23 utilities.

24 DISTRICT 22 1ST VICE PRESIDENT KOCHUR: I
25 understand, but the parking --

1 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: There's no
2 parking in there right now. We do not pay parking.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
4 Actually, parking should be taken out of there because the
5 department doesn't pay for -- I pay my own parking.

6 DISTRICT 22 1ST VICE PRESIDENT KOCHUR: Okay.
7 No, that was my question. That's fine. And on the
8 payroll services 416, do we outsource that?

9 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: Yes.

10 DISTRICT 22 1ST VICE PRESIDENT KOCHUR: Okay.
11 Okay. Have we gotten to 460 yet? No. Thank you.

12 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: 460 is way
13 down the list.

14 DISTRICT 22 1ST VICE PRESIDENT KOCHUR: Okay.

15 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: General fund
16 - other expenses. This is moving expenses. GF62425,
17 \$6500. GF62627, 1,140. GF62428, 1,000. GF62429, \$6,360.

18 Okay. GF62421, 194 -- I'm sorry. 31. GF62431,
19 194,713.75. GF62432, 2,000. GF62433, 1,500. GF62434,
20 500. GF62437, 20,000. GF62439, nothing. GF62441, we
21 don't have anything there. GF62442, 2,130. GF62443,
22 15,000. Total general fund other expenses, 250,843.75.

23 DISTRICT 22 1ST VICE PRESIDENT KOCHUR: April
24 Kochur, District 22 First Vice. Under the relocation,
25 425, did we -- is that what we just did in the prior move

1 or is this the projected move?

2 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: This is
3 projected.

4 DISTRICT 22 1ST VICE PRESIDENT KOCHUR: Okay.
5 Thank you.

6 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: You're
7 welcome. Is there a question on the microphone here?

8 DISTRICT 24 MEMBER SQUIRES: Yeah, I see -- I
9 know that -- oh, I'm Laloni Squires from Unit 43, District
10 24. On line GF42453 --

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: Are you back
12 up to the income?

13 DISTRICT 24 MEMBER SQUIRES: Yeah. I thought I
14 saw two department special projects, so I thought it might
15 be posted on dues, but this GF42453 is the department
16 special funds?

17 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: Right.

18 DISTRICT 24 MEMBER SQUIRES: And did I not just
19 hear another one now? Yeah. It's -- on GF62437
20 there's --

21 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: One is an
22 income and one is an expense.

23 DISTRICT 24 MEMBER SQUIRES: I'm sorry. Say that
24 again.

25 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: One is an

1 income and the other is an expense.

2 DISTRICT 24 MEMBER SQUIRES: Excellent. Thank
3 you.

4 FINANCE COMMITTEE JR. MEMBER PETERS: Okay.
5 We're going to go under general fund - other expenses.
6 GF624081, \$50. GF48275 --

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Wait a minute. You missed a
8 section.

9 FINANCE COMMITTEE JR. MEMBER PETERS: Wait.
10 We're on page 4. Page 4. I was going ahead of myself.
11 Sorry. General fund - executive expenses, page 4. So
12 GF62451, 7,500. GF62452, 200. GF62453, 4,500. GF62454,
13 5,200. GF62455, \$25. GF62456, 2,000. GF62457, 12,300.
14 GF62458, 400. GF62459, 500. GF62460, 400. GF62461, 500.
15 GF62462, 1500. GF62464, 2,300. GF62465, 100. GF62466,
16 \$25. Total for general fund - executive expenses,
17 \$37,450. Are there any questions?

18 DISTRICT 26 MEMBER STRUTTER: Beatrice Strutter,
19 District 26, District 472. Line item GF62456, authorized
20 travel for who?

21 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: The
22 authorized travel is special travel authorized by the
23 Department President for some of her chairmen. If it's a
24 special trip that needs to be taken, she is the one that
25 is authorized in that particular category.

1 FINANCE COMMITTEE JR. MEMBER PETERS: Any other
2 questions? Continue. General fund - convention expense.
3 GF62471, 21,000. GF62472, 400. GF62473, 5,500. Are
4 there any questions on those three items right now?

5 (No response.)

6 FINANCE COMMITTEE JR. MEMBER PETERS: Okay. So
7 now we're on page 5. GF62474, 200. GF62475, 150.
8 GF62476, 2,500. Total general fund - convention expense,
9 \$29,750. Are there any questions on convention expenses?

10 (No response.)

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE JR. MEMBER PETERS: Okay. I'll
12 keep on going. General fund - committee expense.
13 GF62481, 50. GF62482, \$75. GF62483, 225. GF62484, \$150.
14 GF62485, 50. GF62486, 375. GF62487, 50. GF62488, 150.
15 GF62489, 50. GF62490, 500. GF62491, 350. GF62492, 500.
16 GF62495, 50. GF62497, 50. GF62498, 50. GF62499, 50.
17 GF62598, 6,200. California Disaster Fund Expense, 2,000.
18 Are there any questions on this page?

19 (No response.)

20 FINANCE COMMITTEE JR. MEMBER PETERS: Page 6.
21 GF62599, \$625. GF62480, general fund - committee expenses
22 total, \$11,550. Are there any questions on committee
23 expenses?

24 (No response.)

25 FINANCE COMMITTEE JR. MEMBER PETERS: All right.

1 We'll keep on going. Summary of general fund. General
2 fund program income, 508,368.50. General fund program
3 expense. General fund - administrative, 178,774.75.
4 General fund - other expenses, 250,843.75. General fund -
5 executive expense, 37,450. General fund - convention
6 expense: \$29,750. General fund - committee expense,
7 \$11,550. General fund program expenses, 508,368.50. As
8 you can see, we balanced.

9 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: Okay.
10 Continuing on. General fund -- now she's got it where I
11 can reach it or it can reach me, whatever. General fund
12 reserves and restricted summary. General fund reserves,
13 287,730.94. Americanism essay, 58,238.85. California
14 disaster, 45,340.97. Auxiliary News, 34,348.19. Display
15 case, \$3,093. National candidate, 500. Total general
16 fund restricted, 141,521.01. Total general fund reserve,
17 146,209.93.

18 Okay. Welfare funds. We'll go to page 7 now.
19 Is there any questions on that page?

20 (No response.)

21 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: Okay.
22 PF44501, 61,000. PF44502, 12,000. Interest income
23 restricted, \$50. Poppy production fund income, \$72,350.
24 Excuse me. 73,250. Okay. Poppy Donations, \$200. I'm
25 sorry I missed one. Poppy production fund income,

1 \$73,250.

2 PF64500 - poppy fund expenses. 64501 - poppy
3 postage - poppy production manager, \$2,200. 64502, \$1200.
4 66503 -- no, I've got to do 63 first. Okay. 503 --
5 that's right. I can't see very well. I have to get some
6 new glasses after they finish surgery on my eyes --
7 \$6,100. 64504, \$40,000. 64505, 18,000. 64506, 200.
8 64507, 175. 64508, \$20. Okay. Total is \$67,895. We're
9 under \$5,355.

10 (Applause.)

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: We're
12 under. All right. Poppy fund reserve we have \$15,692.48.
13 Welfare fund/VA&R. 48501, \$20,000. WF48502, 300.
14 WF48503, 13,000. 48504, 700. Any questions?

15 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN SOARES: I just
16 have a quick comment, please. Michelle Soares, District
17 28, Unit 694. I was noticing the difference in the
18 poppies last year versus this year for the ordering and
19 the labor costs, which is what goes to the veterans,
20 ladies. For every poppy you don't order, you're taking
21 money out of the veteran's pocket. We have to step it up.
22 It was a big business. It was like \$11,000 poppy orders
23 that went from this year to that year. That's crazy. We
24 have to do better.

25 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: Thank

1 you. Okay. 48505, 8,000. 48510, there's nothing. So
2 welfare fund/VA&R, 42,000. Welfare fund expenses.
3 Administrative fees, 5,000. TFA cases, 15,100. Patient
4 welfare fund, 1200. VAMC tours, 1900. Gift shop/patient
5 remembrance, 1300.

6 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Thousand.

7 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: 13,000.

8 Excuse me. 68506, 2700. 68507, 2,500. 68509, 400.
9 68510, 200. We have no creative arts and miscellaneous.
10 So our welfare fund expenses are \$42,000. Welfare fund
11 reserve is 78,734 -- no. No. Okay. I'm sorry. Welfare
12 fund reserve is 112,566.55.

13 48620, nothing. 48621 is 7,500. Any questions?

14 (No response.)

15 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: Okay.
16 48622, 300. Total 7,800. Now we'll go to Children &
17 Youth. 68601, 1,875. 68602, 5,775. 68603, 150. For a
18 total of \$7,800. 48730, Welfare fund - education. 48731,
19 7500. 48732, 300. 48733, 2,000. 48734, 1500. 48736,
20 5,000. It's \$16,300 total.

21 Okay. Now we go to page 10. Okay. 68701,
22 1,875. 68702, 8,885. 68704 - poppy seals, 500. 68705,
23 150. No awards. And of course the -- okay. 68700
24 expenses, \$16,300.

25 48840, nothing. 48841, \$8,100. 44842, 300.

1 48843, 8,400. 68801, \$1625. 68802, \$6,175. 68803, 100.
2 68800, 500. For a total of \$8,400. Questions?

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. On page 10, poppy
4 distribution fund, the actual for '13-'14 was 326. The
5 actual for '14-'15 is \$23.38.

6 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: Which
7 line item?

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: WF48842, poppy
9 distribution.

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: 300.

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: Those
12 numbers are through the 11th. We haven't -- so all the
13 actuals are through May the 11th. We're just closing
14 books.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Thank you.

16 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: And
17 Poppy Month wasn't until May, so --

18 48500, 42,000. 48620, 7,800. 48700, 16,300.

19 48840, 8,400. And the total income amount, 74,500.

20 Expenses. 68500, 42,000. 68600, 7,800. 68700, 16,300.

21 68800, 8,400. For a total of \$74,500. It's balanced.

22 (Applause.)

23 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: Okay.

24 NAT'L STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBER TAYLOR:
25 It's just for information only.

1 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: We've got a
2 summary of welfare accounts.

3 DISTRICT 22 MEMBER SIMMONS: Yes. Cynthia
4 Simmons, Unit 365, District 22. I just want -- just for
5 personal of my mind clarification, the current budget as
6 presented would include whether we move to the Sanger
7 location or back to San Francisco?

8 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: We have --
9 we have reserves in there for a move.

10 DISTRICT 22 MEMBER SIMMONS: Okay. For either
11 location?

12 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: Yes.

13 DISTRICT 22 MEMBER SIMMONS: Thank you.

14 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: We have
15 15,000 reserved for income and 15,000 reserved for
16 expenses. And we do have other reserves if needed. Any
17 other questions there?

18 (No response.)

19 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER DORAN: The summary
20 of welfare as of March 31st was 112,566.55. Children &
21 Youth reserve, 32,161.87. Education reserve, 41,350.98.
22 Past Presidents Parley reserve is 43,648.25. The total of
23 welfare reserves are 229,727.65.

24 The next pages are for informational purposes
25 only. These are where they ask us to put in a copy of the

1 Girls State budget and also the Juniors budget. So we
2 will not be going over those, but those are for your
3 information.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good
6 job, ladies.

7 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: Madam
8 President, I move the acceptance of this budget.

9 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:
10 Second.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: It's been moved
12 and seconded to accept the budget as read. Is there any
13 discussion here?

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Discussion?

16 DISTRICT 22 1ST VICE PRESIDENT KOCHUR: Yes.

17 Remove the word "parking."

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Remove the word
19 "parking."

20 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: I just
21 said, Madam President, I move to accept the budget as
22 read.

23 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:
24 Second.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: It's been moved

1 and seconded to accept the budget as read. All in favor?

2 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Approved. Good
6 job, ladies.

7 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: Madam
8 President, may we approach your station?

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Yes, you can.

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: I did
11 not make a supplement because the budget takes long enough
12 and there's really no supplement to do on the budget. The
13 budget is our supplement.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: They worked so
15 hard and look what happens when you put your mind behind
16 it. Very good. Thank you, Ruby and Susie, and everybody.
17 You worked really hard and thank you. You did a fabulous
18 job.

19 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: It makes
20 a difference when everything is done in the office like it
21 should be and you have a good office staff to work with.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Madam Secretary,
24 will you please read the minutes of the Post Executive
25 Committee Meeting. Sorry. From the DEC in Bakersfield as

1 the -- Thursday, yeah. Thursday. Thank you.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Any
3 particular order?

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: DEC first.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Ladies,
6 these minutes have been online for six months, but to get
7 them in the record, Madam President, would you prefer that
8 I read them or have them given to the court reporter to
9 include in the proceedings without reading? I so move.
10 They are online, have been online for six months. So I
11 will -- I will make sure that I give them to the court
12 reporter to include in the proceedings.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you.

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15 READING OF MINUTES

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17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Minutes
18 from the Department Executive Meeting, Ontario,
19 California, June 25th, 2015. Motion was made and
20 withdrawn to remove Tredway Unit 0149 from probation. The
21 following actions were moved by the respective District
22 President or Past Department Terry Mikesell, seconded, and
23 carried.

24 Hooper Unit 415, District 1, remain on probation.

25 George A. Thompson Unit 544, District 1, surrendered.

1 Eagle Lake Unit 162, District 3, remain on probation.

2 Benicia Unit 101, District 5, remain on probation.

3 Konocti Unit 437, District 5, removed from probation.

4 Sharpe General Depot Unit 632, District 11, surrendered.

5 Smith-Bolter Unit 58, District 12, surrendered.

6 Dos Palos Unit 86, District 12, surrendered. Rex Ish Unit

7 88, District 12, surrendered. Willow Glen Unit 318,

8 District 13, placed on probation. Mission City Unit 564,

9 District 13, remain on probation.

10 Madera Unit 11, District 14, placed on probation.

11 Lemoore Unit 100, District 14, remain on probation. East

12 Bakersfield Unit 682, District 15, remain on probation.

13 La Puente Unit 75, District 18, placed on probation.

14 Alhambra Unit 139, District 18, removed from probation.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

17 Monterey Park Unit 397, District 18, removed from

18 probation. City of Paramount Unit 134, District 19,

19 remained on probation. Verdugo Hills Unit 288, District

20 20, surrendered. Lynn Mort Unit 200, District 21, placed

21 on probation. San Gorgonio Pass Unit 482, District 21,

22 remain on probation.

23 San Jacinto Unit 848, District 21, placed on

24 probation. South Gate Unit 335, District 23, remained on

25 probation. Sammy Davis Jr. Unit 784, placed on probation.

1 Guy Winton Morris Unit 710, District 25, remains on
2 probation. Hesperia Unit 725, District 25, remained on
3 probation. Boron Unit 636, District 27, remain on
4 probation. Santa Ana Unit 131, District 29, placed on
5 probation. Imperial Valley Unit 597, District 30, placed
6 on probation.

7 Moved by finance chairman Geri Fitzpatrick and
8 seconded and carried to approve a 50 cent an hour raise
9 for the Department Members Clerk and a dollar raise for
10 the Department Bookkeeper.

11 It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve
12 the Electronic Communications, Internet, and Social Media
13 Policy Guidelines.

14 Pilar Reyes reported the American Legion
15 Department of California voted at their March DEC meeting
16 to relocate from San Francisco to Sanger, California. In
17 April approximately five Auxiliary members along with the
18 Department President Harriet visited Sanger and had a tour
19 and thorough scrutiny of the vacant building that used to
20 be Westamerica.

21 The building is huge and covers almost a city
22 block with ample parking place and can house the whole
23 Legion family and other Auxiliary groups tied with the
24 American Legion. At this convention the Legion will vote
25 on a resolution to reject and declare null and void the

1 action of the Legion at their March DEC meeting to approve
2 a contract for purchase of vacant building at Sanger.
3 Whatever decision the Legion makes will affect the
4 Auxiliary.

5 There are two options for the Legion to choose to
6 make the decision. The Legion will move to Sanger or they
7 will stay in San Francisco. The Legion's decision will
8 affect the Auxiliary. If the Legion decides to move to
9 Sanger, then we will vote to stay in San Francisco and
10 there is nothing to vote on.

11 That concludes the minutes of this report, your
12 Executive Meeting, Madam President. And I move for their
13 acceptance.

14 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: Second.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: It's been moved
16 and seconded to accept the minutes of the DEC report. Is
17 there any discussion?

18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Hearing none,
20 all in favor?

21 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Motion carried.

25 Thank you, Ruby.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
2 We talked about -- we heard from the incoming Commander of
3 the American Legion that they're going to Sanger. There
4 is a lot -- the Past Department Presidents had their
5 dinner and we've come to a consensus to make a
6 recommendation to our body, which seems to me a very
7 logical decision, and that would be in the best interests
8 of the Auxiliary to follow. And that is it's uncertain,
9 number one, when that building is going to be renovated,
10 if it's going to take six months, if it's going to take a
11 year. Therefore, we have to be out of our office on 13th
12 Street. We were set to move the 21st through the 23rd.
13 Rent will not be paid after the 1st of September. We have
14 the option to both going to the War Memorial Building and
15 Sanger. And both are basically the same offer.

16 The unfortunate part is the imposition of the
17 move to Sanger and uncertainty of when that building is
18 going to be available. Our feeling as a consensus is the
19 Auxiliary needs to move back to the War Memorial Building
20 temporarily and wait to see what's going to happen with
21 Sanger.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: None of
24 us in this room -- I think we all agree we need to keep
25 our American Legion family together. We want to do that,

1 but we have to do what's best for the Auxiliary. We need
2 to operate. And if we did go to Sanger at this point, we
3 would have to move from 13th Street into modular trailers
4 or some sort of temporary lodging which could be worse
5 than what we're in right now.

6 But anyway, it's just -- it just makes sense. We
7 have office space, beautiful office space waiting for us
8 at the War Memorial Building. We won't lose any
9 employees, and let's just wait until the dust settles,
10 then make another decision in a year.

11 (Applause.)

12 VA&R CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Madam President?

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: There's
14 discussion.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madam
16 President, I don't think we need a motion. We've got to
17 go someplace, but I will move that we stay in San
18 Francisco, move back to the War Memorial Building
19 temporarily until we -- until we see how it works in
20 Sanger, and then make -- relook at this in a year.

21 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:
22 Second it.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay. It's been
24 moved and seconded that we temporarily relocate back to
25 the War Memorial Building in San Francisco. Is there any

1 discussion?

2 VA&R CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Madam President, Wendy
3 O'Brien, District 6, Unit 521. I agree with staying
4 temporarily at the War Memorial. We are a family; we do
5 need to stay together. However, if we move to Sanger in
6 August when we're going to have to make a move anyway,
7 we're going to lose our office staff. If we stay and
8 revisit this in a year, then the Legion will have more of
9 the knowledge of when everything is going to be complete.
10 Instead of us moving to Sanger in six weeks, losing all
11 our staff and our staff having to -- we're going to have
12 to struggle to find them. We're going to be in temporary
13 housing anyway.

14 So I agree with staying for a year, revisiting
15 it, and then deciding after we have more knowledge of
16 what's happening in Sanger. That's my understanding.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Yes. Thank you,
18 Wendy.

19 (Applause.)

20 NAT'L W. DIVISION GIRLS' STATE CHAIRMAN FERCHO:
21 Madam President, Past Department President Linda Fercho,
22 Unit 741, District 16. I'm not in disagreement, but I
23 have a question on the finance part. If we were to go
24 with the Legion to Sanger, my question is would they be
25 paying for us to move or do we pay for ourselves? That's

1 my first question. That's one question.

2 Second question is are we going to have enough
3 funds to move twice, temporarily to San Francisco and then
4 should we decide to move from San Francisco to Sanger.
5 Just a question for the finance.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: The way I
7 understand that, Linda, is that we're going to have to
8 move twice anyways and it is a different budget. But we
9 do have to move twice because we're going to be moving
10 into -- if we were to move to Sanger, we would have to
11 move into temporary quarters, and then when we move to
12 back -- you know, into the Sanger building remodeled,
13 we'll have to move again.

14 NAT'L W. DIVISION GIRLS' STATE CHAIRMAN FERCHO:
15 I know, but is the Legion providing --

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: No, no.

17 NAT'L W. DIVISION GIRLS' STATE CHAIRMAN FERCHO:
18 -- the trailers at Sanger for the temporary? We know
19 that?

20 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:
21 Yes.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: We do know that?

23 NAT'L W. DIVISION GIRLS' STATE CHAIRMAN FERCHO:
24 We know that? We know that they're not providing for us
25 anything temporary at Sanger? Because that really is a --

1 I mean --

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I agree.

3 NAT'L W. DIVISION GIRLS' STATE CHAIRMAN FERCHO:
4 It's just a thought. Okay.

5 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:
6 Okay. Terry Mikesell, District 2. Pilar, Diane, and I
7 toured Sanger. We saw the temporary buildings in Sanger,
8 and it was suggested to us at that time, nothing in
9 writing, that we rent one of these little office spaces
10 that are very nice across the road. Then we also rent a
11 -- one of these containers and put our stuff in it, a
12 container in the parking lot at the new facility.

13 DISTRICT 22 MEMBER MANNO: Gigi Manno, District
14 22. Ruby, I will help you again, volunteer my time at no
15 cost to help you box anything you need.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you, Gigi.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: How
18 about next Monday at 8:00 a.m.?

19 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: Madam President,
20 Past Department President Anita Biggs. What do we have in
21 writing from the American Legion?

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Not a thing.

23 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: Okay. So we have to
24 operate on what we know and what we have before us and not
25 speculate and not assume and not accept suggestions as to

1 where we'll be housed. We don't know what the situation
2 is going to be. And once we finish with this debate, we
3 do need to think about how much we will donate to the War
4 Memorial Building, so keep that in your hat for just a
5 second.

6 DISTRICT 22 1ST VICE PRESIDENT KOCHUR: April
7 Kochur, Unit 648. My question -- I know you mentioned --

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Could you please
9 speak up. I'm deaf.

10 DISTRICT 22 1ST VICE PRESIDENT KOCHUR: Yes.
11 Sorry. Okay. Do we already have a committee in place to
12 plan strategically the cost and -- to plan the move? Not
13 right now that we go to Sanger, but the transitioning that
14 we're going to go through to get there. I'm just saying
15 if you have something where -- a committee where you can
16 strategically plan that, it might help with the flow of
17 everything.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: We actually have
19 spoken with my advisors about this and they have been
20 helping kind of plan ahead. The problem is we haven't
21 gotten anything in writing. We don't really even know how
22 to proceed because we're waiting for them to give us some
23 direction and we haven't gotten any. So if we move back,
24 that would be up to Susie to, you know, develop that
25 committee. But we still have a year.

1 DISTRICT 22 1ST VICE PRESIDENT KOCHUR: And that
2 is why I completely agree with Anita that we need to do
3 for ourselves at this point until we get something in
4 writing.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Yes, thank you.
6 It's one step at a time. Any other questions?

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay. Let's
9 vote now. All in favor?

10 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Do I have to
12 restate the motion? It's been moved and seconded that we
13 temporarily move to the San Francisco War Memorial
14 Building and revisit it in a year. All in favor?

15 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Motion carried.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you.
21 Linda Workman, Distinguished Guest Chairman, Mad Hatter,
22 give your report.

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24 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN CONVENTION REPORT

25

1 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Good
2 morning.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

4 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Madam
5 President and delegates, I can't believe that another year
6 has gone by so quickly. The members of this great
7 department have shown how crafty they really are. I
8 started this great year of service escorting our Queen of
9 Quilts to the podium to be installed as the new Department
10 President. I have tried my best to assist our Department
11 President in all of her social functions and be on the
12 ready to run up and down the aisles whenever she needed
13 me. I've gotten us to various functions, forgot the
14 flowers, got lost in the woods, but was always able to
15 come through without anyone knowing that I made a boo boo.
16 Madam President, that is being crafty, but I don't think
17 that's what you had in mind.

18 I'm really not going to know what to do with
19 myself not being your Distinguished Guest Chairman. It
20 seems to be in my nature. So if I get up and
21 automatically start escorting people around, just ignore
22 me because it's probably my senility. I loved serving you
23 this year, Madam President, and look forward to our last
24 social event of the year, the States Dinner at the
25 National Convention.

1 Normally at this time I would give you my dumb
2 jokes as words of wisdom, but to end this year I wanted to
3 share with you a quote that really meant something to
4 remind us of who we all are.

5 Any time women come together with collective
6 intention, it's a powerful thing. Whether it's sitting
7 down and making a quilt, in the kitchen preparing a meal,
8 in a club reading the same book, or around the table
9 playing cards, or planning a birthday party. When women
10 come together with a collective intention, magic happens.

11 (Applause.)

12 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Ladies,
13 you are all magic and you have made this great
14 organization what it is and will continue to be through
15 your mentoring and involvement. For leading the way,
16 encouraging young members to take over our program that
17 continue to serve our veterans, their families, and our
18 communities. Thank you for coming together and making
19 magic happen.

20 Madam President, thank you for allowing me to
21 serve you this year in your department. It has been an
22 honor. Oh, wait a minute. I lied. I do have a little
23 bit of wisdom to share with you.

24 Yesterday I was at Costco buying a large bag of
25 Purina Dog Chow for my large pet Kico, the wonder dog. He

1 weighs 191 pounds. I was in the checkout line when the
2 woman behind me asked if I had a dog. What do you think,
3 I've got an elephant? So because I was -- I'm retired and
4 I have so little to do, on impulse I told her, no, I
5 didn't have a dog. I was starting a new Purina diet. I
6 added that I probably shouldn't because last time I ended
7 up in the hospital, but I lost 50 pounds before I awoke
8 from the intensive care ward. I had tubes coming out of
9 me and IVs in both arms.

10 I told her it was essentially the perfect diet.
11 Excuse me. And the way it works is that you load your
12 pockets full of the nuggets and simply when you get
13 hungry, just pop a couple in your mouth. The food is
14 nutritional so it completely works well and I was going to
15 try it again.

16 I have to mention that at this point everybody in
17 line is listening to me. Well, this lady is horrified and
18 she asks: If you ended up in intensive care, was it
19 because the dog food poisoned you? I told her no, I
20 stopped to pee on a fire hydrant and got hit by a car.

21 (Applause.)

22 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Needless
23 to say, I'm not allowed to shop at Costco anymore.

24 Madam President, this concludes my platform
25 remarks.

1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you very
3 much. So Ways & Means Karen, are you in the house? I
4 knew that I seen you. I looked all the way over there.
5 Could you come up and make your presentation? Thank you.

6

7 WAYS & MEANS CONVENTION REPORT

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9 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: Good morning. I've
10 been waiting for this. This is my first year as chairman.
11 Thank you, Madam President, for allowing me to take on
12 this interesting committee.

13 I would like to introduce my committee members.
14 The first is Marion Rocha-Carlos, District 16.

15 (Applause.)

16 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: Jean
17 Cooley-Desmeules, District 19.

18 (Applause.)

19 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: And I have some
20 assistants this convention. Thank goodness. I would have
21 been lost without them. Lucy Rocha, District 16, District
22 16, Jessica Jeperson. I know you're dying to hear the
23 totals we made thanks to you and your generosity. \$7,341.

24 (Applause.)

25 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: It brings the total

1 for the year of Ways & Means to over \$10,000. I will run
2 through the names very quickly that we drew this morning.
3 We had 41 items. Thank you those of you who donated.
4 Districts and Units, we appreciate it. Please keep them
5 coming.

6 Number 1 basket, Danielle White. Number 2
7 basket, Jamie Jackson, Unit 310. Number 3 is a basket,
8 Terry Mikesell. Number 4 is a basket. It says Tammy S.,
9 so I'm assuming that's Tammy Sollazzo. Basket 5, it says
10 B. Clark, Unit 262, District 25.

11 Basket 6, Olivia Jackson, District 6. Thank you.
12 Yes, if that person is not here, please have someone in
13 the district pick it up. I'm not taking anything home.
14 Basket number 7, Diane DeLashmit. Basket 8, I think this
15 says Little Donna, District 18. Basket number 9. Excuse
16 me for the name. Mary Cortier. Thank you.

17 Basket 10, Joy Saunders, District 7. Basket 11,
18 Liz Jones. Basket 12, Terry Mikesell. Basket 13, Marian
19 Oxen. Basket 14, there was no name on the ticket. It's a
20 white ticket and the number is 7322598. Last three
21 numbers --

22 VA&R CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: That's her over there.

23 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: You got Basket 14.
24 Basket 15 is Peggy Frecks, F-R-E-C-K-S, Unit 710, District
25 25. If I'm not -- you know, some of the writing wasn't --

1 okay. Okay. Basket 16, Carol Fuqua. Basket 17, Mary
2 Adame. Basket 18, the last name on it was Heiniss,
3 H-E-I-N-I-S-S. Very good. Thank you. Basket 19, Connie
4 Biegers, District 16.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: She always wins.

6 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: Okay. Number 20
7 was the down purse Kathy Medina, District 19. Basket 21,
8 Jackie Thomas. She's District 16. Item number 22 is a
9 purse. Lucy Rocha, District 16. I didn't pull the
10 tickets so don't -- don't accuse me of anything.

11 Item number 23 is the purse, Sue Becker, District
12 25. Number 24 is a basket. Rosie Parra, Unit 348. Item
13 number 25 is a basket. Mary Adame. 25, yeah. Item 26 is
14 the picture of the child with the flag. Carol Rombone.
15 Item 28 is the red, white, and blue pillow. Andrea
16 McDonald, District 14. Item 29 are the two red, white,
17 and blue pillows. Peggy, District 16.

18 Item 30 is another pillow, Linda Farris, Farris.
19 Sorry. It's two. Thank you. Item 31 is a basket. It
20 says Emily District 10.

21 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REYES: Oh, I can get
22 it.

23 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: Okay. The Raggedy
24 Ann Doll. It goes to -- it's a first name only. April,
25 District 22. Very nice. Folding chair red, white, and

1 blue. Deanna Johnson, District 25. There she is.

2 Okay. Beach towel, Marion Rocha-Carlos, District
3 16. The lawn blanket with the case goes to Susan Peters,
4 District 10. Pillow and blanket matching quilted item,
5 Diane Milack, District 25. The large mesh wreath, the
6 red, white, and blue wreath went to Kathleen, District 25.
7 The smaller wreath is Sue Becker, District 25.

8 The poppy wreath went to Estella Avina. There
9 she is. The handcart, push cart, Janie B., District 7.
10 There she is. Very good. And final item, number 41, is a
11 basket. There's no name on the ticket. 7322718. Last
12 three numbers 718. Is that you, Alzora? Alzora Carter.

13 (Applause.)

14 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: All right. Now the
15 one you're waiting for. 50/50 made \$600. Your take home
16 will be 300, all twenties. Madam President, may I
17 approach?

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Yes, please.
19 It's all me, ladies.

20 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: I'll keep it
21 stirred.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Watch it. It's
23 not yours.

24 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: Sorry. No name on
25 the bag. The ticket number is 953702.

1 DISTRICT 16 MEMBER ROCHA: It's me.

2 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: It's Lucy Rocha.

3 (Applause.)

4 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN MUNCH: Thank you, Madam
5 President. I appreciate your appointment and I'm looking
6 forward to being Ways & Means next year for President
7 Susie Tozier.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you. You
9 did an amazing job. Thank you.

10 Okay. Will the Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal,
11 with the Distinguished Guest Chairman, please escort a
12 Past Department Gopher to the stage, Peter Douglas. Thank
13 you.

14 (Processional.)

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Where's
16 my husband?

17 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER DOUGLAS: Good morning,
18 ladies.

19 EVERYONE: Good morning.

20 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER DOUGLAS: I represent the
21 Past Department Gophers. The others were cowards and
22 didn't want to come over. I'm sorry to interrupt, but I
23 do have to go back and vote.

24 But, Madam President, on behalf of the gophers,
25 we'd like to present a small token of our appreciation for

1 your year and your special project.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

3 Whoo-hoo. Go ahead and say it.

4 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER DOUGLAS: \$265.

5 (Applause.)

6 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER DOUGLAS: I did hear your
7 financial report. Can I borrow about a thousand? That's
8 the question. So --

9 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: No. That was an
10 answer.

11 NAT'L STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBER TAYLOR:
12 That's why we have a balanced budget.

13 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER DOUGLAS: Yes, I know. I
14 want a shout out to go Easton, Sue Becker and Linda
15 Fercho. Easton is in Pennsylvania where I was born. When
16 you see your husband, tell him there's a few items that he
17 must walk three steps behind you at all times.

18 NAT'L W. DIVISION GIRLS' STATE CHAIRMAN FERCHO:
19 Your husband, Susie.

20 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: He's not going
21 to do it.

22 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER DOUGLAS: He's not going
23 to do it? Well, the other gophers will step up for you.
24 I recognize that. We talked about it at the dinner.

25 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Mine will.

1 PAST DEPARTMENT DOUGLAS: Also, he is only to
2 speak when he's spoken to. So a few other things that Mr.
3 Park was supposed to write down, but you see he's not
4 here. And I thank you very much. So the rest of the
5 gophers when Norm is not available or willing to step
6 up --

7 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: And you're
8 moving away.

9 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER DOUGLAS: I am.
10 Arlington, Texas.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: We're sorry
12 you're going.

13 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER DOUGLAS: Thank you very
14 much, Madam President. Thank you for allowing me to come
15 and make a presentation.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: You're welcome.

17 PAST DEPARTMENT GOPHER DOUGLAS: I can't get to
18 everybody. Okay.

19 (Applause.)

20 (Processional.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I will have my
22 Advisory Chairman now -- it's easier for her to go here.

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24 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONVENTION REPORT

25

1 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REYES: Hello
2 everybody. Are you having a good time? Good, good. I'm
3 too short so I have to bring this down.

4 Madam President, it will be short and sweet. I
5 won't say much, but -- okay. On behalf of the Master --
6 what are we?

7 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:
8 Patterns.

9 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REYES: -- patterns,
10 we would like to thank you for making our job so easy.
11 You hadn't needed much advice because you are really doing
12 a great, great job. But any time you need our advice, we
13 are always there to avail ourselves or whatever we can do
14 to the best of our ability. And so you haven't needed us
15 to advise, but you're doing such a great job, Madam
16 President. We would like to thank you for this
17 appointment. It's fun and I think Terry might have a lot
18 to say. Terry.

19 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:
20 Well, at the start of this year Harriet wore miniskirts.
21 Well, when you're on her Advisory, you pull her skirt, she
22 got done, all her skirts were clear down on her ankle.
23 Good job. Thank you for the appointment.

24 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REYES: Margaret
25 Quinones is part of the Advisory Committee, and we're

1 sorry she couldn't make it today because of her heart, but
2 she is part of us and whatever we did. Thank you.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay.

4 (Applause.)

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6 RESOLUTIONS

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8 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: Thank you, Madam
9 President. I believe I have two helpers for Resolutions
10 this morning. The Convention Committee on Resolutions met
11 on June 25th, 2015 in the Redwood Room in the Ontario
12 Airport Hotel, Ontario, California at 11:00 a.m. There is
13 no statistical report for this program.

14 Lois Cornish, District 22, was appointed
15 secretary, Sandra Kurkoske, District 25, was appointed
16 Chaplain, and Yvonne Mack, District 16, was appointed
17 Sergeant-At-Arms.

18 The committee agreed on the appointments.
19 Sergeant-At-Arms Yvonne passed out the packets to the
20 delegates which included a copy of the department code and
21 a copy of the resolution form. Chaplain Sandra offered
22 prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
23 Secretary Lois called the role and 15 delegates answered
24 the call. There were no guests.

25 The next order of business was the reading of the

1 code. The delegates were told that this would probably be
2 the shortest code that they would have read all day. We
3 only have two paragraphs. After the second code was read,
4 there was discussion on changing the wording to be more
5 precise in the word "identification."

6 The committee proposed the following change to
7 Code No. 2. The code now reads: "Member or members
8 submitting a resolution shall sign the resolution with
9 proper identification. When a resolution is submitted and
10 passed by a Unit Or District, the resolution shall be
11 signed by the President and Secretary."

12 The proposed change would read: "Member or
13 members submitting a resolution shall sign the resolution
14 with their name and membership number. When a resolution
15 is submitted and passed by a Unit or District, the
16 resolution shall be signed by the President and
17 Secretary."

18 By consent of the committee I move for the change
19 to Code No. 2.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: The proposed
21 change would read: "Member or members submitting a
22 resolution shall sign the resolution with their name and
23 membership number. When a resolution is submitted and
24 passed by a Unit or District, the resolution shall be
25 signed by the President and Secretary."

1 Is there any 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: Motion carried.

8 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: Thank you, Madam
9 President. The committee members then looked at the
10 official resolution form and proposed a change. The form
11 at the top of the page now reads: "Submitted by," and
12 then a line for the author, then the box for the district
13 number and the next line for the subject of the
14 resolution.

15 The proposed change would be: Submitted by, name
16 of author and membership number, then unit/district box,
17 and then the subject line.

18 By consent of the committee I move for the
19 acceptance of this change to the form.

20 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Second.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: The proposed
22 change would be: Submitted by, name of author, and
23 membership number. Then unit/district box, then the
24 subject line.

25 Is there any discussion?

1 (No response.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: All in favor?

3 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Motion carried.

7 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: Thank you. The
8 next order of business was to relate to the committee that
9 one resolution had been received by the Department Office.
10 This was regarding Girls State. At the close of our
11 meeting we had not heard from the committee whether it had
12 passed or been rejected. Later in the day I did hear from
13 the Girls State Chairman Linda that it had been rejected.

14 Discussion took place on how and when someone
15 would go about writing a resolution, and various ideas
16 came forth. Delegates talked about not being afraid to
17 voice an opinion or concern, and if a resolution would
18 solve the issues, then to go forward and write one.

19 Courtesy resolutions were discussed and the
20 delegates agreed that they would be read on the floor
21 before the close of business on Sunday. As there was no
22 further business to discuss, the Chaplain read a closing
23 prayer and the meeting adjourned at 11:50.

24 Madam President, this concludes my committee
25 report, and I thank you for this opportunity to serve the

1 Department. Thank you for appointing Susie Baker,
2 District 28, and Becky Bullard, District 19, to help me
3 with the reading of the courtesy resolutions. May we go
4 forward with those resolutions?

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Of course you
6 may.

7 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT BULLARD: Some of us are
8 short. Whereas, Chairman Diane DeLashmit and Co-Chairman
9 Ilona Thomas and their committee have done an outstanding
10 job of providing our comfort and enjoyment during this
11 Department Convention; and whereas, District President
12 Gabriele Rowland and the members of District 25 have
13 extended their warm and gracious hospitality and made all
14 of us feel welcome; now therefore be it resolved that we
15 express our sincere appreciation to Diane and her
16 committee for being such wonderful hosts and for making
17 this a successful convention.

18 And be it further resolved that a copy of this
19 resolution be sent to President Gabriele Roland and Diane
20 DeLashmit and Ilona Thomas.

21 (Applause.)

22 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT BULLARD: Whereas, the
23 management of the staff at the Ontario Airport Hotel in
24 Ontario, California have been gracious. And whereas, they
25 made our stay most comfortable and enjoyable; and

1 therefore be it resolved that we express our gratitude for
2 their outstanding service and cooperation.

3 And be it further resolved that a letter of
4 appreciation be sent to the -- to Mike Legere, Hotel
5 Director of Sales and Marketing, and Mary O'Haren,
6 Conference Planning Director at the Ontario Airport Hotel.

7 (Applause.)

8 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT BULLARD: Whereas, Mayor
9 Paul Leon from the City of Ontario, California took time
10 out of his busy schedule to bring greetings to President
11 Harriet and our members; now therefore it be resolved that
12 we express our gratitude to Mayor Leon for his presence at
13 this department concession -- I think it's convention,
14 isn't it? Okay. Convention. And be it further resolved
15 that copies of this resolution be sent to Mayor Leon and
16 to the City of Ontario.

17 (Applause.)

18 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT BAKER: Whereas, Maya
19 Novicki served as Honor Junior President and is
20 representing the Juniors of our Department with grace and
21 dignity. And whereas, she has attended this Department
22 Convention to bring greetings on behalf of the Juniors of
23 the Department of California, to the President Department
24 Harriet and its members and guests assembled here;
25 therefore be it resolved that we convey to Maya our

1 appreciation and our pride in her service to our great
2 organization. And be it further resolved that a copy of
3 this resolution be sent to Maya Novicki.

4 (Applause.)

5 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT BAKER: Whereas, a number
6 of Distinguished Guests found time in their busy schedule
7 to attend our Department Convention to bring greetings.
8 And whereas, it was an honor to welcome them and hear
9 their informative remarks; and therefore be it resolved
10 that we express our appreciation with a round of applause
11 to the following for their attendance at this convention.

12 And be it further resolved that a copy of this
13 resolution be mailed to each and that a copy be sent to
14 the American Legion Department Office. Michael Fox, Sons
15 of the Legion, Department Commander.

16 (Applause.)

17 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT BAKER: James Adames,
18 President American Legion Riders.

19 (Applause.)

20 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT BAKER: Gabriele Rowland,
21 District 25 President American Legion Auxiliary.

22 (Applause.)

23 District 28 PRESIDENT BAKER: Paul Cox, Chairman
24 of the War Memorial Commission.

25 (Applause.)

1 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT BAKER: Whereas, throughout
2 the years the Past Department Presidents continue to
3 serve, to participate in, and to support the programs of
4 the American Legion Auxiliary Department of California.
5 And whereas, they have shared their valuable knowledge and
6 counsel and they have added much by their presence at this
7 Department Convention; now therefore be it resolved that
8 we express our appreciation to the Past Department
9 Presidents for their dedication and continued service to
10 our organization by giving them a standing ovation to show
11 our gratitude and love.

12 (Applause.)

13 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: Whereas, the
14 leadership and talent of a number of our members have been
15 recognized by the National Organization and they are
16 currently serving the American Legion Auxiliary in various
17 programs. We ask that they rise, remain standing until
18 all have been called; and now therefore be it be resolved
19 that we express our appreciation at this Ontario
20 Convention to the following for the honor and prestige
21 which they have brought to the Department of California
22 this year.

23 Nancy Brown-Park, Past National President, Past
24 Presidents Parley Chairman, Long Range Strategic Planning
25 Committee Member. Anita Biggs, National Membership

1 Chairman. Linda Fercho, National Western Division Girls
2 Nation Chairman. Linda Workman, National Western Division
3 Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Chairman. Diane
4 DeLashmit, National Western Division Leadership Chairman.
5 Melanie Taylor, National Centennial Committee Member. And
6 LuAnn Capazzi, National Public Relations Committee Member.

7 (Applause.)

8 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: Who did I miss?
9 My bad. Kendall Madsen, Strategic Centennial Committee.

10 (Applause.)

11 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: Be it further
12 resolved that a copy of this resolution, with amendments,
13 be forwarded to each of the above National
14 representatives.

15 Whereas, the American Legion Department
16 Commander, Janet Wilson, has graciously taken time out of
17 her busy schedule to join us at this convention, the
18 American Legion Auxiliary. Whereas, her cooperation in
19 working together to mend the bond with the California
20 Legion family and further the programs of our
21 organizations; now therefore it be resolved that we
22 express our appreciation to Commander Wilson for her
23 cooperation and courtesies to our Department President
24 during their travels throughout the department and for her
25 presence at this Ontario Convention.

1 And be it further resolved that a copy of this
2 resolution be sent to the Department Commander and to the
3 Department Office of the American Legion.

4 (Applause.)

5 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: Madam President,
6 would you please join me at this podium and would the vice
7 president assume the chair. Whereas -- there you are.
8 Oh.

9 Whereas, Department President Harriet Clendenin
10 has shown her capable leadership and friendliness as she
11 represented our great organization throughout the
12 Department of California and at National Headquarters.
13 And whereas her motto C.R.A.F.T.S., Creating Relationships
14 Assisting Families Through Service, enabled our members to
15 focus on their priorities and inspired them to use their
16 unique crafting abilities as they worked our programs into
17 beautiful quilts of service and devotion to our veterans
18 and their families, their community involvement, and to
19 our youth.

20 And whereas, the calm decisiveness and grace with
21 which President Harriet presented herself at each official
22 visit as well as the challenges she met throughout her
23 travels; now therefore be it resolved that the members and
24 guests assembled at this Ontario Convention express their
25 appreciation and love to the Department President Harriet

1 with a standing ovation for her dedication to the American
2 Legion Auxiliary and a job well done.

3 (Applause.)

4 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: And be it further
5 resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to
6 President Harriet and her unit. God bless you.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you so
8 much.

9 (Applause.)

10 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: Thank you, Madam
11 President, for this appointment. And I will fix those two
12 resolutions.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you very
14 much, LuAnn. Everybody be seated.

15 Okay. Okay. We will now have the presentations
16 of the Past Department Presidents. Norma, I didn't know
17 you were out there too.

18 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN DUVALL: No, I had to get a
19 ride back to his convention.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I should have
21 asked if you were all in the room.

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23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS PRESENTATIONS

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25 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: For

1 Linda's Workmen and Park's Patriots, will you all please
2 stand? On behalf of Linda's Workmen and Park's Patriots,
3 \$20 will go to the Past Department President Junior
4 Scholarship and \$200 to the Department Furniture Fund.

5 (Applause.)

6 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: I just want
7 to say something really quick before you -- can I just --
8 I want to say -- this is a personal comment as a Past
9 National President. Linda is what we're all here today
10 for. And, Linda, when we send you on your way -- Linda
11 next year is our candidate for Western Division Vice
12 President. So she will represent the Western Division
13 from California. And we want to wish you the best of
14 luck. It's going to be awesome, but not everybody will be
15 at National Convention to experience it.

16 So, Linda, my buddy, good luck to you.

17 (Applause.)

18 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SPARKS: It's still
19 morning. Good morning. I don't know how many of Bev's
20 Stars or Madeline's Miracle Workers or Linda's Racers are
21 in the room, but if you are in the room, stand up. Well,
22 I'll tell you, we had just five members attend our
23 luncheon, but we had some very, very generous donations
24 just from the five of us.

25 So we are presenting \$300 for the Department

1 Office furniture replacement and \$30 for the Junior
2 Scholarship Fund. It was really great and the donations
3 were really wonderful.

4 I want to take just a second, a little privilege
5 here. I've got my book from 25 years ago, and I'd like to
6 kind of talk about the chairmanship that I appointed, the
7 chairmen that I appointed. And it just goes to show that
8 you can't beat California women; you really can't.

9 Let me find them okay. Twenty-five years ago
10 there was a lady called Judy Lloyd. She was my Children &
11 Youth. And then there was another silly little girl
12 called Linda Workman who was my Community Service
13 Chairman.

14 (Applause.)

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SPARKS: And then I
16 don't know how many of you knew Gwen, Gwen Monson. She
17 was my Education Chairman.

18 (Applause.)

19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SPARKS: Let's see.
20 Oh, my gosh. And a mouthy, mouthy lady called Ruby was my
21 Junior Conference Director.

22 (Applause.)

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SPARKS: Pat Sweeney
24 was our Leadership Chairman, and Geri Jeske was
25 Membership. Willie Burke was Veterans Affairs & Rehab.

1 But I've got to say, a special place in the heart for
2 Nancy Brown-Park.

3 (Applause.)

4 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SPARKS: Nancy was
5 Girls State Director and did a wonderful, wonderful job
6 there. I think I was the first one to invite Girls State
7 to my DEC in Ontario, and she brought me the counselors
8 too, didn't you, and set up a table with all kinds of
9 things about Girls State which I thought was a fantastic
10 idea. I still have the gray sweatshirt hoodie that says
11 Girls State.

12 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Bev had just
13 gotten married. So when she came to visit with her
14 husband, we had the honeymoon suite for them.

15 (Applause.)

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT SPARKS: I want you to
17 know they gave me a surprise shower. And I was young. I
18 said, "The Western Division Vice President is waiting for
19 us to meet for lunch." And they kept taking me somewhere
20 else. But mind you, we had a wedding shower. But thank
21 you. And thank you, ladies.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Don't
24 you believe Bev about me being loud. You know that that's
25 not true. I know you know. Goldie's Golden Links,

1 Gerry's Cards, Margaret's Dreamcatchers, Ruby's Allstars,
2 Shelby's Actresses, and Pilar's Musicians. And we have
3 one guest, Bonnie's Princesses. We are donating \$313 to
4 the Department VA&R program in memory of Sue Hooker and
5 Pat Sweeney, \$125 to Junior Conference, and \$50 to Child
6 Welfare. Thank you, ladies.

7 (Applause.)

8 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN REYES: Okay. We
9 have donations from all the Past Department Presidents of
10 \$100 that we collected in our dinner. And we are -- thank
11 you. We have giving to VA&R in memory of Sue Hooker, and
12 it's an amount of \$25. We're giving \$25 to Child Welfare
13 Foundation in memory of Pat Sweeney, and \$50 to ALA
14 Department of California for office furniture fund. Okay.
15 Total of \$100. Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Are any of
18 Virginia's Engineers in the room? Please stand. That was
19 well over 25 years ago. Judy Lloyd -- Judy Lloyd Editor's
20 in the room? Okay. And Diane DeLashmit's Circus Acts.
21 We were monkeying around, you know. Yeah, two of them are
22 here.

23 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL: Excuse me.
24 She's the Fortune Teller.

25 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: And the

1 Fortune Teller. All right. We've got more money here.
2 Well, that's good. That's good. Okay. Well, before I
3 open this envelope, we're donating \$32 to the Junior
4 Scholarship Fund, \$144 to the VA&R program, and \$144 for
5 the Department President's Special Project. And that's --
6 let's see how much we're going to add to that.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: \$5.

8 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Okay. So
9 that adds up to \$325. The \$5 -- I was supposed to do 10
10 percent, 40 percent, 50 percent, so I'll have to refigure
11 this. But anyway, we'll just go with 32, 144, and 144.
12 Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 NAT'L STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBER TAYLOR:
15 Tight quarters up here. May I have any of Margie's Magic
16 Chefs stand. Are there any of Ronnie's Roses here?
17 Melanie's Balloon Pilots and Sue's Lighthouses. In Sue
18 Hooker's memory we are donating a total of \$425. \$300 to
19 the VA&R fund, \$115 to the Department Office Furniture
20 Fund, and \$10 to the Junior Scholarship Fund. Thank you,
21 ladies.

22 (Applause.)

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT JACOBS: So I have
24 brought something. Do we have any of Bonnie's Princesses
25 or Sandy's Colonels in the house? Thank you, ladies.

1 Thank you very much. And I know Bonnie can't be with us
2 this week. She has scheduled a family party and she's not
3 going to be here. But in that vein, we would like to
4 have -- we have a total of \$262 collected and we would
5 like \$85 to go to the new furniture for our Department
6 Office and \$177 VA&R in honor of Sue and Pat. Thank you.

7 (Applause.)

8 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: Are any of my
9 Ships Captains in the room this morning? Oh, good. We
10 are going to donate \$35 to the Junior Scholarship, \$100 to
11 VA&R for TFA, Harriet's special project, \$50 to the
12 Department Office Furniture Fund, and \$75 to the Past
13 Presidents Parley Nurses' Scholarship for a total of \$260.
14 Thank you, ladies.

15 (Applause.)

16 NAT'L W. DIVISION GIRLS' STATE CHAIRMAN FERCHO:
17 Okay. We've decided we're going to pal up together
18 because we're the Queens. We want to see if there's any
19 Rodeo Queens or Caribbean Queens in the room. And we
20 have -- you have the money? Okay. We have \$245, and we
21 decided to have \$20 go in donation for the Junior
22 Auxiliary Scholarship and \$235 for TFA for veterans.

23 (Applause.)

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CUCCARO: Madam
25 President, I believe there are still some Performers and

1 Penguins in the room. Thank you. The Peachy Performers
2 and the Classy Penguins are donating \$10 for the junior
3 scholarship and \$65 for the office furniture. Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:

6 Okay. Would Terry's Treasures please stand up? And I
7 know there's a lot of you in the room. Thank you, ladies.

8 Okay. Terry's Treasures are donating \$10 to the Junior
9 Presidents Scholarship -- Past Department Presidents
10 Scholarship, whatever that is, and \$190 to President
11 Harriet's Special Project TFA or VA&R. Thank you.

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: Our newest group,
14 the Dream Team Captains, could you all please stand? We
15 had a great crew, great lunch. Thank you, ladies, for
16 being generous. We are donating \$10 to the Department
17 Junior Scholarship Fund. We are donating \$90 to Junior
18 Conference, \$100 to Education Scholarships, \$200 to the
19 Office Furniture Fund, and \$200 to the VA&R TFA. And
20 we'll do that in memory of Sue Hooker and Pat Sweeney. A
21 total of \$600 donated by the group.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: Thank you all.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I have a little
25 presentation to make, but in the meantime could the

1 ladies -- will the ladies who are going to be taking back
2 the flags, except for District 15 and the Department
3 Colors meet in the back and start lining up.

4 Ruby, will you help me with this?

5 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: Madam President, if I
6 can have -- Tami Bell, District 29, Unit 716. I'm over
7 here.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Oh.

9 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: If I may inquire,
10 Madam President, as to how much you have estimated you
11 have raised for TFA this year.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I'm going to say
13 about \$18,000.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN BELL: Thank you.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: And that's an
17 estimate. Would you please come and --

18 DISTRICT 25 MEMBER: Madam President.

19 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes.

20 DISTRICT 25 MEMBER: My name is (inaudible),
21 District 25. I just talked to my fellow unit member Donna
22 Scott. She is in San Antonio Hospital. They took x-rays
23 and they did an MRI or CT and they find she has a
24 fractured pelvic. And they are going to transfer her
25 probably tomorrow to Orange County, a hospital in Orange

1 County, but they're admitting her right now.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you for
3 the update. We will all keep her in our prayers.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Notes
5 are starting. All books must be picked up at the close of
6 this session. At the close of convention, please ask all
7 district presidents to remove their signs from the poles
8 and take them home with them.

9 Displays and books need to be picked up today or
10 they will be disposed of. Also if anyone has seen a clear
11 plastic tote with red and blue handles, it belongs to the
12 decorating committee. Please return to District 25.

13 If anyone wants to still order 2015 convention
14 shirts, contact Carol Fuqua on stage. Cost will be \$26
15 per shirt which includes shipping costs. The shirts will
16 be mailed in a few weeks. Thank you for your support,
17 25th District, 2015 Convention Committee.

18 We have -- is it we have one dinner for 25th
19 District? Oh, they have one prize. Oh, okay, okay.
20 Yeah, there's a prize here, number 14. Ticket number --
21 green ticket 1177359. No one has picked up. Anyone got
22 that ticket, green ticket? Ticket number 1177359. Are
23 you going to raffle it again?

24 We've got a lost jacket. It's a nice jacket. Is
25 it a large? Okay.

1 NAT'L STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEMBER TAYLOR:
2 We have the winner over here.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: The
4 number is 1177359. Okay. All right. Would all the
5 Department President's Club Members please come and start
6 forming a line here so that your card and your charm can
7 be presented to you by your department president. Melanie
8 Taylor, Maria Lopez, Wendy O'Brien, Kathie Martinez, Linda
9 Workman, Brenda Wardrip, Madeline Lee, Terry Mikesell,
10 Tammy Sollazzo, Anita Biggs, Diane DeLashmit.

11 Newark Unit 837, District 10; South Bay Unit 184,
12 District 20; JB Clark Unit 149, District 22; Bradley
13 Keefler Unit 138, District 30; San Fernando Unit 176,
14 District 20. If you signed up for the President's Club
15 and were not called, please see me after -- after the
16 close of the session.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Okay. Susie
18 would like to give instructions for your installation
19 while we take care of this business.

20 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: We will start
21 the installation after -- it will take about 30 minutes.
22 About 30 minutes after the close of the session.

23 Okay. We will have the installation. All First,
24 Second, District President, everybody will be outside, and
25 line up according to the signs that they have. And there

1 will be a DEC after, so plan on staying for that for those
2 officers and chairmen.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Is there
4 anything further?

5 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Madam
6 President, Diane DeLashmit, Convention Chairman. The
7 resolution was read for Kathy, Ilona, and myself, but we
8 were the three that did everything. And I just want to
9 recognize (inaudible). She did a fantastic job.

10 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: I just wanted to
11 quickly say thank you because all of you will not get to
12 National Convention. From the bottom of my heart as the
13 National Membership Chairman for this great country to be
14 from California is such a privilege. And I'm so proud
15 that you are leading the way with my vision for female
16 veterans which is called, "I Am A Female Veteran." I
17 wanted to do it on the unit level, I wanted to do it on
18 the department level. I was told no both times, but when
19 I went to the National organization and asked could we
20 please honor female veterans, they said yes and they
21 increased the budget --

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: -- from \$12,000 to
24 \$70,000 to cover the awards for this year alone.

25 (Applause.)

1 DEPARTMENT NEC WOMAN BIGGS: California is in the
2 lead at 168 last count. And I am very proud of you. I
3 know that you can make goal. I know it's within each one
4 of you. There is money to be earned. And we fought hard
5 to get that money. So please, please go back out and get
6 those 2015 members. You can do that. So please. I
7 brought three with me; right, Terry?

8 So thank you ladies and thank you so much for
9 being in my heart.

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you for
12 coming to the 96th Convention. This has been a wonderful
13 convention and you all did a fantastic job this weekend.
14 Thank you, members, for my exciting year to service to
15 veterans.

16 Will the Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal please
17 retire the colors.

18 (Processional.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: We will now
20 recesses for -- did you say 30 minutes, Susie?

21 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thirty minutes,
23 at which time we will reconvene for the installation of
24 2015-2016 officers.

25 (Recess from 11:59 a.m. to 12:51 p.m.)

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2 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2015-2016
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4 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: It is my pleasure
5 to present the installing team. The Distinguished Guest
6 Chairman is Linda Workman and she's out there getting
7 everybody ready. Our Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms is Sharon
8 Moore. Our Honorary Marshal is Debbie Fletcher. Honorary
9 Chaplain is June Coatney. The Honorary Musician is Sandy
10 Patterson. District 22 Color Bearers are Lois Cornish and
11 Jolina Freeman. And San Diego Unit 6 Color Bearers are
12 Sarah Tozier and Maggie Muck.

13 We will now proceed with the installation of
14 Department Officers for the 2015-2016. Honorary
15 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal, with the Distinguished Guest
16 Chairman, please escort the Department Chairmen.

17 (ProceSSIONal.)

18 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Honorary
19 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal, with the Distinguished Guest
20 Chairman, please escort the District Second Vice
21 Presidents.

22 (ProceSSIONal.)

23 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Honorary
24 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal, with the Distinguished Guest
25 Chairman, please escort the District First Vice

1 Presidents.

2 (Processional.)

3 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Honorary
4 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal, with the Distinguished Guest
5 Chairman, please escort the District Presidents.

6 (Processional.)

7 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Honorary
8 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal, with the Distinguished Guest
9 Chairman, please escort the following: Musician Kathy
10 Smith, Sergeant-At-Arms Tracy Varnell, Marshal Elizabeth
11 Doidge, Historian Susie Morgan, and Chaplain Susan Baker.

12 (Processional.)

13 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Linda, do you want
14 to go back out with them? Your name wasn't called.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: There's one in
16 every group.

17 (Processional.)

18 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Don't get too
19 comfy out there though. Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms and
20 Marshal, along with the Distinguished Guest Chairman,
21 please escort the Junior Member of Finance Elect Linda
22 Hayes.

23 (Processional.)

24 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: You get a second
25 try. You can remain standing unless you want to do the up

1 and down thing. Will the Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms and
2 Marshal, with the Distinguished Guest Chairman, please
3 escort the Department Vice President Elect Wendy O'Brien.

4 (Processional.)

5 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Color Bearers with
6 the Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal and the
7 Distinguished Guest Chairman, please present the colors of
8 District 22 and San Diego Unit 6.

9 (Processional.)

10 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Honorary
11 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal, with the Distinguished Guest
12 Chairman, please escort the Department President Elect
13 Susie Tozier escorted by her sister Anita Collins.

14 (Processional.)

15 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: The installation
16 of our newly elected -- the installation of our newly
17 elected appointed officers is one of the most important
18 and impressive ceremonies of our department convention.
19 As we begin this transition from one administration to
20 another, we wish to express our appreciation to the
21 retiring department and district officers for their
22 outstanding contributions to the amazing history of the
23 American Legion Auxiliary Department of California.

24 (Applause.)

25 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: As we turn from

1 the memories of the successful year we have just
2 completed, let us all look forward with renewed dedication
3 and enthusiasm to another year of achievement by our new
4 Department and District Officers as we honor and serve our
5 veterans, their families, and our country.

6 We congratulate our new officers and wish for
7 them a year filled with success and growth of our Legion
8 family that will help produce our one million members by
9 our 100th anniversary in 2019.

10 (Applause.)

11 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: District Vice
12 Presidents, District Presidents, and Department Officers,
13 please rise.

14 My fellow members, you have been chosen to
15 fulfill the various offices of the American Legion
16 Auxiliary Department of California. You will I know
17 vindicate the trust that has been reposed in you and
18 fulfill in every way the obligations what that trust
19 entails. You will familiarize yourself with the duties of
20 your respective offices as given in the Department Bylaws.
21 Always remember that the welfare and success of the
22 administration depends upon you, and upon your shoulders
23 rests the burden of preserving the integrity of the
24 American Legion Auxiliary.

25 You must protect its good name before the people

1 of the United States and at all times endeavor to have
2 them understand its policies and purpose. Always remember
3 the color and spirit of the American Legion Auxiliary.
4 There is no rank among us, for each serves as the equal of
5 her fellow members and all stride towards the same goal,
6 which is the realization in the life of the republic of
7 the ideals of justice, freedom, democracy, and loyalty.

8 Please raise your right hand and repeat after me
9 giving your name where I give mine. I, Diane DeLashmit,
10 promise to perform faithfully.

11 (Response.)

12 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: All the duties of
13 the office.

14 (Response.)

15 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: I am about to
16 assume.

17 (Response.)

18 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: And I further
19 pledge.

20 (Response.)

21 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: That I am not a
22 member of.

23 (Response.)

24 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: And do not
25 subscribe to.

1 (Response.)

2 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: The principles of
3 any group opposed to our form of government.

4 (Response.)

5 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: District Second
6 Vice Presidents, please rise. She's going back as a
7 retrainee. It's not a demotion.

8 Into your helpful hands is placed the
9 responsibility of assisting the First Vice Presidents in
10 all their duties. The cooperation and spirit with which
11 you fulfill your responsibility will contribute much to
12 the success of this year's accomplishments.
13 Congratulations.

14 (Applause.)

15 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: District First
16 Vice Presidents, please rise. You are assuming a -- oh,
17 I'm sorry. To you is given the active cooperation with
18 the president for the continued development of your
19 district programs. In the absence of the president, you
20 will be prepared to assume the duties of her office. This
21 year can be a rewarding learning experience for you and
22 prepare you for future goals. Congratulations.

23 (Applause.)

24 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: District
25 Presidents, please rise. You are assuming a tremendous

1 responsibility in leading the day-to-day activities of the
2 units in your district as a deputy to the Department
3 President. You are the most important member of the
4 official family, for you represent the link between the
5 members of this great department and the Department
6 President.

7 With full confidence in your abilities you have
8 been chosen by your district to fill this important
9 position. May your year of service as a special agent of
10 growth be a happy, exciting, and rewarding adventure for
11 you and your district. Congratulations.

12 (Applause.)

13 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Sergeant-At-Arms
14 Tracy Varnell and Marshal Elizabeth Doidge. You will have
15 the very special honor this year of carrying the flag of
16 our country and the banner of the Department of
17 California. The love and respect with which you carry out
18 these duties will inspire the membership.

19 In addition, you are responsible for order at all
20 department meetings and such other duties as may be
21 assigned to you by the Department President.
22 Congratulations.

23 (Applause.)

24 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Musician Kathy
25 Smith.

1 (Applause.)

2 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Yours is an
3 enviable position in the official family, for your music
4 will set the tone and beauty of our ceremonies and bring
5 life to our meetings. Your willingness to share your
6 talent as the musician is a source of joy for all of us.
7 Congratulations.

8 (Applause.)

9 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Sergeant-At --
10 Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal -- are you up here?
11 Okay. Please escort LuAnn Capazzi, Past Department
12 President, to this station.

13 (Processional.)

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAPAZZI:
15 Parliamentarian Deanne DeLashmit, your duty is to advise
16 the Department President on procedural matters in the
17 deliberations of this department. The benefit of your
18 experience and wise counsel will be a great asset to her
19 in the performance of her duties. Congratulations.

20 (Applause.)

21 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Historian Susie
22 Morgan.

23 (Applause.)

24 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: To you is given
25 the rather awesome responsibility of compiling the history

1 of this administration. Many memorable accomplishments
2 will occur this year and your official record will
3 preserve those moments of growth in our organization.
4 Congratulations.

5 (Applause.)

6 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Chaplain Susan
7 Baker.

8 (Applause.)

9 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: You have been
10 asked to serve as the spiritual leader of this department.
11 The love and empathy with which you perform the duties of
12 your office will do much to help lighten the sorrows that
13 may fall upon our members. You will have the opportunity
14 of offering prayers that will be uplifting to us and to
15 assist our members to develop a sense of inner strength
16 gained from God's blessings. Congratulations.

17 (Applause.)

18 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Junior Member of
19 Finance Linda Hayes.

20 (Applause.)

21 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Let's see. You
22 are entering a three-year term on a very important
23 committee of this department. Study carefully your
24 responsibilities as outlined in the bylaws and policies.
25 Always remember that you were elected by the membership to

1 represent their best interests. We know you will consider
2 well your duties and enjoy your service on this committee.
3 Congratulations.

4 (Applause.)

5 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Honorary
6 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal, please escort the Department
7 Vice President Elect Wendy O'Brien to the podium.

8 (Processional.)

9 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Wendy, as the
10 Department Vice President you will be the Department
11 President's right hand. Her left too. She may call on
12 you for counsel or to represent her at special occasions.
13 You should be prepared to do so as well as assuming the
14 duties of her office if the need should arise. Your
15 enthusiasm and cooperation will add much to the success of
16 this administration.

17 May this year be a rewarding and learning
18 experience and help prepare you for future goals. I'm not
19 sure what those are. I've got to figure out -- I'll put
20 the pin over your heart. Your badge as Department Vice
21 President.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thank you
24 very much.

25 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Will the Honorary

1 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal please escort Wendy back to
2 her seat.

3 (Processional.)

4 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Don't go away.
5 You guys can just stay up here. Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms
6 and Marshal, please escort Past Department President from
7 Montana, but she is one of our ladies now, Midge Farrar,
8 along with the Department President Elect Susie Tozier to
9 the podium.

10 (Processional.)

11 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FARRAR: Great trust
12 has been reposed in you by your election to the highest
13 office within the Department of California. I charge you
14 to carry constantly in your mind the obligation which is
15 yours, that of upholding the four great principles
16 expressed in the preamble of the constitution: justice,
17 freedom, democracy, and loyalty.

18 As Department President you have the great
19 challenge of developing and improving the programs of the
20 American Legion Auxiliary. You have been selected by the
21 members to fulfil this challenge. We have faith in your
22 ability and integrity. We know that you will exemplify
23 the qualities of leadership that the members expect from
24 their Department President. You will be the spokesperson
25 for all of us to the public. Our members will look to you

1 for guidance, inspiration, and understanding.

2 Susie, we know that you will continue to use your
3 talents, your strengths, and your love of the American
4 Legion Auxiliary to the best interests of all members.
5 Your leadership will inspire our members to achieve goals
6 never before thought possible in all of our programs.

7 Your theme of Growing the Legion Family for
8 Veterans will inspire us to reach for higher goals in
9 membership and programs for our most important mission,
10 our veteran, military, and their families.
11 Congratulations and best wishes.

12 (Applause.)

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FARRAR: Susie, I would
14 like to say something to you. Do all the good you can by
15 all the means you can in all the places you can in all the
16 ways you can to all the people you can as long as ever you
17 can.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT TOZIER: Thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Honorary
21 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal, will you please escort Midge
22 back to her seat.

23 (Processional.)

24 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Sergeant-At-Arms
25 and Marshal, please escort Anita Collins, Susie's sister,

1 to the podium. And I'm not sure where she went.

2 (Processional.)

3 MS. COLLINS: Susie, it is an honor and a
4 privilege to pin over your heart the insignia of the
5 American Legion Auxiliary. Do I have to start over?

6 Susie, it is an honor and privilege to pin over
7 your heart the insignia of the American Legion Auxiliary
8 Department of President. I know that you will wear it
9 with a great deal of pride uniting our members in service,
10 ideals, and commitment, leading us in another successful
11 year of service, not self.

12 (Applause.)

13 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Honorary
14 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal, please escort, a very long
15 walk for our Junior Department Past President Harriet
16 Clendenin and Past Department President LuAnn Capazzi.

17 (Processional.)

18 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: We have to add at
19 least a bit of excitement.

20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAPAZZI: Harriet, it
21 gives me a great deal of pride -- I know you've been
22 waiting for this moment for a while. I won't get smart.
23 Harriet, on behalf of all the Past Department Presidents
24 of the Department of California, it is with a great deal
25 of pride that I put your ribbons on you, that you have

1 allowed me the pleasure of doing it. I got it backwards.
2 She doesn't have her pin on, so they fooled me.

3 On behalf of the Past Department Presidents, that
4 ribbon is filled with memories of your year, your
5 successes. And on behalf of all of them, I welcome you to
6 the Past Department Presidents of California.

7 (Applause.)

8 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: And it takes us a
9 long time to figure out we're supposed to be escorted.

10 Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal, please
11 bring Past Department President Terry Mikesell to the
12 stand.

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAPAZZI: Terry is
14 worse than me.

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: You got that
16 right.

17 (Processional.)

18 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Harriet, it
19 gives me a great deal of pleasure to be able to pin
20 Harriet with her Past Department Presidents pin.

21 (Applause.)

22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Harriet, you
23 have come to the close of your year as president of the
24 Department of California American Legion Auxiliary. Your
25 theme Creating Relationships Assisting Families Through

1 Service, C.R.A.F.T.S., inspired all of us to make this a
2 great year for our department. It has been a tremendous
3 experience for you and you can be very proud of what has
4 been accomplished under your leadership. As you retire
5 from this office, be assured that you take with you the
6 love and respect of all of our members.

7 We thank you for taking the time out in your busy
8 life to serve as our president. May you have many happy
9 memories of your year as Department President.

10 Congratulations for a job well done.

11 (Applause.)

12 (Processional.)

13 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Honorary
14 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal, please escort LuAnn Capazzi
15 and Susie Tozier, our Department President, to the stand.

16 (Processional.)

17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAPAZZI: Susie, it
18 gives me great honor to present your sash as Office as
19 Department of California President. Wear it with pride
20 and know that we love you, we are here to support you, and
21 I know we are going to have a wonderful year ahead.

22 Congratulations.

23 (Applause.)

24 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Honorary
25 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal, please escort our Past

1 Department President LuAnn Capazzi and our Newly Installed
2 President Susie Tozier to their seats.

3 (Processional.)

4 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: This thing keeps
5 moving. Will all the newly installed officers please
6 rise.

7 Members and guests, I present to you the new
8 officers of the Department of California for the
9 2015-2016.

10 (Applause.)

11 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: My fellow members,
12 I share in the pride with you who you have chosen to guide
13 our organization this coming year. They have been charged
14 with serious responsibilities and in turn I charge you
15 likewise.

16 Will all members of the American Legion Auxiliary
17 Department of California please rise. Raise your right
18 hand and repeat after me. I solemnly promise.

19 (Response.)

20 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: To renew my pledge
21 and service.

22 (Response.)

23 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: To the American
24 Legion Auxiliary.

25 (Response.)

1 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: And to give
2 wholehearted support.

3 (Response.)

4 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: To these
5 department officers.

6 (Response.)

7 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: The Honorary
8 Chaplain will offer prayer. No. Honorary. That's you.

9 HONORARY CHAPLAIN COATNEY: Dear Heavenly Father,
10 thank you for -- thank you not just for this special day,
11 but every day. As we gather for this installation, give
12 us the use of your gift of peace and understanding that
13 Susie may approach matters she must handle. May you watch
14 over and guide her for the betterment of our American
15 Legion Auxiliary. Always keep true to the principle on
16 which the American Legion will stand. We ask this in your
17 name. Amen.

18 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Amen.

19 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Honorary
20 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal, would you please bring
21 forward our Newly Installed Department President.

22 (Processional.)

23 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Madam Department
24 President, I present you with this gavel, your symbol of
25 authority. May you use it with discretion and always in

1 the best interest of this department. One tap of the
2 gavel will seat the membership.

3 Madam Department President Susie Tozier, may I be
4 the first to congratulate you as our Department President.

5 (Applause.)

6 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: I wish for you a
7 most productive year filled with tremendous growth in
8 membership, increased participation in veteran and
9 military family activities, your true leadership in our
10 department at all levels and strengthen in all our
11 programs.

12 Your mother Lorraine Maxie, a dual member, a very
13 good friend of mine for 20, maybe 30 years, was the first
14 to encourage me to go through the chairs. So we have a
15 long-standing relationship. Your mother and your father I
16 know would be very, very proud of you and your
17 accomplishments to get to this day and wish for you a very
18 successful year as I do.

19 My fellow members, I present to you our 2015-2016
20 Department President Susie Tozier.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT TOZIER: It's all in
23 the wrist. I want to thank you for allowing me to be your
24 Department President. Little did I know --

25 (Applause.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT TOZIER: Little did I
2 know that that ten-year-old Junior would one day be
3 Department President. And my parents are here.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT TOZIER: And my friend
6 Phyllis Holmberg is here with me in my heart because she
7 waited for it.

8 I want to thank my sister Anita for driving down
9 from Salt Lake City, Utah to escort me.

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT TOZIER: We're both 29
12 years old. My theme is Growing the Legion Family For
13 Veterans. My pin shows the symbol of the Legion, the
14 Auxiliary, the SAL, and the Legion Riders. We're all a
15 team. We're going to work together as a team and we're
16 going to build our membership so that this organization
17 can stay and be here for the future of the world. We have
18 now other organizations that have sprouted up, but we have
19 been around since forever and we're going to be around
20 forever.

21 So let us all work together, mentor our Juniors
22 or SALs, and let them on count on being the future of our
23 organization. Because we're wonderful. We are a
24 wonderful, great team. And teamwork is the thing. You
25 can't do it by yourself. It takes a team to accomplish

1 all the stuff we do. And I tell you right now, we do an
2 awful lot. People may not think we do a lot, but once you
3 start putting the pieces together, we are a wonderful
4 group of family. And that's the way we should be even in
5 the future.

6 So that's my theme and that's where I want to go.
7 And we are going to make the million members. Right,
8 Anita?

9 (Applause.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT TOZIER: I want to
11 congratulate the First Vice, Second Vice, and District
12 Presidents. You are part of the team. You are down in
13 the trenches helping and measuring the units and the
14 future leaders of your areas. So keep up the good work
15 and I know you're going to have a wonderful successful
16 year. Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Would you like for
19 me to introduce them or would you like to introduce your
20 officers? I guess I get to do it.

21 Okay. Let me see if I can remember who we just
22 listed off. Of course our Department President Susie
23 Tozier.

24 (Applause.)

25 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Our Department

1 Vice President Wendy O'Brien.

2 (Applause.)

3 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Our Junior Member
4 of Finance Linda Hayes.

5 (Applause.)

6 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Our Sergeant --
7 I'm sorry. Our Chaplain is Susie Baker.

8 (Applause.)

9 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Historian is Susan
10 Morgan.

11 (Applause.)

12 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Our Musician is
13 Kathy Smith.

14 (Applause.)

15 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Our
16 Sergeant-At-Arms is Tracy Varnell.

17 (Applause.)

18 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: And our Marshal --
19 I'm not sure how this is going to work next year -- is
20 going to be is Elizabeth Doidge.

21 (Applause.)

22 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: And I'm the
23 Parliamentarian again.

24 (Applause.)

25 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: And I am really

1 looking for a replacement. I guess we're going to
2 introduce the chairmen at the DEC meeting that follows
3 this because I don't know who's who. Are there any
4 presentations? I believe we have one from District 22.

5 DISTRICT 22 MEMBER: This is a little something
6 from Unit 6 for Susie. Hope you have a great year.

7 (Applause.)

8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FARRAR: Susie, I
9 congratulate you on this California Department President.
10 San Diego Unit 6 will loan it to the Department of
11 California for one year, but will need it back so you can
12 flip burgers on bingo night.

13 (Applause.)

14 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: I would like to
15 also present District Presidents, First Vice Presidents,
16 and Second Vice Presidents. And please excuse me if I
17 don't say your name correctly.

18 District 1, Marialice Clanclini. And she is not
19 here. District 2, Judy Henderson, I don't think was here.
20 District 3 Lola Ramey.

21 (Applause.)

22 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Can we hold our
23 applause until they've all been introduced, please.

24 District 4, Barbara La Doucer. District 5, Sandy
25 Paxton. And you can stand. Remain standing until they've

1 all been introduced. District 6, Maria Lopez. District
2 7, Bonnie Chavoya. District 8, Tammy Manini. District 9,
3 Helaine Rios. District 10, Gweniviere Woody. District
4 11, Beverly Villines. District 12, Anne Kelley. District
5 13, Jennifer Fanucchi. District 14, Ellen McClurg.
6 District 15, Dee Ann Graham. District 16, Tracy Varnell.
7 District 17, Rachel Yee. District 18, Malinda Sinclair.
8 District 19, Diana Livas. District 20, Roberta Estes.
9 District 21, Judy Bendzala. District 22, April Kochur.
10 District 23, Phyllis Meyi. District 24, Ruth Hackney.
11 District 25, Tamara Duran. District 26, Dolly Vitangeli.
12 District 27, Vicky Goodchild. District 28, Susan Baker.
13 District 29, Cheryl Neiffer. District 30, Kim Vincent.

14 (Applause.)

15 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Vice presidents
16 are Doris Pickney. That's District 1. District 2, Pat
17 Carey. District 3, Rosemarie Bejeck. District 4, Elsa
18 Johnson. District 5, Norma Harrison. District 6, Ramona
19 Tafoya. District 7, Linda Harmon. District 8, Kathleen
20 Sullivan. District 9, Rosemarie Moreno. District 10,
21 Dorothy Castillo. District 11, Charlene Marthei.
22 District 12, Donna Sturm. District 13, CeCe Harvey.
23 District 14, Sandy Urban. District 15, Zana Chaney. And
24 I know some of these people have left to go to Girls State
25 so that's why they're not here.

1 District 16, Terry Oclaray. District 18 -- I'm
2 sorry. 17 is Cindy Wong. District 18, Gail Pauliot.
3 District 19, Nancy Rayner. District 20, Ann Philcox.
4 District 21, Susan Romero. District 22, Donna Smith.
5 District 23, Patricia Patrick. District 24, Delores
6 Artis. District 25, Maria Teresa Teri Granado. District
7 26, Arlene Muller. District 27, Joyce Curwick. District
8 28, Karol Adams. District 29, Cindy Mayfield. And
9 District 30, Karen Marquardt.

10 (Applause.)

11 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: And we'll probably
12 have fewer for District Second Vice. District 1, Pat
13 Lindley. District 2, Anita Ray. District 3, Wendy
14 Jacobs. District 4, Jean Edson. District 5, Wenonah
15 Angier. District 6, Sherry Watson. District 7, Peggy
16 Vogele. District 8, Teresa Canonizado. District 9,
17 Wendelin Geltz. District 10, Susan Peters. District 11
18 is Kirsten Anderson. District 12, Ann McCauley. District
19 13, Patricia Leonardo. District 14, Geni Lefler. How are
20 we saying it? Geni.

21 District 15, Harriet Clendenin. District 16,
22 Stephanie Reid. District 17, Annie Chao. District 18,
23 Patty Ramos. Sorry. Betty Ramos. District 19, Becky
24 Bullard. District 20, Nancy Heinich. District 21, Cathy
25 McCoy. District 22, Maureen Giacalone. I have to do it

1 visually.

2 District 23 is Raychelle Trimble. District 24,
3 Beatrize Huppert. District 25, Patricia (Patti) -- this
4 is Galatioto. District 26, Leslie Tozzini. District 27,
5 Norma Billings. District 28, Mary Concepcion. District
6 29, Jean -- I think it's supposed to be Dudbeck. And
7 District 30, JoAnn Likens.

8 (Applause.)

9 INSTALLING OFFICER DeLASHMIT: Thank you all.
10 We're looking forward to a fabulous year with all of your
11 support.

12 At this time we're having to change things just a
13 little bit. Will the Honorary Sergeant-At-Arms and
14 Marshal please present our Junior Past President Harriet
15 Clendenin to close her convention, and then take our Newly
16 Installed Department President to her chair.

17 We have some special guests that have been
18 waiting a little bit, but they're really her guests, so
19 that's --

20 JUNIOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Will the
21 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal, along with the Distinguished
22 Guest Chairman, please escort the newly elected SAL, Sons
23 of the American Legion California Incoming Commanders.

24 (Processional.)

25 JUNIOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: You can

1 hug the girls later. Hi, I'm Harriet.

2 SAL COMMANDER KELLY: Hi, Harriet. Robert Kelly,
3 Jr.

4 SAL COMMANDER AID DESMEULES: I guess they want
5 me to talk. I would like to introduce to the podium at
6 this time our Newly Elected Commander Robert Kelly.

7 (Applause.)

8 SAL COMMANDER KELLY: Good afternoon, Ladies,
9 Auxiliary Members. It's a great honor to be able to come
10 over here and just give a big welcome, a big hello and a
11 thank you for inviting me over. Gil Desmeules is the
12 Commander's aid. He introduced me. I have here to my
13 right my Senior Vice Commander Tomidan Jordan.

14 (Applause.)

15 SAL COMMANDER KELLY: Next to him I have my Third
16 Area Vice Commander David Smith, Sr.

17 (Applause.)

18 SAL COMMANDER KELLY: And to my left here in
19 front of me I have my Fifth Area Vice Commander Jim
20 Fisher.

21 (Applause.)

22 SAL COMMANDER KELLY: You're a rock star here,
23 Jim. And next to Jim Fisher is my Sixth Area Vice
24 Commander Art Carlos.

25 (Applause.)

1 VICE COMMANDER SMITH: I want to hang out with
2 the rock star.

3 SAL COMMANDER KELLY: Yeah. And next to him is
4 one of my District Officers Robert Edwards. Sorry.

5 (Applause.)

6 SAL COMMANDER KELLY: I have to say I've been a
7 little under the weather this whole convention, so please
8 forgive me for not putting on a great show or song and
9 dance, being from the Hollywood post. But it's always a
10 pleasure. I've had a great relationship with the
11 Auxiliary over the years. I'm a dual member also, was in
12 the 16th District, now I'm in the 24th. And there's a lot
13 of ladies here that I see from both these districts and
14 many others from different areas.

15 I want to do everything I can to work closely
16 with you ladies. As we are the backbone to the American
17 Legion, I believe you ladies are the backbone to the Sons.

18 (Applause.)

19 SAL COMMANDER KELLY: So thank you for giving me
20 this opportunity to come before you, and again I thank you
21 from the bottom of my heart.

22 (Applause.)

23 JUNIOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: May we
24 introduce you to our newly installed Department President
25 Susie Tozier.

1 SAL COMMANDER KELLY: Pleasure. I'll be looking
2 forward to seeing you.

3 JUNIOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: I don't
4 know if that's a good thing or bad thing. Thank you very
5 much, Gentlemen, and we wish you the best of success next
6 year.

7 (Applause.)

8 (Processional.)

9 JUNIOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Is there
10 any further business to come before this convention? If
11 not, Vella Myers, my Master Comforter Department Chaplain,
12 will offer prayer.

13 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN MYERS: Let us pray.
14 Merciful Father, we understand that you have gathered one
15 of our sister members into your loving embrace today, a
16 lady who will be missed. Her name is Shirley Brown. We
17 hope that you will keep her in your loving embrace and
18 keep her safe.

19 Father, your great wisdom has guided us these
20 last days. And as we go our separate ways, be with us as
21 we make our way to our homes and hope that we arrive there
22 safely and swiftly. Bless us always with thy goodness and
23 thy grace. Amen.

24 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Amen.

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8 Auxiliary - Department of California 96th Annual
9 Convention was taken Sunday, June 28, 2015, at the time
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11 That upon the taking of the meeting, the words of
12 the American Legion Auxiliary - Department of California
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19 I further certify that I am neither counsel for
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21 in any way interested in the result or outcome thereof.

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