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CALL TO ORDER

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Will the Chaplain  
please offer prayer?

INVOCATION

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN BAKER: Thank you, father,  
for those present today and for the freedom we have to  
gather together to serve our country. We thank you for  
your guidance in our decision making. Thank you for the  
leadership provided by the chairmen who are reporting on  
the many things our members are doing in our local  
communities. Continue to watch over, bless, and comfort  
our members who are ill and bless those who have gone away  
from our homes and to our service and to serve our  
country. Continue to surround us with all your loving  
care. Amen.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Amen.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Will the secretary  
2 please call roll?

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ROLL CALL

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6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madam  
7 President Susie Tozier.

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DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Present.

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DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
10 Department Vice President Wendy O'Brien.

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DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning.

12

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
13 Secretary/Treasurer Ruby Kapsalis. Here. NEC Woman  
14 Harriet Clendenin.

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NEC WOMAN CLENDENIN: Good morning, Ruby.

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DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good  
17 morning, Harriet. Chaplain Susan Baker.

18

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN BAKER: Good morning Ruby.

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DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
20 Historian Susan Morgan.

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DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN MORGAN: Good morning, Ruby.

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DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good  
23 morning, Susie. Parliamentarian Diane DeLashmit.

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PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Here.

25

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

1 Musician Kathy Smith.

2 MUSICIAN CHAIRMAN SMITH: Can you hear me now?

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

4 Sergeant-at-Arms Tracy Varnell.

5 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS VARNELL: Here.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Marshal

7 Elizabeth Doidge.

8 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS VARNELL: She's here. She's  
9 having a wardrobe malfunction.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Finance  
11 Committee Chairman Kathie Martinez.

12 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Good  
13 morning.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Finance  
15 Committee Terry Mikesell.

16 SENIOR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:  
17 Present.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Finance  
19 Committee Linda Hayes.

20 JUNIOR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER HAYES: Good  
21 morning.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
23 Advisory Committee Anita Biggs.

24 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Here.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

1 Advisory Committee Pilar Reyes.  
2 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER REYES: Present.  
3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
4 Advisory Committee Terry Mikesell.  
5 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL: Here.  
6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Past  
7 National Present Nancy Brown-Park.  
8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Excused.  
9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
10 Americanism Kimberly Vincent.  
11 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN VINCENT: I'm here.  
12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: AEF  
13 Sharon Moore. Is she here?  
14 AEF CHAIRMAN MOORE: Oh, here.  
15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
16 Children & Youth Joan Cannon.  
17 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN CANNON: Oh, I'm here.  
18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
19 Community Service Gloria Williams.  
20 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Here.  
21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
22 Convention Chairman Gloria Sinopoli.  
23 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN SINOPOLI: Here.  
24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
25 Constitution & Bylaws Donna Scott.

1           CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Good  
2 morning.

3           DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good  
4 morning. Convention Chairman Melanie Taylor.

5           CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Good  
6 morning, Ruby.

7           DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good  
8 morning. Credentials Joy Saunders. I'm sure she's busy  
9 already. Distinguished Guest Chairman LuAnn Capazzi.

10          DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: Howdy.

11          DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Howdy.  
12 Editor Estella Avina.

13          EDITOR CHAIRMAN AVINA: I'm on it.

14          DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
15 Education Tami Bell.

16          EDUCATION CHAIRMAN BELL: Good morning.

17          DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good  
18 morning. June Coatney. She's upstairs putting boxes  
19 together. Girls State Chairman Elissa Kirkland. On her  
20 way to Girls State. Girls State Director Donna Enright.  
21 Is she gone to Girls State?

22          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes.

23          DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Junior  
24 Activities Robin Falkenberg.

25          JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN FALKENBERG: Still

1 grooming the future.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Junior  
3 Conference Director Jackie Cleveland.

4 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR CLEVELAND: Still  
5 getting around.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
7 Leadership Committee Chairman Kathie Martinez.

8 LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Good  
9 morning.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good  
11 morning. Legislative Harriet Clendenin.

12 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN CLENDENIN: Miracle Growers  
13 are in the house.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
15 Membership Chairman Wendy O'Brien.

16 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Still here.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
18 National Security Chairman Dee Ann Graham.

19 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Good morning.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good  
21 morning. Past Presidents Parley Terry Mikesell.

22 PAST PRESIDENT PARLEY CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Good  
23 morning.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Poppy  
25 Chairman Ellen McClurg.

1 POPPY CHAIRMAN McCLURG: Good morning, Ruby.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good  
3 morning. Public Relations Jean Cooley-Desmeules.

4 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN COOLEY-DESMEULES:  
5 Getting the word out.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Getting  
7 the word out. Okay. Resolutions Linda Fercho.

8 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Good morning, Ruby.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good  
10 morning. Rules Geri Fitzpatrick.

11 RULES CHAIRMAN FITZPATRICK: I'm still here.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
13 Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Loretta Marsh.

14 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Here.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Ways &  
16 Means Karen Munch.

17 WAYS & MEAN CHAIRMAN MUNCH: Here.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: She's  
19 here. District 1 Marialice Canclini. Marialice Canclini.  
20 Marialice, are you here? District 2, Judy Henderson.

21 DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT HENDERSON: Still here.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
23 District 3 Lola Ramey?

24 DISTRICT 3 PRESIDENT RAMEY: Here.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

1 District 4 Jean Edson.

2 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT EDSON: Here.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

4 District 5 Ramona Tafoya.

5 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT TAFOYA: No. District 6.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I'm  
7 sorry. Okay. District 5 is --

8 CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Sandy  
9 Paxton.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Sandy  
11 Paxton, but she's not here.

12 CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: She's not  
13 here.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And  
15 nobody is representing her. Are you not the secretary or  
16 the treasurer?

17 CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: I'm the  
18 treasurer.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Then  
20 you would be representing your district. Is that okay?

21 CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Yeah.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.  
23 District 6 Ramona Tafoya.

24 DISTRICT 6: Good morning, Madam President. The  
25 sack of tomatoes are in the hot house.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

2 District 7 Linda Harmon.

3 DISTRICT 7: Hee-haw.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: You're  
5 smart. Pick the short easy ones. District 8, Kathleen  
6 Sullivan.

7 DISTRICT 8 PRESIDENT SULLIVAN: Good morning.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: There  
9 she is. District 9 Dolly Rios?

10 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: Here.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

12 District 10 Gwen Woody.

13 DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT WOODY: Good morning, Madam  
14 President.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

16 District 11 Beverly Villines.

17 DISTRICT 11: We've been working all the day  
18 long.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

20 District 12 Ann Kelley.

21 DISTRICT 12: Nuts and fruits are here, Madam  
22 Secretary.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

24 District 13 Jennifer Fanucchi.

25 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT FANUCCHI: Good morning,

1 Madam President. Our vegetables are growing.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

3 District 14, Ellen McClurg.

4 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT McCLURG: Howdy.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

6 District 15 Dee Ann Graham.

7 DISTRICT 15 PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Good morning.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

9 District 16 Tracy Varnell.

10 DISTRICT 16: It's Saturday and we're here too,  
11 but we wish that we were through.

12 SENIOR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL: I'll  
13 second that.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

15 District 17 Rachel Wang-Yee. No more than I do.

16 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT WANG-YEE: Good morning.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good  
18 morning, Rachel. District 18 Mindy Sinclair. Let's see  
19 what the Elegant 18 is going to do today.

20 DISTRICT 18: District 18 farms here. Good  
21 morning, Madam President. With a crack crack here and a  
22 crack crack there, here a crack, there a crack, everywhere  
23 a crack crack. District 18 farms here. Good morning,  
24 Madam President.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: That is such a

1 beautiful sight in the morning.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I just  
3 want to know if contacted the Webster's Dictionary for the  
4 new definition of elegant.

5 DISTRICT 18 DELEGATE: That's what happens when  
6 you feed Odette that bad stuff.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I can  
8 you Odette told me until -- she hadn't had a drink in 20  
9 years until she did that.

10 District 19, Diana Livas.

11 DISTRICT 19: Your 19th District co-op farmers  
12 are on their John Deeres and are heading for the  
13 convention. Good morning, Madam President.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
15 District 20 Roberta Estes.

16 DISTRICT 20: We have planted, nourished, and  
17 harvested the growth of the legion family as targeted.  
18 Good morning, Madam President.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
21 District 21 Judy Bendzala.

22 DISTRICT 21: Good morning, Madam President.  
23 District 21.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
25 District 22 April Kochur.

1 DISTRICT 22: E-I-E-I-O.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: They  
3 just cut to the chase. District 23 Phyllis Meyi.

4 DISTRICT 23: Good morning, Madam President.  
5 We're still growing.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
7 District 24 Ruth Hackney.

8 DISTRICT 24: Oh, what a beautiful morning. Oh,  
9 what a beautiful day. Good morning, President Tozier,  
10 yee-haw, we're here to stay all day.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
12 District 25 Tamra Duron.

13 DISTRICT 25: With work and dedication our crops  
14 were strong and good and we help many veterans more than  
15 we thought we could. Good morning from your Cactus Roses.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
17 District 26 Diane.

18 DISTRICT 26: We're blooming with enthusiasm and  
19 so is our Linda.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
21 District 27 Victoria Goodchild.

22 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT GOODCHILD: Good morning,  
23 Ruby.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All by  
25 yourself. Good morning. District 28 Susan Baker.

1           DISTRICT 28: Good morning, Madam President. The  
2 strawberry farmers are still in the house.

3           DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
4 District 29 Cindy Mayfield.

5           DISTRICT 29: Good morning, Madam President.

6           DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
7 District 30 Kim Vincent.

8           DISTRICT 30 PRESIDENT VINCENT: The nut farm is  
9 in the house.

10          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: You're not kidding.

11          DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
12 Hospital reps. Fort Miley Lorraine Sullivan.

13          HOSPITAL REP SULLIVAN: Here.

14          DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
15 Northern California/Sacramento Wendy O'Brien.

16          HOSPITAL REP O'BRIEN: Good morning.

17          DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Central  
18 California/Fresno Sandy Dowell.

19          HOSPITAL REP DOWELL: Here.

20          DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Palo  
21 Alto Connie Raya.

22          HOSPITAL REP RAYA: Here.

23          DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
24 Livermore Ruth Briggs.

25          HOSPITAL REP BRIGGS: Here.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: San  
2 Diego Susie Tozier.

3 HOSPITAL REP TOZIER: Here.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Loma  
5 Linda, Jerry L. Pettis Mavis Kanka.

6 HOSPITAL REP KANKA: Here.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Long  
8 Beach Pat Alvarez.

9 HOSPITAL REP ALVAREZ: Good morning.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good  
11 morning. Earlean Paige, Greater LA.

12 HOSPITAL REP PAIGE: Good morning, Ruby.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good  
14 morning. Chula Vista Lois Cornish. She's over at  
15 registration I believe. Fresno Vets Home Rosalie Taylor.

16 HOSPITAL REP TAYLOR: Here.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Redding  
18 Terry Mikesell.

19 HOSPITAL REP MIKESELL: Can I go home, Ruby?

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: No.  
21 Lancaster Linda Hayes.

22 HOSPITAL REP HAYES: Present.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Ventura  
24 Madeline Lee.

25 HOSPITAL REP LEE: Here.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: West LA  
2 Ruth Hackney?

3 HOSPITAL REP HACKNEY: Here.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
5 Yountville Peggy Grabski.

6 HOSPITAL REP GRABSKI: Here.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: That  
8 concludes your roll.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Okay. We're going  
10 to start the reports, and when they give the awards, just  
11 take the award and go stand by the flags. We are really  
12 behind, so we won't have any pictures on the stage. So  
13 when you're done with the chairman, wait for them down by  
14 the flags.

15 Okay. We're going to start with Linda Workman.

16

17 NATIONAL WESTERN VICE PRESIDENT CONVENTION REPORT

18

19 NATIONAL WESTERN VICE PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Good  
20 morning. Is my mic working? Okay. Oh, you can't hear  
21 me. Okay. I'll pick it up.

22 They say they saved the best for last, so that's  
23 exactly what I've been doing. I am so excited to be back  
24 home in California. I have missed all you so much. It  
25 seems funny to be sitting up here in front. I thought I

1 had a permanent spot there in the back. So don't get too  
2 comfy, LuAnn, okay?

3 I know that you're all working the programs and  
4 especially working on the centennial plan. And I'm glad  
5 to see that our team has put together a plan for the  
6 department to work on. How many of the units have made  
7 100 percent membership? I want to see some hands.

8 (Applause.)

9 NATIONAL WESTERN VICE PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Yeah.  
10 How many of you are getting real close?

11 (Applause.)

12 NATIONAL WESTERN VICE PRESIDENT WORKMAN: That's  
13 great. Remember, we don't stop there. We keep pushing  
14 until the end. The year's not over just because we're at  
15 convention. Keep pushing on until we reach that goal. As  
16 of Wednesday, June 22nd, California is at 81.99 percent.

17 (Applause.)

18 NATIONAL WESTERN VICE PRESIDENT WORKMAN: You're  
19 in second place in the Western Division, just 3.95 behind  
20 that nasty old Arizona. So we've got to get up there.  
21 Okay? Now I didn't say that being it was in the western  
22 division. You know that.

23 I know that you all can do it. And we have  
24 leaders in this department and we have to show Melanie  
25 that we can actually do this and get to be 100 percent

1 department.

2 CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Yes.

3 NATIONAL WESTERN VICE PRESIDENT WORKMAN: I hope  
4 that you are utilizing the strengths by allowing them to  
5 mentor and assist your members with the programs. We all  
6 need to step up and take responsibility if we are going to  
7 attain goal number one of the centennial plan.

8 Goal number 3 is developing leadership on all  
9 levels. I see the leadership within this department and I  
10 hope that you are trickling it down to your unit levels.  
11 Being a mentor is the most important thing you can do. We  
12 love the active member who's always there to do  
13 everything, but she can't do it alone. In fact, if she  
14 tries to do it alone, she'll burn out and the other  
15 members will lose interest because Mary always does it and  
16 they leave everything up to her. You have to stop being  
17 the Mary and mentor the other people around you so that  
18 they can pick up the torch and move forward for our  
19 program and the solid future of our organization.

20 I was really glad to see so many from California  
21 at the Mission Training in Las Vegas in January, which is  
22 goal number four, strengthening departments and units.  
23 Please encourage those members who have not attended the  
24 past Mission Training to attend so they can benefit from  
25 the knowledge that they share.

1           There is also -- this is also the first time that  
2 the junior members attended the meeting. On a visual  
3 level it was great to have so many young ladies join us.  
4 We made poppies together and had a brainstorming session  
5 with many great ideas coming from youth and all alike.  
6 Training and mentoring our junior members is a great way  
7 to hand over the torch so they can continue our goals and  
8 programs of the American Legion Auxiliary and will serve  
9 our girlfriends for another hundred years.

10           Along with mentoring comes goal number two,  
11 creating internal control of goodwill. That's the  
12 civility part, as Wendy said. I'm not so sure that the  
13 word "civility" is one I like. I think we have to go back  
14 to the golden rule, and as my momma always used to say,  
15 "Treat others the way you want to be treated."

16           Do you have a great idea? Well, others also have  
17 a great idea and you should listen to them with open  
18 hearts and ears and embrace new ideas and change. The  
19 world is changing and we need to change to keep up with  
20 the times. I remember gasoline at 19 cents a gallon. I  
21 remember four channels on a TV. I remember having my  
22 little pink rotary princess telephone, and now we have  
23 phones that we can take pictures, we can go on the  
24 Internet, all kinds of things. Times are really changing  
25 and we need to keep up with the times.

1           New ideas are what move us forward, and forward  
2 we must move. Another part of our centennial plan is goal  
3 number five, building brand loyalty, branding recognition  
4 and awareness. I know of units who make these little  
5 business cards and on it it says, "The American Legion  
6 Auxiliary Unit," you know, fill in the blank. "Thank you  
7 for your service to our nation. If you are interested in  
8 contacting us to get further information on how you can  
9 assist our country's veterans and active military  
10 personnel please, go to [www](http://www.legion.org)," and they have their email or  
11 their website address. Or contact me at, and have a phone  
12 number.

13           These little business cards are placed on  
14 windshields in parking lots that have military bumper  
15 stickers, you know, that say, I served or my daughter is a  
16 veteran or my son is a veteran, you know, so you know that  
17 they're a veteran and they're eligible.

18           You can also include your elevator speech on the  
19 back of the card. How many of you have an elevator  
20 speech? Great. This is not working right. Okay. Right  
21 now with people like in the hotels this morning, actually,  
22 there was a gentleman and he asked me what are you here  
23 for. What are all these ladies here for. So I explained  
24 to him what the American Legion Auxiliary is and what it  
25 does.

1           So you put your little elevator speech on the  
2 back of these cards and you're ready. And when they ask  
3 you these questions about what you do and where you are  
4 and you ask are you associated with a veteran, that's your  
5 ask. You have someone who can serve, you're open for  
6 membership, and there you go. You can get a new member  
7 right there on the street or in the hotel lobby.

8           They sell these little business cards and you can  
9 print them up as you need them and they're fabulous. So  
10 please try to do that. You can print them yourself. You  
11 know, you can buy those little packets that are like a  
12 hundred or something and you can do it with a printer and  
13 no problem.

14           If you're working on the centennial plan, there  
15 is no way that we will not attain a million members by our  
16 centennial and achieve goal number one. If you work it,  
17 it will work. I'm so proud of the work the members of  
18 California are doing. You are all fantastic working with  
19 the same goal.

20           I think back to when I was Department President  
21 and my theme was working together for our veterans, our  
22 children, and our community. I know for me this continues  
23 to be my mantra and I hope that for the wonderful women of  
24 California and for all the women of the wild, wild western  
25 division this year, this continues to be a mantra for you

1 as well. We're keeping the promise for our veterans.

2 I thank you so much for all the years of support  
3 that you have shown me. Okay. Stop. And the courtesies  
4 that you've extended me this weekend. For all the friends  
5 that I have cherished throughout my lifetime, for all the  
6 strong and wonderful women that have come before me and  
7 mentored me, that showed me what being a member of this  
8 great organization really means. I thank you, thank you,  
9 thank you.

10 I want to thank all the members of the Department  
11 of California for allowing me this once-in-a-lifetime  
12 experience. It has been awful. I truly enjoyed every  
13 minute of it. You're all amazing women and I know that we  
14 will set such great examples for everyone, that those who  
15 serve veterans will want to join our ranks of service and  
16 love for our veterans, our children, and our community.

17 Now I'm going to step out of the Western Division  
18 mode and I'm going to step into the old Department mode.  
19 I cannot leave without giving you my thoughts to ponder.  
20 That would be like showing up without a hat on. You know  
21 I just couldn't do that.

22 Okay. So George, the farmer, he has so many  
23 children that he ran out of names, so he started calling  
24 the kids after something around the farm. On the first  
25 day of school the teacher asked each child their name.

1 When he got to one of Farmer George's sons, the boy  
2 replied "Wagon Wheel."

3 The teacher said, "I need your real name, boy,"  
4 which led the boy to reply "It's Wagon Wheel, sir."

5 "Really?" The teacher was rather annoyed and  
6 says, "All right, young man. Take yourself right down to  
7 the principal's office this minute."

8 So he got out of the chair and turned to his  
9 sister and says, "Come on, Chicken Feed, he ain't going to  
10 believe you either."

11 Madam President, thank you for all the courtesies  
12 that you've given to me this weekend. I really have  
13 appreciated it. And I have something for you.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Thank you. We are  
15 very proud of Linda for what she's done. Thank you,  
16 Linda.

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Okay. We're going  
19 to have the report of Leadership followed by Historian  
20 followed by Children & Youth. So can you please come up.  
21 Leadership, Historian, and then Children & Youth.  
22 Everybody that comes up, please come up to the side.

23 SENIOR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL: Susie,  
24 can I make a presentation?

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Terry is going to

1 make a presentation.

2 SENIOR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL: When  
3 Susie visited District 2 we had a gentleman up there who  
4 wanted to make a donation that wasn't timely or whatever.  
5 So from David Codrell, District 2, he's going to donate  
6 \$50 for her special project.

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: He's very nice.  
9 Thank you very much, Terry.

10 Okay. Leadership. Okay. We'll start with  
11 Historian because she came up. I am getting killed on  
12 this one. She's not a person to talk in front of people,  
13 so this is -- this is pay back.

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15 HISTORIAN CONVENTION REPORT

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17 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN MORGAN: Good morning, Madam  
18 President, Ladies of the Auxiliary. This is my committee  
19 report. The Historian committee met in Room 2015 of the  
20 Fresno Convention Center on June 23rd, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.  
21 Rodica Andreescu from District 18 was appointed chaplain.  
22 Jean Cooley-Desmeules from District 19 was appointed  
23 Sergeant-at-Arms, and Elizabeth Doidge from District 28  
24 was appointed as secretary. Fourteen delegates answered  
25 the roll call, six guests were present.

1           The statistical report for Historian can be found  
2   on page 27 in the Department Book of Reports. The code  
3   was read and there were no changes or recommendations  
4   made.

5           Citations were given out for second and third  
6   place supplemental for districts and units, for districts  
7   with 100 percent reporting, for districts and units  
8   sending in the most photos, for units completing the  
9   veterans history project, and second and third place for  
10   picture and written history books for districts and units,  
11   second and third place for the electronic picture and  
12   written history for districts and units.

13           The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. This  
14   concludes my Historian committee report. Madam President,  
15   may I continue with my supplemental and first place  
16   awards?

17           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes.

18           DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN MORGAN: Thank you.  
19   Greetings, Madam President, and to the convention  
20   delegation. This year the Department of California was  
21   known as the farm. There was this farmer. Her name was  
22   Susie. She watched over all the farms in the country of  
23   California. Sorry. County.

24           July started with the installation of the new  
25   farmers, preparing the fields for the seeds to grow these

1 beautiful crops. And for sure, ladies, it was a very  
2 productive year. This Historian has had an amazing year  
3 taking part in the Department farming workshop, working  
4 with all of you, and participating in numerous fundraisers  
5 for the American Legion family. I would like to again say  
6 thank you to Tracy Varnell for the amazing program for the  
7 Dream Wish Fundraiser, working with different  
8 organizations to end homelessness among veterans, because  
9 the word "homeless" should never be next to the word  
10 "veteran."

11 Ladies, please remember to read the rules  
12 carefully before constructing your history books. I am  
13 sorry to inform you that several books had to be  
14 disqualified because some pictures contained alcoholic  
15 beverages. Before adding pictures to your books,  
16 carefully review them to avoid this problem in the future.

17 Madam President, thank you for this appointment.  
18 I have learned a lot this year. I would like to say thank  
19 you to Ruby Kapsalis, Harry Clendenin, and Carol Fuqua for  
20 always being there to answer my many questions and helping  
21 me.

22 For the Harvest Moons and individuals who sent in  
23 pictures, thank you. I know Madam President will be happy  
24 with those pictures. For those who have not submitted  
25 photos, I would like to say it's not too late for your

1 unit or district to be included in Farmer Susie's history  
2 book. It was a year I will never forget. After all, it  
3 was farming.

4 Please remember to pick up your history books by  
5 the end of the session Saturday. This concludes my  
6 report, Madam President. May I continue with my first  
7 place awards?

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes.

9 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN MORGAN: This Historian had  
10 100 percent reporting from all 30 districts. Thank you,  
11 ladies.

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN MORGAN: And there's one  
14 person I would really like to thank. My right hand, my  
15 right brain, my left brain, Rhody, for helping me. Thank  
16 you, Rhody.

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN MORGAN: First Place Unit  
19 Supplemental, Unit 280, District 18.

20 (Applause.)

21 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN MORGAN: First Place  
22 District Supplemental, District 25, Cindy Rogers.

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN MORGAN: First Place Unit  
25 Picture History Book, Cellia Farinella, Unit 261, District

1 18.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN MORGAN: First Place  
4 District Picture History Book, Jean Cooley-Desmeules,  
5 District 19.

6 (Applause.)

7 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN MORGAN: First Place Unit  
8 Written History Book, Unit 280, Rodica Andreescu.

9 (Applause.)

10 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN MORGAN: And First Place  
11 District Written History Book, Elizabeth Doidge, District  
12 18 -- 28. Sorry.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN MORGAN: But it says 28  
15 right here. A list of awards will be posted in the  
16 department office. Again thank you, Madam President and  
17 Farmers. Always remember that Growing the Legion Family  
18 For Veterans will never stop.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN MORGAN: Thank you.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Good job, Susan.  
22 After Children & Youth will be Education and National  
23 Security after Children & Youth.

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25 LEADERSHIP CONVENTION REPORT

1 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Good morning,  
2 Ladies.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

4 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Madam President,  
5 the convention committee on Leadership met June 23rd, 2016  
6 in Room 2001 of the Fresno Convention Center, Fresno,  
7 California. The statistical report of this president is  
8 found on page 28 of the Book of Reports.

9 LuAnn Capazzi, District 27, was appointed  
10 secretary. Rhodona Enright, District 18, was appointed  
11 Chaplain, and Leslie Vondra, District 21, acted as  
12 Sergeant-at-Arms.

13 After welcoming the delegates to the meeting,  
14 Chaplain Rhodona offered prayer and all recited the Pledge  
15 of Allegiance. Secretary LuAnn called the roll for  
16 district assigned delegates. A total of 23 delegates  
17 answered and there were four guests.

18 The reading of the code was read and it was  
19 discovered that number 8 had not printed. The pages in  
20 each district envelope were printed directly from the code  
21 on our website. The delegates suggested that we check the  
22 website again for the program to make sure that number 8  
23 was not there. A motion was made by District 29 delegate  
24 to renumber the code if it was true and that number 8 is  
25 not listed. It was seconded by delegate from District 7

1 and passed by the delegation.

2 We continued with the reading of the code. There  
3 were no other code changes needed. Delegate from District  
4 28 pulled the code up on her cell phone and indeed there  
5 was not a paragraph 8. With the motion already passed on  
6 the floor to renumber the code, the code will now have 14  
7 paragraphs instead of 15.

8 Madam President, by the direction of the  
9 committee I move that we renumber Leadership code to be in  
10 numerical order.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: It's been moved  
12 that we renumber after -- renumber the code in numerical  
13 order to include number 8. Is there any discussion?

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: All in favor?

16 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Passed.

20 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Thank you, Madam  
21 President. A discussion took place about year-end reports  
22 and the need for everyone to make sure that they were  
23 using the correct year's form and that the name on the  
24 back of the form was the current district or department  
25 chairman's name to receive the reports.

1           Because this chairman had to chair the Finance  
2 Committee meeting at 9:30 and there were no other  
3 questions from the delegates, the meeting adjourned at  
4 9:25. This concludes the Leadership committee report.

5           May I continue with my supplemental?

6           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes.

7           LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Madam President  
8 Susie, Distinguished Guests, Members and Guests, the Fair  
9 Vendors of the Department of California were very busy  
10 this past year. As most of us are aware, in the country  
11 or on the farm the neighbors gather locally to find out  
12 what is going on. As the Fair Vendors of the Department  
13 of California, our goal was to get the knowledge and  
14 information out to all of our units, communities, and the  
15 members, our neighbors.

16           Leadership, what is it and how do I teach it?  
17 How do I promote it? How do I inform the membership what  
18 we do, how we do it, and are we doing it right. The goal  
19 of our department trainings was to ensure that any member  
20 of the Auxiliary be provided with the knowledge to open,  
21 close, and conduct a meeting as well as the  
22 responsibilities of each office from the President to  
23 Marshal and how to represent the American Legion Auxiliary  
24 not only in our meetings, but in the community we serve.

25           Units and members were asked what they felt was

1 most needed, and overwhelmingly it was stated that basic  
2 information is what was lacking. Many units did not know  
3 the proper way to open a meeting, conduct a meeting, or  
4 even close a meeting. What is the responsibility of the  
5 officers and chairman. What do we do at the end of the  
6 year. Based on the information received, a back to basics  
7 program was outlined. Units were provided with the tools  
8 to teach their members what, when, where, how, and why to  
9 do what needed to be done.

10 Fairs facilitated throughout the department by  
11 this chairman focused on membership participation. Those  
12 in attendance actively participated in the presentation of  
13 the materials provided within the workbooks. This not  
14 only encouraged sharing ideas from those that are  
15 naturally shy or quiet, but helped us to understand that  
16 there can be more than one way to work a program or  
17 perform the duties of the office you are holding.

18 Duties and responsibilities of the offices and  
19 chairmanship, convention delegates/alternates including  
20 protocol, parliamentary procedure, and reporting  
21 responsibilities were addressed. It was stressed that  
22 reporting is one of the most important responsibilities  
23 you have as an officer or chairman. Attendees were  
24 encouraged to utilize the materials provided with their  
25 units.

1           As a result, it was reported that many units of  
2 the Department of California are holding mini workshops  
3 covering our programs and encouraging members to officiate  
4 as an officer at their meetings so as to learn how to  
5 conduct a meeting, give a report, and prepare guidelines  
6 that follow.

7           A total of nine department leadership trainings  
8 were held, 15 districts held training workshops with 45  
9 units, and over 200 members in attendance including  
10 Legionnaires, Sons of the Legion, and American Legion  
11 Riders. Fifty-nine members renewed their certified  
12 Leadership credentials and six new leaders were certified  
13 as instructors. Members were also encouraged to take the  
14 national online certified Leadership course.

15           Our Department midyear meeting found the members  
16 taking a spin on the wheel of knowledge. Members would  
17 pick a question from one of the three categories,  
18 protocol, Auxiliary, or Juniors, and then would answer the  
19 question. For each correct answer they were given a sweet  
20 treat of their choice. I can tell you the members of the  
21 Department of California are very knowledgeable. I  
22 brought home no sweets.

23           Training books were also made available to all  
24 District Presidents as well as all members in attendance  
25 to be used as a tools in conveying the information in

1 their units.

2 Invocation was key to the units and district in  
3 getting the members engaged. One unit who had a problem  
4 getting one person to commit to being unit president  
5 initiated a group president wherein each member was given  
6 the charge at their installation and were then responsible  
7 to conduct the meeting as President on a rotating basis.  
8 This not only encouraged more member participation at the  
9 meeting, but each member was now responsible for the  
10 welfare of the unit.

11 Other units held mini workshops and gave a quiz  
12 at the next meeting with prizes to those who answered  
13 correctly. This was a huge success. After all, we all  
14 like to win prizes.

15 Emphasis was placed on providing the information  
16 you have to others. Procedure books were used as a tool  
17 of responsibility. Each officer or chairman was  
18 responsible for keeping their books with them at the  
19 meeting, and again prizes were awarded to those who could  
20 show how they had them with them and were able to answer  
21 questions regarding the respective program.

22 In all aspects of the training that was conducted  
23 it was stressed that although we may not always like the  
24 person we are dealing with, whether it be a unit,  
25 district, department, or national officer or chairman, it

1 is imperative that we respect the position held. There  
2 are many situations that will arise that are not pleasant,  
3 but if we keep our heads about us we can resolve any  
4 issue.

5 As one district chairman put it: Leadership is  
6 more than education. It is the ability to lead, to teach,  
7 and to encourage participation.

8 Madam President, may I continue with my first  
9 place awards and a special presentation?

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes.

11 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Thank you. First  
12 Place Unit Supplemental, Chula Vista, Unit 434, District  
13 22, Lois Cornish, Chairman. This report has been  
14 forwarded to National.

15 (Applause.)

16 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: First Place  
17 District Supplemental, District 24, Rebecca  
18 Stewart-Wilson.

19 (Applause.)

20 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: A special  
21 recognition to Cathleen McCoy, District 21, for her  
22 endless work and dedication to the Leadership program of  
23 the Department of California. Cathleen held two  
24 district-wide workshops and about four different unit  
25 workshops within her district. She did an amazing job.

1 (Applause.)

2 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: In closing, the  
3 challenge of Leadership is to be strong, but not rude; be  
4 kind, but not weak; bold, but not bully; be thoughtful,  
5 but not lazy; be humble, but not timid; be proud, but not  
6 arrogant; have humor, but without folly. Jim Rohn.

7 Madam President, this concludes my report and I  
8 thank you for this appointment.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Thank you.

10 (Applause.)

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12 CHILDREN & YOUTH CONVENTION REPORT

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14 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN CANNON: Madam  
15 President, the convention committee met on June 23rd, 2016  
16 in Room 2002 of the Fresno Convention Center, Fresno,  
17 California. The statistical report of this chairman  
18 appears on page 24 and 25 of the Book of Reports.

19 Stephanie Reid, District 16, was appointed  
20 secretary, Candace Wilson, District 14, offered prayer,  
21 and Charlene Manthei, District 11, was appointed  
22 Sergeant-at-Arms and led the Pledge of Allegiance. A  
23 total of 19 district delegates answered roll call. There  
24 were two senior visitors and one junior visitor.

25 The committee agreed upon the following report.

1 The code was read and no code changes were made. There  
2 was a question and answer period that followed. Awards  
3 were presented for 100 percent reporting and second and  
4 third place supplemental reports. The list of Children &  
5 Youth awards were posted in the Department convention  
6 office following my report. The meeting was adjourned at  
7 11:30 with a closing prayer.

8 This concludes the preconvention committee  
9 meeting for Children & Youth. Madam President, may I  
10 continue with my supplemental?

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes.

12 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN CANNON: Our mission  
13 within the Children & Youth's program to care and protect  
14 our nation's children, especially those of our military  
15 and veterans, was a great success in the Department of  
16 California. Our unit members have been very busy  
17 supporting our children and youth from the first 4th of  
18 July picnic activities throughout the year to Memorial  
19 Day.

20 It is inspiring to see all that we have  
21 accomplished this year. Our units held 367 different  
22 activities for our children, both military, veteran, and  
23 nonmilitary. Our units have held parties for our military  
24 veterans, their families, and children in our communities.  
25 Several units held 4th of July parties and that included

1 parades with red, white, and blue theme floats. Following  
2 the parades all in the community were invited to post  
3 halls for a picnic style meal with hamburgers and hot dogs  
4 and ice cream. What a great way to start out our year and  
5 great branding for the Auxiliary within our communities.

6           During the month of August some units handed out  
7 purple ribbons in their communities for Purple Heart Day  
8 which is August 7th, helping all to remember those that  
9 have protected, bled, and died for our freedom. During  
10 Labor Day Auxiliary members were part of parades followed  
11 by meals provided at post halls.

12           During the month of October every district in  
13 California held some type of event. Halloween parties  
14 were held at halls where children were given their treats.  
15 Safety issues were shared with the children on having a  
16 fun, but safe time too. Several districts during  
17 Thanksgiving donated needed school supplies along with  
18 crafting supplies. During this same time, food baskets  
19 were assembled for military families for Thanksgiving.  
20 Many units provided free meals to military families and  
21 veterans in their post halls. Several held -- several had  
22 local ROTC units support their event with setup/takedown  
23 and serving. Other units allowed youth in their area to  
24 volunteer at dinners for community service hours. What a  
25 great way to support our youth and exposing them to our

1 military and veterans. A great learning experience for  
2 our youth was something that will help shape their view of  
3 military veterans for years to come.

4 I feel Christmastime brings out the best in all  
5 of us and our Auxiliary stepped up. A few highlights from  
6 our units that go above and beyond. One unit held four  
7 separate Christmas parties. They gave out hundreds of  
8 toys and gift cards for Operation Santa Claus at the  
9 party. At their unit/post Christmas party, the price of  
10 admission was one unwrapped gift or toy. One of the  
11 parties they held -- excuse me.

12 One of their parties was held for children of  
13 veterans at Long Beach Veterans Hospital. Each child was  
14 allowed to choose three toys. Teenagers received gift  
15 cards and a bag of hygiene products. Three families from  
16 the hospital were adopted. They received gift cards for  
17 grocery stores, restaurants which fulfilled their wish  
18 list.

19 So many other units adopted military families,  
20 supplying them everything needed for a wonderfully blessed  
21 Christmas. Different themed parties were held throughout  
22 the year to support our military and our veteran families.  
23 Two districts partnered together and held one such event.  
24 They held a Hawaiian dinner for 180 military and their  
25 families. They had face painting, craft tables, a photo

1 booth with kooky costumes for all the families. The  
2 Hawaiian dancers were the highlight of the night as they  
3 brought up the children on stage to learn the hula. When  
4 they left, each child received a hero pack filled with  
5 gifts and candy. Every family received a Knott's Berry  
6 Farm pass.

7           One district in conjunction with the Department  
8 of California Sons of the American Legion held a  
9 fundraiser to purchase large Josh Dogs. They raised  
10 enough money to purchase four and the district voted to  
11 purchase four more. All eight Josh Dogs will be donated  
12 to Loma Linda Children's Hospital.

13           So many special things have been done for our  
14 service members, veterans, and their children. The same  
15 district raised money to allow 12 Advance Placement  
16 History students to travel to Washington D.C. They raised  
17 \$6,750 and the unit was able to get a matching donation  
18 from Apple computer program. The unit had the 12 students  
19 participate in the fundraising activities by selling  
20 tickets, preparing and serving food at events.

21           Assisting and providing several craft tables and  
22 face painting celebrated the month of the military child.  
23 Even the parents were in the spirit by having their faces  
24 painted. One of my favorite examples of Auxiliary service  
25 was a baby shower being held for veterans at Long Beach

1 Veterans Hospital. First-time parents were provided with  
2 a tub filled with baby products, hand crocheted blankets  
3 and some items of special request. A family was given a  
4 stroller at the request of small ones at Los Alamitos  
5 Joint Forces Training Base.

6 Another one of my favorites was the Orange County  
7 5th Annual Stand Down. Crafts and games were enjoyed with  
8 children leaving with toys and with backpacks filled with  
9 school supplies for homeless veteran children. One unit  
10 was asked to volunteer for a panel at a local continuation  
11 high school to listen and discuss graduating seniors' exit  
12 speeches. They also provided dictionaries to non-English  
13 speaking parents to support their learning process and to  
14 assist their children in school assignments.

15 And I have to mention an Easter party at Los  
16 Alamitos Joint Forces Training Base. They requested a  
17 unit member volunteer to be Mother Goose, which is my  
18 title this year, and read stories while a veteran dressed  
19 up as Peter Rabbit.

20 One of our districts for the first time held an  
21 Americanism contest at their local school for the fifth  
22 grade with the theme, "What Does Freedom Mean to Me." Two  
23 awards were handed out, \$25, and each teacher was awarded  
24 a \$50 Walmart gift.

25 An honor team visited two schools where they

1 demonstrated the folding of the American flag. Each of  
2 the 13 folds was explained as they were folded. Their  
3 audience were second and third grade students. As they  
4 left, these children saluted the veterans and gave them a  
5 high-five, a welcomed surprise. A unit put 500 flags  
6 around a school on 9/11 to show respect and they gave a  
7 talk on flag etiquette.

8           We had a spectacular year holding 367 Children &  
9 Youth activities, served 10,156 families, 15,464 children,  
10 31,281 volunteer hours, and spent \$178,887 on our youth  
11 and their families. I bet you're all tired, but we're  
12 ready to do it again next year. The stories never end.  
13 This is just a small touch of what Auxiliary members in  
14 the Department of California have reported having done  
15 this year.

16           It's been a privilege to be the Department of  
17 California Children & Youth Chairman. I'm glad to share  
18 with you my last constitutional fact: The only other  
19 language used in various parts of the constitution is  
20 Latin.

21           Madam President, this concludes my report. May I  
22 continue with the presentation of my first place awards?

23           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes.

24           CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN CANNON: My First Place  
25 Supplemental Children & Youth goes to District 29, Cheryl

1 Neiffer, Chairman.

2 (Applause.)

3 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN CANNON: First Place  
4 Unit Supplemental goes to Unit 649, District 28, Sherryl  
5 Panek, Chairman.

6 (Applause.)

7 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN CANNON: First Place  
8 Feed the Pig, District 28, Susan Baker, Chairman.

9 (Applause.)

10 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN CANNON: First Place  
11 Feed the Pig, Unit 328, Norco, District 21, Desiree  
12 Chavira.

13 (Applause.)

14 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN CANNON: I have  
15 purchased this Josh Dog kit. I have brought him with me  
16 to all workshops, DEC, Junior Conference and now to  
17 convention. It's time to pass him on to a group that will  
18 put him to good use with a military child in need. I  
19 would like to present him to District 19, Brenda Boyd,  
20 Chairman.

21 (Applause.)

22 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN CANNON: Madam  
23 President, this concludes my report. It's been a  
24 challenge, but rewarding. May I approach the station for  
25 a presentation?

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes. Thank you.

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3 EDUCATION CONVENTION REPORT

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5 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN BELL: Good morning. The  
6 convention committee on Education met on June 23rd, 2016  
7 in Room 2008 of the Fresno Convention Center, Fresno,  
8 California. The statistical report of this chairman  
9 appears on page 26 on the Book of Reports.

10 Stacy Flagg, District 20, was appointed  
11 secretary. Let me get this thing here. Sherry Green,  
12 District 19 offered prayer, and Elise Flice of District 20  
13 was appointed Sergeant-At-Arms. A total of 18 district  
14 delegates answered roll call. There were six visitors  
15 present.

16 Elise Flice of District 20 secured the room as  
17 Sergeant-at-Arms. Prayer was given by Sherry Green of  
18 District 19. Roll call was read by Stacy Flagg. Code was  
19 read and no changes were made. We had light discussion on  
20 units creating their own scholarships.

21 The chairmen worked very hard on their Education  
22 program and I was honored to serve as their chairman.  
23 Second and third place awards were given. We closed the  
24 meeting with prayer at 11:51. May I go along with my --

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes, you may.

1           EDUCATION CHAIRMAN BELL: The Education Chairmen  
2 of California have been very hard at work this year  
3 focusing on educational and scholarship opportunities for  
4 our veterans, their families, and military children as  
5 well as children in our local communities. The Education  
6 program promotes the American Legion Auxiliary's role in  
7 providing quality education for children and adults  
8 through classroom activities, literacy programs,  
9 scholarship promotion and support of education beyond high  
10 school, especially for military children.

11           In the Give 10 to Education there were 78 units  
12 donating 30,749 items worth \$34,854.42. Members donated  
13 30,749 items that the students use in the classroom such  
14 as pens, pencils, paper, glue, backpacks, and bottled  
15 water totaling \$34,854.42. Not only were these items  
16 donated to traditional classrooms, but one unit donated to  
17 an afterschool program run by the Salvation Army, and  
18 another unit helped set up an afterschool program in a  
19 neighborhood mobile home park.

20           One unit donated backpacks filled with school  
21 supplies and even school uniforms to the children of The  
22 Veterans Villages of Cabrillo Woman's Advance Program,  
23 which is a program by which formerly homeless veteran  
24 women regain their children after losing them.

25           Members collected Box Tops for Education. It is

1 estimated that for each Box Top it is valued at \$1. One  
2 unit donated 6,510 box tops for a value of \$6,510 in much  
3 needed school supplies. One unit donated a flag to a  
4 classroom and purchased "Indivisible, the Story of Our  
5 Flag" for another five more schools.

6 Veterans in the Classroom. Number of units were  
7 39 with the number of veterans 120 and the number of  
8 schools were 43. 120 veterans visited 38 schools  
9 throughout California speaking to students about their  
10 experience serving in the military and what it means to be  
11 a veteran. One school did the program in a special way.  
12 Three students would become a team with the job of  
13 interviewing veterans, researching the war their veteran  
14 fought in, then drafting five questions to ask in the  
15 interview. Also included was a SAL member and an  
16 Auxiliary member whose job was to audiotape and transcribe  
17 the interview.

18 The students held a living history luncheon where  
19 each veteran was invited to attend. Each group introduced  
20 their veteran and spoke about what they learned about the  
21 veteran and how it impacted their lives, including their  
22 lesson learned about what it meant going to war.

23 One unit has an Auxiliary member who was in the  
24 Navy. The Auxiliary veteran spoke to a class of fifth  
25 graders, showing pictures from her memory book of her time

1 on the boat and telling of her experience serving. At the  
2 end of the visitation many of the girls in the classroom  
3 showed interest in serving in the military themselves.

4 Another unit purchased flags for elementary  
5 students to wave at the veterans riding by in the Ride to  
6 Recovery Program. Many veterans took time to speak to the  
7 children in a Beyond the Classroom experience whereby at  
8 the end of the day's ride, children honored the veterans  
9 when they came to their school.

10 Veterans Associations on Campus. There were 19  
11 units serving a total of 402 veterans. Many units  
12 throughout California are beginning to make contact with  
13 veteran associations on college campuses, making contact  
14 and distributing our scholarship applications. California  
15 is also making contact with the FRG for the California  
16 National Guard units, learning that many of the reserve  
17 soldiers are attending college in between deployments.

18 We also are learning that through our VA Women's  
19 Mental Health, that many of our formerly homeless female  
20 veterans are now attending college to rebuild their lives.  
21 One female veteran in this group was awarded a unit  
22 scholarship and a Department of California scholarship.  
23 We are finding this a great avenue to seek out membership  
24 opportunities also.

25 Is that thing going in and out? Okay.

1 Assistance to Needy Students. Number of units,  
2 54. School monetary donation, \$6,028. The Department of  
3 California provided assistance to needy students in a  
4 variety of way. One unit gave Spanish/English  
5 dictionaries to an afterschool program as well as a \$5  
6 gift card for each child who reads 20 books. Several  
7 other units worked with students in dual language programs  
8 with the goal to integrate native English speakers and  
9 native Spanish speakers for academic instructions in two  
10 languages. Several units paid for school uniforms and  
11 supported Junior ROTC with awards and trophies.

12 There were six scholarships awarded by Department  
13 with a total of \$5,000 awarded. Under the Connie Settles  
14 Memorial Trust Scholarship there was one for \$3,875.  
15 Donations in the amount of \$10,190 were sent to the  
16 department to help our California students further their  
17 education. We were able to grant the following  
18 scholarships: One \$2,000 Educational Assistance General  
19 Scholarship, one \$1,000 Educational Assistance General  
20 Scholarship, two \$1,000 Educational Assistance Continuing  
21 and/or Reentry Students, and two \$500 National Presidents  
22 Scholarship.

23 We received four applications for the children --  
24 for the American Legion Auxiliary Children of Warriors  
25 national scholarship, one Spirit of Youth application, and

1 one American Legion Auxiliary scholarship for  
2 nontraditional students. We are happy to announce the  
3 nontraditional student applicant won \$2,000.

4 (Applause.)

5 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN BELL: And that was from  
6 District 18. Scholarships by units, 57 with a total of  
7 115 scholarships with \$35,940 awarded.

8 (Applause.)

9 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN BELL: Our Department of  
10 California Education chairmen worked in their communities  
11 to seek out deserving candidates to award these generous  
12 scholarships. We find our scholarship applicants in a  
13 variety of ways: volunteering in the classroom, working  
14 with the PTA, tutoring in bilingual classes, working in  
15 afterschool programs at the library or homework clubs, and  
16 cross working in our Children & Youth programs,  
17 Americanism Essay Program, Girls and Boys State and the  
18 Oratorical Contest.

19 In summary, the Department of California finds  
20 the Education program vital to assist our overburdened  
21 teachers with supplies for their classrooms, provide  
22 assistance by volunteering in the classrooms, embrace  
23 literacy programs and bilingual classes as a necessary  
24 tool for bettering one's place in the workforce, and above  
25 all, mentoring our youth towards seeking higher education

1 to become all they can become.

2 It has been an honor working with the Education  
3 program in California.

4 (Applause.)

5 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN BELL: May I read the  
6 scholarship recipients so the membership may know? Under  
7 Continuing and Reentry, second place Lorna Hudson, a  
8 formerly homeless female veteran, \$1,000, Unit 495,  
9 District 19.

10 (Applause.)

11 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN BELL: First place, Jamie  
12 Newton \$1,000, Pacific Beach 552, District 22.

13 (Applause.)

14 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN BELL: Educational assistance.  
15 Second place, Chelsea Huggins \$1,000 Unit 468, District  
16 22.

17 (Applause.)

18 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN BELL: First place Madison  
19 Henderson \$2,000, Monterey Cypress 694, District 28.

20 (Applause.)

21 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN BELL: Next was Marion  
22 McFlanahan \$3,500 plus \$375 for books, Newport Beach Unit  
23 291, District 29.

24 (Applause.)

25 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN BELL: The National ELA

1 Scholarship For Nontraditional Students, Cricket Deleer  
2 \$2,000 awarded to Unit 830, District 18.

3 (Applause.)

4 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN BELL: Department winners of  
5 National applicant runner up. Spirit of Youth, Julia  
6 Robertson, \$500 Apple Valley 257, District 25.

7 (Applause.)

8 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN BELL: And Children of  
9 Warriors was Charles Stevens \$5,000, Acadia Unit 247,  
10 District 18.

11 (Applause.)

12 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN BELL: And now, Madam  
13 President, if I can do my awards. For the Most  
14 Outstanding Scholarship Program, Carol McMann, Unit 132,  
15 District 29.

16 (Applause.)

17 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN BELL: For Most Outstanding  
18 Community Education, The Wall That Heals, Jefferson L.  
19 Winn Unit 98, District 4.

20 (Applause.)

21 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN BELL: Most Outstanding  
22 Veterans in Community Schools, Becky Maberg, Education  
23 Chairman, Unit 291, District 29.

24 (Applause.)

25 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN BELL: I love this one. The

1 Best District Literacy Program, Alberta Cummings, District  
2 23.

3 (Applause.)

4 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN BELL: First Place Unit  
5 Supplemental, Danielle White, Inyo Unit 118, District 27.

6 (Applause.)

7 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN BELL: This is a very special  
8 First Place District Supplement Education award because  
9 this woman is a first-year program chairman who emailed  
10 and texted me throughout the year on how to work this  
11 program. She didn't even know how to write a supplemental  
12 and she went on with her work in the community to be  
13 recognized by her state senator for a very special award  
14 for an Education program. And her name is Christine  
15 Evans, District 18.

16 (Applause.)

17 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you, Madam  
18 President. I have concluded my report.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Thank you, Tami.

20 Okay. We have a point of information that Wendy  
21 O'Brien is going to tell us some information she got on  
22 the Sanger/San Francisco issue. And then we are going to  
23 take a break and you must be back in the room at 10:00.  
24 If you are not back in the room at 10:00 o'clock, you  
25 can't come in. The doors will be locked. We are going to

1 go into elections.

2 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Really  
3 quickly. When I was in the hotel I ran into the  
4 Commander. We talked about the MOU and why we didn't  
5 receive one back. He said he didn't want to argue. I  
6 said we're getting nothing. You did not give us the  
7 information that we needed. They do not plan on helping  
8 us pay for any of the building of the secretary's room or  
9 -- the only thing that they're planning on paying for is  
10 the under-the-floor wiring. So I said, well, why didn't  
11 you put that back in there so that we have that  
12 information. He said he just didn't like the tone of it,  
13 and that was the end of that.

14 So I just thought that you ladies should know I  
15 did speak to him. We did talk about the MOU, and it was  
16 not -- that's what was said to us. Thank you.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: You have a break.  
18 10:00 o'clock we're shutting the doors. Ladies, wait a  
19 second. Wait. The juniors will be at the doors and  
20 they're tough and they will not let you back in. Don't be  
21 late.

22 (Recess from 9:46 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Please, close the  
24 doors. Would all of the Department Presidents -- strike  
25 that. Not Department Presidents. We are going to do the

1 count, so hopefully the District Presidents have checked  
2 their delegations and have seen who's here because we are  
3 going to now do the roll call. Credentials is going to be  
4 giving her report right now.

5 Joy, are you ready? Thank you. District  
6 Presidents should be validating your delegation. Make  
7 sure you have your numbers.

8 I want to thank you, ladies, for the corsages.  
9 The ones that I've been wearing have come from districts.  
10 And this one came from Pilar. I'll be wearing them all  
11 weekend. I now have another dust collector in my closet  
12 with all of these beautiful corsages.

13 District 22, when the vote comes, don't forget to  
14 bring a ballot up to me. And District 25, make sure you  
15 bring your delegate up here her vote. And District 20, I  
16 know you won't forget Ruby.

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18 CREDENTIAL CONVENTION REPORT

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20 CREDENTIAL CHAIRMAN SAUNDERS: Good morning.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: June Coatney, you  
22 have a -- come up on the stage. You're going to give your  
23 report. June Coatney.

24 CREDENTIAL CHAIRMAN SAUNDERS: Good morning,  
25 Members and Susie. Thank you for asking me to serve on

1 this chairmanship this year. It was quite the learning  
2 experience. My sincere thanks goes to the Department  
3 Secretary Ruby Kapsalis, to Past Department President  
4 Odette Cuccaro, and to those in District 22 whose help was  
5 invaluable. And thank you to all of the registering  
6 secretaries. Somebody spent a lot of hours doing that  
7 job.

8 The total voting strength of this convention is  
9 502. Divided by half is 251. We need 252 to elect.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Thank you.

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12 ELECTIONS CONVENTION REPORT

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14 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN COATNEY: Good morning, Madam  
15 President and Members. The convention committee met  
16 with -- at Room 2009 at the Fresno Convention Center in  
17 Fresno, California. The statistical report of this  
18 chairman appears on page 15 of the Book of Reports.

19 Ann Philcox, Unit 377, District 20 was the  
20 secretary. Jen Fanucchi, District 13 offered prayer, and  
21 Connie Reyes was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of  
22 17 district delegates answered roll call and there were  
23 three visitors present.

24 Each district president -- each district  
25 president and each district member of the election

1 committee will distribute and collect the votes casted by  
2 the district delegates and deliver them to the Department  
3 Chairman of the election.

4 Department President, Department -- no, that's  
5 the wrong one. I'm sorry. Each delegate shall be  
6 entitled to one vote and the vote of the -- of the absent  
7 unit delegate may represent by alternate shall be cast by  
8 the majority votes from the unit. When two delegates  
9 represent three votes, the chairman of the unit delegate  
10 shall cast one vote. A majority of all votes shall be  
11 select except in an election of the national delegate  
12 and -- you know, this is hard and I was supposed to be  
13 reading it. I apologize, but the first part of that was  
14 correct.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Page 16.

16 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN COATNEY: Page 15?

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Page 16, number 25.

18 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN COATNEY: Page 16, number 25

19 in the Book of Reports. All the resolutions to be  
20 presented --

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: No. 26.

22 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN COATNEY: Okay. The doors of  
23 the convention hall shall be closed during the entire  
24 election procedure and no one shall leave or enter the  
25 hall until Chairman states that the election is concluded.

1 The exception to this shall be that in an emergency, a  
2 member may leave, and if her absence affects the voting  
3 strength, the District President shall immediately notify  
4 the presiding officer.

5 Number 27: When there is but one nominee for  
6 Department Officers and one nominee for the Junior Member  
7 of Elections the nominees shall be elected per Article V,  
8 Section 3 Department Constitution. Upon roll call, the  
9 district presidents shall report the number of units  
10 particularly or wholly represented by duly elected  
11 delegates or alternates present in the delegation at the  
12 time in all call. This is to determine that there is a  
13 quorum of units present at the time of the election.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: It should read:  
15 "This is to determine that there is a quorum of units  
16 present" -- I just have to go --

17 MUSICIAN CHAIRMAN SMITH: Sorry.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: -- "present at the  
19 time of the election." Okay. Go ahead with number 28.

20 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN COATNEY: When there is more  
21 than one nominee of the Department Office of Junior Member  
22 of Financing or endorsement for the national office,  
23 election shall be by a written ballot. The district  
24 president shall when they are instructed by the Chair take  
25 the roll call of their respective delegation to ascertain

1 the total voting strength of their district for the  
2 election reporting the same to Chair.

3 When there are three or more nominations for  
4 office, Junior Member of Finance, or endorsement of a  
5 national office, unless one nominee shall receive majority  
6 vote on the first ballot, the nominee receives the lowest  
7 number of vote shall be automatically dropped before  
8 proceeding with the next ballot.

9 Do you want me to go ahead to 35?

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: You've got to go  
11 all the way to 36.

12 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN COATNEY: All members seeking  
13 the National Office shall be endorsed at a department  
14 convention by the majority vote not more than three to the  
15 day they are to be a candidate for office. Vote shall be  
16 viva voce unless there is more than one candidate, then  
17 the majority votes shall elect by ballot.

18 Each district president and district member of  
19 the election committee shall distribute and collect the  
20 votes passed by the delegation and deliver them to the  
21 department chairman of the election.

22 Number 32: Department officers, chairmen,  
23 committee members and past president -- department  
24 president shall vote with their respective district. Each  
25 delegate shall be titled to one vote. The vote of the

1 absent unit delegate not represented by an alternate shall  
2 be cast by the majority of the delegates from the unit.  
3 When two delegates represents three votes, the chairman of  
4 the unit delegate shall cast the third vote. The majority  
5 of all votes shall elect, except the National delegates  
6 and alternates a plurality shall elect.

7 These convention rules may be amended during the  
8 convention by two-thirds vote. Robert's Rules of Order  
9 Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority on all  
10 points not covered by these rules, the Department  
11 Constitution & Bylaws, and convention mandates.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Thank you. Okay.  
13 Will the District Presidents please line up at the  
14 microphone numerically. And bring your count with you.

15 MUSICIAN CHAIRMAN SMITH: Turn the microphones  
16 on, please, first one in line.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: You'll have to turn  
18 the mic on when you get up there. Okay. We're going to  
19 have to be quiet.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.  
21 I just want to remind the District Presidents, any of you  
22 not present in this room must deduct their entire unit  
23 voting delegates from your total district. That will be  
24 the way you get your final count. Okay? District 1.

25 MARSHAL DOIDGE: Nobody is sitting back there in

1 District 1.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.

3 No one here. Absent. Zero votes. District 2.

4 DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT HENDERSON: Eleven.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

6 District 3.

7 DISTRICT 3 PRESIDENT RAMEY: Eleven.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Come on  
9 over. District 3, 4. Oh, sorry.

10 DISTRICT 3 PRESIDENT RAMEY: You're right, Ruby.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Maybe I  
12 ought to say it first. That went better. District 4.

13 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT EDSON: Three.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Come on  
15 over. District 5.

16 DISTRICT 5 PRESIDENT PAXTON: Five.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

18 Correct.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

21 District 6.

22 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT TAFOYA: Nineteen.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Come on  
24 over. District 7.

25 DISTRICT 7 VICE PRESIDENT HARMON: Ten.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

2 Correct. District 8.

3 DISTRICT 8 PRESIDENT SULLIVAN: Four.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: What  
5 did you say?

6 DISTRICT 8 PRESIDENT SULLIVAN: Four.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
8 District 9.

9 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: Four.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
11 Correct. District 10.

12 DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT WOODY: Eleven.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Come on  
14 over. District 11.

15 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT VILLINES: Sixteen.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Come on  
17 over. District 12.

18 DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT KELLEY: Fourteen.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Come on  
20 over. District 13.

21 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT FANUCCHI: Five.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Come on  
23 over. District 14.

24 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT McCLURG: Thirty-two.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Come on

1 over. District 15.

2 DISTRICT 15 PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Fifteen.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Come on

4 over. District 16.

5 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT VARNELL: Thirty-two.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: How

7 many?

8 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT VARNELL: Thirty-two.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Come on

10 over. District 17.

11 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT WANG-YEE: Three.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

13 Correct.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

16 District 18.

17 DISTRICT 18 PRESIDENT SINCLAIR: Thirty-one.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Come on

19 over. District 19.

20 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT LIVAS: I'm going to come

21 on over.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Can I

23 give you a hint?

24 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT LIVAS: Twenty-five?

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: How

1 many?

2 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT LIVAS: Twenty-five.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

4 Correct.

5 (Applause.)

6 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT LIVAS: The candy paid off.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

8 District 20.

9 DISTRICT 20 PRESIDENT ESTES: Nineteen.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Come on

11 over. Twenty-one.

12 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT BENDZALA: Thirty-two.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I'm

14 sorry?

15 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT BENDZALA: Thirty-two.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

17 Thirty-two you said?

18 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT BENDZALA: Thirty-two.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Come on

20 over. Twenty-two.

21 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT KOCHUR: Forty-five.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

23 Correct. Twenty-three.

24 DISTRICT 23 PRESIDENT MEYI: Twenty.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Come on

1 over. Twenty-four.

2 DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT HACKNEY: Eight.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

4 Correct.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

7 Twenty-five.

8 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT DURON: Ruby, Unit 650 is  
9 registered however they are not here giving us 52.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: You  
11 need to come on over. District 26.

12 DISTRICT 26 PRESIDENT JOHNSON: Three votes for  
13 Unit 472, plus one vote for Linda Workman for a total of  
14 four votes.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Come on  
16 over. District 27.

17 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT GOODCHILD: Seven votes.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Come on  
19 over. District 28.

20 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT BAKER: Thirteen votes.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

22 Thirteen? Come on over. Twenty-nine.

23 DISTRICT 29 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYFIELD:

24 Twenty-five.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Come on

1 over. Thirty.

2 DISTRICT 30 PRESIDENT VINCENT: Five.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Come on  
4 over. District 2.

5 DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT HENDERSON: Eleven.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
7 Correct.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Ramona.

10 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT TAFOYA: District 6, 19.  
11 District 6, 19.

12 (Off the record.)

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: You  
14 ladies can sit down until they're finished doing this up  
15 here.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Okay. Ladies,  
17 let's get back. Sorry, Margaret. Margaret. Sorry.  
18 District presidents. Okay. Ladies, the door is closed.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I want  
20 all the district presidents ready to go.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Thank you, ladies.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
23 District 2. District 4.

24 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT EDSON: Four.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

1 Correct. District 5 -- District 6.  
2 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT TAFOYA: Nineteen.  
3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
4 Correct.  
5 (Applause.)  
6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
7 District 10.  
8 DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT WOODY: Nine.  
9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Oh, I'm  
10 sorry. Hold on. Hold on. Eight.  
11 DISTRICT 8 PRESIDENT SULLIVAN: Three.  
12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
13 Correct. District 9. They're okay. Okay. I'm wrong.  
14 Ten.  
15 DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT WOODY: Nine.  
16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
17 Correct. Eleven.  
18 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT VILLINES: Sixteen. 1-6.  
19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Eleven,  
20 16.  
21 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT VILLINES: Sixteen. 1-6.  
22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: District 11.  
23 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT VILLINES: Sixteen.  
24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank  
25 you. District 12.

1 DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT KELLEY: We still have 14.

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

4 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT FANUCCHI: We have five.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank  
6 you. District 14.

7 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT McCLURG: Now 23.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank  
9 you.

10 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT McCLURG: You're welcome.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Fifteen  
12 was okay. And 16. Sixteen?

13 DEPARTMENT 16 PRESIDENT VARNELL: District 16 has  
14 32.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
16 Correct. District 17. They're okay. District 18.  
17 They're okay. No, District 18 wasn't okay.

18 DISTRICT 18 PRESIDENT SINCLAIR: Thirty-one.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank  
20 you. Correct. We have 21. Sorry. Twenty.

21 DISTRICT 20 PRESIDENT ESTES: Nineteen.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
23 Correct. Now 21.

24 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT BENDZALA: Thirty-two.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

1 Correct.

2 DISTRICT 23 PRESIDENT MEYI: Twenty-three, 20.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

4 Correct. Twenty-four is good. Twenty-two has -- they  
5 were 45. They're okay. Now where am I at? Twenty-five.

6 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT DURON: Fifty-five.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

8 Correct. Twenty-six.

9 DISTRICT 26 PRESIDENT JOHNSTON: Four.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

11 Correct. Twenty-seven.

12 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT GOODCHILD: Sixteen.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

14 Correct. Twenty-eight.

15 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT BAKER: Twenty-six.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

17 Correct. District 29.

18 DISTRICT 29 ACTING PRESIDENT MAYFIELD: Twenty.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

20 Correct.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: What was 29?

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Twenty.

23 And District 30.

24 DISTRICT 30 PRESIDENT VINCENT: Nine.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

1 Correct. Okay. We're going to have to do the counting  
2 right now. Twenty-three has 20. The new number is 491,  
3 divided by half is 245.5. We will need 246 to elect.  
4 Thank you, ladies. Fabulous job.

5

6 ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2016-2017

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8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: You have nominated  
9 Wendy O'Brien, Department President for 2016-2017. All in  
10 favor say aye.

11 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Wendy has done it.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: You have nominated  
17 Loretta Marsh as Vice President for 2016-2017. All in  
18 favor?

19 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Congratulations,  
23 Loretta.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: You have nominated

1 Brenda Preston for Junior Member of Finance. All in  
2 favor?

3 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Congratulations,  
7 Brenda.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Now we will have  
10 district presidents line up numerically along with your  
11 elections person from each district. Oh, wait a minute.  
12 We've got -- never mind. Take a break. I think I'm in a  
13 hurry to get this issue over with.

14 Okay. Now we're going to have the elections of  
15 delegates and alternates to national. Ruby will read the  
16 names.

17

18 ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO

19 NATIONAL CONVENTION

20

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

22 National convention delegates: Susie Tozier, Wendy  
23 O'Brien, Diane DeLashmit, Melanie Taylor, Ramona Tafoya,  
24 Bonnie Bradbury, Constance Harbour, Laura Barghoorn, Sandy  
25 Jacob, Gloria Sinopoli, Dee Ann Graham, Loretta Marsh,

1 Jean Cooley-Desmeules, June Coatney, Anita Biggs, Deloris  
2 Artis, Donna Scott, LuAnn Capazzi, and Virginia Goffney.

3 I move the ratification of these -- election of  
4 these National Delegates.

5 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Second.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: It's moved and  
7 seconded to ratify the alternates and delegates to  
8 national convention. Is there any discussion?

9 (No response.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: All in favor?

11 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Thank you. Second  
15 vice presidents.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
17 National Convention Alternates.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Alternates.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Glenda  
20 Schultz, Debbie Herboto, Zana Chaney, Linda Fercho, Tami  
21 Bell, Phyllis Meyi, Martha Romano, Danielle White, Debra  
22 Richardson, Gail Stewart, Tina Moore, Dorien Wong, Hila  
23 Estrada, Ruth Hackney, Pat Alvarez, Donna Smith, Diane  
24 Livas, Darlene Duncan, and Jackie Cleveland.

25 And I move the ratification of the National

1 Convention Alternates.

2 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Second.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: It's been moved and  
4 seconded to ratify the alternates to National Convention.

5 Is there any discussion?

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: All in favor?

8 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Pass.

12

13 RATIFICATION OF ELECTIONS OF DISTRICT PRESIDENTS, FIRST

14 VICE PRESIDENTS AND SECOND VICE PRESIDENTS 2016-2017

15

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

17 Certification of election of District Presidents, First

18 and Second Vice Presidents for 2016-'17. District 1,

19 Marialice Canclini. District 2, Judy Henderson. District

20 3, Lola Ramey. District 4, Geri Fitzpatrick. District 5,

21 Sandy Paxton. District 6, Glenda Schultz. District 7,

22 Linda Harmon. District 8, Tammy Manini. District 9,

23 Helaine Dolly Rios. District 10, Gwenivere Woody.

24 District 11, Marcia Munroe. District 12, Ann Kelley.

25 District 13, Pat McLeod. District 14, Gloria Sinopoli.

1 District 15, Zana Chaney. District 16, Terry Oclaray.

2 District 17, Rachel Wang-Yee. District 18, Gail Pouliot.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Pouliot.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yeah,  
5 that's right. District 19, Nancy Rayner. District 20,  
6 Nancy Heinisch. District 21, Susan Romero. District 22,  
7 Donna Smith. District 23, Patricia Patrick. District 24,  
8 Deloris Artis. District 25, Maria T. Granado, Terri for  
9 short. District 26, Louann Johnston. District 27, Vicky  
10 Goodchild. District 28, Karol Adams. District 29, Carol  
11 Borgman, and District 30 Kim Vincent.

12 I move the ratification of the election of the  
13 District Presidents for 2016-'17.

14 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: Second.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: It's been moved and  
16 seconded to ratify the district presidents. All in favor?

17 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Pass.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

22 District First Vice Presidents. District 1, Carol Brown.

23 District 2, Pat Carey. District 3, Wendy Jacobs.

24 District 4, Jean Edson. District 5, Norma Harrison.

25 District 6, Ramona Tafoya. District 7, Joanne Shope.

1 District 8, Kathleen Sullivan. District 9, Rosemarie  
2 Moreno. District 10, Dorothy Castillo. District 11,  
3 Charlene Manthei. District 12, Susie Q Mihaltan.  
4 District 13, Cece Harvey. District 14, Sandy Urban-Felix.  
5 District 15, Harriet Clendenin. District 16, Stephanie  
6 Reid. District 17, Melinda Seto. District 18, Betty  
7 Ramos. District 19, Becky Bullard. District 20, Ann  
8 Philcox. District 21, Cathleen McCoy. District 22, Moe  
9 Giacolone. District 23, Rachelle Trimble. District 24,  
10 Beatriz Huppert. District 25, Patricia Giacolone.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Wait a minute.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I went  
13 back to the wrong -- went back over there. District 25,  
14 Patricia Galatioto. District 26, Arlene Mueller.  
15 District 27, Norma Billings. District 28, Robin  
16 Falkenberg. District 29, Carol Goss Holmes. District 30,  
17 Karen Marquardt.

18 I move the ratification of the elections for  
19 First Vice Presidents for 2016-'17.

20 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: Second.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: It has been moved  
22 to ratify the District First Vice Presidents for  
23 2016-2017. Any discussion?

24 (No response.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: All in favor?

1 ALL PRESENT: Aye.  
2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Opposed?  
3 (No response.)  
4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Passed.  
5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
6 District Second Vice Presidents. First one, Pat Lindley.  
7 District 2, Anita Ray. District 3, Beverly Hiles.  
8 District 4, Judy Bennett. District 5, Wenonah Angier.  
9 District 6, Susan Casto. District 7, Bonnie Bradbury.  
10 District 8, Teresa Canonizado. District 9, Henrietta  
11 Fontes. District 10, Leonarda Estigoy. District 11,  
12 Deborah Straight. District 12, Victoria Ferreira-Allen.  
13 District 13, Cheri Whitaker. District 14, Geni Lefler.  
14 District 15, Pat Gracey. District 16, Glenda Powell.  
15 District 17, Yvonne Saceda. District 18, Patricia  
16 Martinez, District 19 Jean Cooley-Desmeules. District 20,  
17 Mahala Beery. District 21, Brenda Wardrip. District 22,  
18 Susie Tozier. District 23, Valerie Hill. District 24,  
19 Heather Risinger. District 25, Cyd Kintzer. District 26,  
20 Leslie Tozzini. District 27, Joyce Curwick. District 28,  
21 Molly Smith. District 29, Jean Sudbeck. District 30, Pat  
22 Sinibaldi.  
23 I move the ratification of the election of the  
24 District Second Vice Presidents 2016-'17.  
25 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Second.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: It's been moved and  
2 seconded to ratify the District Second Vice Presidents for  
3 2016-2017. Any discussion?

4 (No response.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: All in favor?

6 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Okay. We're going  
10 to -- district presidents, please get your elections  
11 person with you and we're going to call you up according  
12 to the strength. Give us a couple minutes.

13 (Off the record.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Okay. Ladies,  
15 sorry for the delay. Lois Cornish, can I borrow you?

16 HOSPITAL REP CORNISH: You're going to have to  
17 give me back.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: We have a technical  
19 problem. Is there somebody from the Auxiliary in the  
20 lobby, LuAnn?

21 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: Yes.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Can you call them  
23 and tell them to accept the corsages. Do not, Judy, open  
24 the doors.

25 MARSHAL DOIDGE: There's lady from somewhere over

1 there that had to go to the restroom.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: She cannot go back  
3 in.

4 MARSHAL DOIDGE: I'm just -- somebody from over  
5 there went to the restroom. Took her purse with her.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Can we play some  
7 music, Kathy? No one is to leave this room. If you  
8 leave, you lose the vote. Stay away from the doors. If  
9 you have people that left, they're going to have to  
10 discount them. They cannot come back in.

11 Ladies, the Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal will  
12 escort two at a time. Thank you. Two at a time. Do not  
13 leave the room or you will not come back in. So line up.  
14 I'm sorry. If I say everybody go, they won't come back.

15 Ladies, you've got to be quick. We're about  
16 ready to start. Please start moving back to the  
17 delegations, ladies. Ladies, we're going to be done in  
18 about 15 minutes. If you can hold it, we're going to be  
19 done in about 15 minutes. So please, ladies, we're  
20 getting ready to vote.

21 Ladies, please come back in and shut the door.  
22 Will the Sergeant-at-Arms, will you please make sure that  
23 those that are in the bathroom can come back right now.  
24 I'm sorry. We're getting ready to vote.

25 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: Do not use

1 that box, Susie. Do not use that box.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: District 19, can I  
3 use your box? Melanie Taylor, can I use your coffee cup?

4 CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Right  
5 there. There's four of them.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Okay. Ladies,  
7 please listen. Do not let anybody else come out. Just  
8 bring the ones from the bathroom back. You have five  
9 minutes to bring them back. The order you will be called  
10 in is the order of the numerical voting strength. We want  
11 the District President and the person, the election person  
12 to come up when we call your number. Okay. And then  
13 you'll line up here. All right?

14 Now those ladies, the election people when they  
15 take back their ballots must bring their purses with them  
16 because we're all going to leave them with them. We are  
17 locking them up. We will provide them lunch.

18 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Is that the elections person  
19 or --

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes, the elections  
21 person. The district president will escort the election  
22 person back up here when they turn their ballots in.  
23 Okay? Our elections chairman will tell you how she wants  
24 the ballots folded, so please be quiet.

25 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Pay

1 attention, ladies.

2 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN COATNEY: District Presidents,  
3 the way you have your ballot folded is one time and then  
4 you will put it -- in your box. And the District  
5 President, you will count out all the pages that we will  
6 be giving you as you're voting. And do not unfold it.  
7 Okay.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Can you repeat it?

9 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN COATNEY: All presidents, when  
10 you pick up your ballots, you can only vote once and then  
11 we will count the ballots -- tickets to you as you come up  
12 to the front.

13 Is that all right, Madam President?

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: You will be  
15 counting the ballots when you pick up your box to be sure  
16 you have the correct number. Okay? And you make sure  
17 when you come back that you put in the same number in that  
18 box. She wants you to fold it one time. One time. Okay?  
19 And don't forget the people up here. We have Lois Cornish  
20 up here working, so don't forget her and myself. Okay?

21 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN COATNEY: And on that ballot  
22 you will write either Sanger or San Francisco.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: We must write the  
24 words. Okay?

25 DEPARTMENT 19 PRESIDENT LIVAS: Madam President,

1 for the matter of clarity, can you put SF?

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes, you can put  
3 SF. Sanger is S-A-N-G-E-R. When you return you will be  
4 called in numerical strength when you -- when you're  
5 returning your box. You will also vote on numerical  
6 strength. Okay. All right.

7 Okay. Be sure to count the ballots given to you.  
8 Okay. Do you want to me to explain to the larger  
9 districts coming to pick up their ballots or has that  
10 already been explained to them. It has? Okay. District  
11 25, 55 ballots.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
13 District 22.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Tami, you forgot --  
15 your district president and your elections chairman come  
16 up and pick your ballots up. They're over here.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Make  
18 sure every district president and every -- when you pick  
19 your ballots up, you have to make sure the count is  
20 correct before you leave the station. Okay.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Twenty-two, 45.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
23 Twenty-two. Number 3, 21.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Thirty-two ballots.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: It

1 takes time to count all these ballots so it's going to be  
2 a slow process. But better slow and correct than a mess.  
3 It's a mess anyway.

4 All right. Yeah, once you count them, count your  
5 ballots, go back to your seat, distribute to your units  
6 the number of delegate strength each unit has and let them  
7 start voting.

8 Sixteen, I'm waiting for them to come up.  
9 Followed by 16 is 18. District 18.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Thirty-one.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
12 Following 18 is District 28.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Twenty-six. I'm  
14 saying votes.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
16 Followed by District 28 is 19. Followed by 19 is District  
17 14. Followed by 14 is 29. Followed by 29 is 23.  
18 Followed by 23 is 6. Followed by 6 is 20. Followed by  
19 13 -- I mean 20 is 11. Stay in the proper order.  
20 Followed by 11 is 27. After 27, 15. Followed by 15 is  
21 12. Followed by 12 is 7. Followed by 7 is 5. Please  
22 stay in line over here. Just line up in a line this way.  
23 I didn't call any votes. I haven't called any votes.  
24 They're going to be doing that up here.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: You can vote now.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

2 District 7. Followed by 12. Followed by 21. After 12 is

3 13. Followed by District 22 -- I mean, I'm sorry.

4 Followed by 12 is 21. And then followed by 21 is -- 12

5 and then followed by 13 is 2. Followed by 10, 4, 8, and

6 9. Please line up here. Judy's got hers. Thirteen is

7 21, number 21. You should up here 12. Thirteen, 2, 10,

8 4, 8, 9, 14, 6, and 17. And that would be all districts

9 should -- and 24 and 30. Just come on, just come on.

10 It's shop happy up here. What did I tell you? District

11 3. Is District 3 in the house?

12 DISTRICT 3 PRESIDENT RAMEY: Right here.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:

14 District 3 is coming. And we're done. Come on, double

15 time. Come on, Lola. Come on, Lola. You keep -- hold

16 on. Just a moment. Don't return your ballots until we

17 tell you to, please. They are to be returned in order, so

18 please do not return the ballots. Okay. Now we'll go by

19 smallest to --

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Anita, District 25.

21 Diane is trying to vote. Don't forget Ruby. Each person

22 should put their own in the box. I have an assistant

23 named Anita.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Gloria

25 Sinopoli, are you in the house? We're going to move to

1 2017; correct?

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: I gave my vote to  
3 Anita. Not my big sister Anita Biggs. Nicole in District  
4 18 is okay. She had an asthma attack. So she's okay.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Ladies,  
7 there may be some misunderstanding. You did not get any  
8 ballots for any missing units. You only got ballots for  
9 the delegate strength of your district or delegates in  
10 their own right. There should be no extra ballots. Every  
11 unit should be represented that you received a ballot  
12 based on the roll call that we just had.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Don't forget I got  
14 my ballot, not hers. What about Ruby and Joy? Don't  
15 forget Joy. She's over here too. And you have --

16 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Ladies, you know we  
17 haven't voted like this in God knows how long. It's been  
18 a long, long time. And this is a good experience for us.  
19 Now the only thing that I'm seeing out there is that  
20 everybody should put their own ballot in the box. That  
21 way nobody can open it and see how you voted. And I've  
22 had two people come up and try to get my ballot and I said  
23 no, I want the box. Okay. So here she comes. But, no,  
24 it's very important that we place our own ballot in the  
25 box.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Has everybody had a  
2 chance to vote? District 28, are you ready? Are you  
3 ready?

4 MARSHAL DOIDGE: They're good.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Okay. April, your  
6 elections chairman should be holding the box. She needs  
7 to -- elections chairmen bring your purses. Ladies,  
8 election chairmen need to bring their purses and bags with  
9 them. Lunch will be provided when you come up with the  
10 boxes, yes.

11 SENIOR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL: Are  
12 you going to provide pillows?

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Are you  
14 ready for the parade?

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Wait, wait. Yes?

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madam  
17 President, are you ready? We have a question. Can you  
18 come up to the mic, please? I can't tell.

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I just want to know can I  
20 please go to the bathroom.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: We're about ready  
22 to let you. I'm sorry. We're getting ready to collect  
23 the boxes. I'm sorry.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I'm  
25 waiting for Madam President. Okay. Let's go, District

1 17. District 6, bring your boxes back in order.

2 Seventeen, 6, 14, 9.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: District Presidents  
4 are only to escort and come back to their seats.  
5 Elections go bye-bye. Rachel, now you can go back to your  
6 seat. District Presidents, please come up when you're  
7 called with your election people.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
9 Flexibility, flexibility, that's what it's all about.  
10 Flexibility. I would never. I saved you for last because  
11 you're so special. I would never forget either of you.  
12 There was -- it was a moment in -- we're looking for the  
13 big box to throw your ballots into, so just give us one  
14 moment, please.

15 I want you to know that I've been a member 37  
16 years and I don't think I've ever taken a ballot vote  
17 before. Maybe I didn't want to take a ballot vote so I  
18 didn't vote. Okay. We've got 17, 6, 14, 9, 8, 4, 10, 24,  
19 13.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: If your number's  
21 been called right now, please come forward.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Two,  
23 13, 12, and 7. Five, 7, 12, 13, 27, 11, 26, 23.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Gloria Sinopoli  
25 come to the stage, please.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
2 Twenty-nine, 14, 19, 28, 18, 16. You're next.  
3 Twenty-one, 22, 25. I've got to go write a check for  
4 lunch for these guys. Don't get out of line. Dolly, you  
5 can just get in line. It was so long ago you forgot  
6 already. Twenty. Does that mean all ballots are in? No,  
7 there's still more.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Come on. Hurry up.  
9 They're waiting on you. Please shut the door. Shut the  
10 door. Thank you. We're almost there. The lady over here  
11 is first in line over there. Somebody stand outside the  
12 men's room.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Does  
14 that mean all ballots are in? No more ballots? We're  
15 done.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Okay. Ladies, are  
18 you ready to take your --

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Before  
20 you leave, there's flower orders over here on the table if  
21 you would like to pick them up before you leave today.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Ruby, do you want  
23 me to go with them? A nice note or something. Okay.  
24 Ladies, stand and wave to them.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And say

1     goodbye.  Have fun.

2                   DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER:  Follow the leader.

3     Bye, ladies.  Thank you very much.

4                   (Applause.)

5                   DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER:  Before we leave we  
6     have some words of wisdom, so those people that are still  
7     here, ladies, be back after lunch.  Ruby has some words of  
8     wisdom if you want to hear them.

9                   DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  The  
10    first thing is there's some -- some of you who bought  
11    banquet tickets, they don't know what district, if you  
12    have not received your banquet tickets you need to see  
13    Gloria Sinopoli or Sandy Urban-Felix because they do have  
14    your tickets.  If you haven't received them, they do have  
15    them.

16                   DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER:  Gloria will come  
17    back.

18                   DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:  
19    District 11 has two banquet tickets to sell.  Odette's  
20    Peachy Performers and Gwen's Classy Penguins will meet at  
21    the noon recess in Room 609.

22                   Goldie's Golden Links, Jerry's Cards, Ruby's All  
23    Stars, Pilar's Musicians, we have a change.  We will not  
24    be meeting at lunch today.  We will meet in the Double  
25    Tree at Room 214 at the close of today's session.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: We will have the  
2 parade right after lunch so dress up and be cute.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Norma's  
4 Caribbean Queens will meet at the lounge area in the  
5 Double Tree Hotel close of session today at approximately  
6 5:00 p.m.

7 District 10 needs one banquet ticket. Okay.  
8 Anyone who has not received their banquet ticket and they  
9 paid for them, you need to see Gloria Sinopoli.

10 Moe from District 22, Unit 60 is looking for a  
11 banquet ticket. This is from yesterday. She may have  
12 already gotten it.

13 Today, Saturday, close of session there will be a  
14 short practice for installation for Sunday. Please meet  
15 Linda Fercho at the back of the room if you are planning  
16 to be in the honor guard.

17 This shirt -- for those of you going to National  
18 Convention, there's a shirt they're wearing for the  
19 parade. This is the shirt that you're going to be wearing  
20 for the parade. Ask Linda Fercho.

21 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN FERCHO: They're over in the  
22 Double Tree.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: We'll be back at  
24 1:45.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Bev's

1 Stars, Linda's Racers will meet for lunch today at the  
2 noon break in the atrium. I think that concludes all the  
3 messages.

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

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1 AFTERNOON SESSION - 1:45 P.M.

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3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Getting ready.

4 We're going to start with National Security and Editor and  
5 Juniors.

6 Madam Musician, I think it's time to prance  
7 around the fruits and vegetables and farmers of  
8 California. Do you have any marching music or something?  
9 Okay. Parade has started. Come on, Tracy, get them  
10 going.

11 (Parade.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Thank you, ladies.  
13 Is June Coatney in the room? Will you please come to the  
14 stage. June? June Coatney, please come to the stage.

15 Okay. Thank you. We're going to have the  
16 results from the ballot.

17 CREDENTIAL CHAIRMAN SAUNDERS: Okay. As we were  
18 distributing ballots, one district, 21, said that they had  
19 a different ballot count than I had on my sheet, but Ruby  
20 did have the right number down on her sheet, so total that  
21 I added is four. So total voting strength should be 487.  
22 And half of that is 243.5, so we will need 244 to elect.

23 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN COATNEY: I'm not nervous now,  
24 ladies. Okay. The election committee that met right  
25 after -- at recess --

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Ladies, please.

2 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN COATNEY: We had to sit up  
3 there. We counted the numbers over about twice. The  
4 numbers was -- one was 99. The other one was 382.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: And how many voids?

6 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN COATNEY: Six void, invalid.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: 382 was for San  
8 Francisco, 99 for Sanger.

9 (Applause.)

10 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN COATNEY: If you're happy with  
11 that decision, clap real loud.

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Would you like to  
14 move that out of the way?

15 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN COATNEY: Madam President.  
16 Madam President, ladies.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Ladies, please.

18 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN COATNEY: Madam President, I  
19 make a motion that we destroy the ballots.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Second.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: It's  
22 been moved and seconded to destroy the ballots. Is there  
23 any discussion?

24 (No response.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: All in favor?

1 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: They  
3 can be destroyed. Thank you, June. Thank you, committee.  
4 Thank you, everybody.

5 Will the Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal and the  
6 Distinguished Guest Chairman please escort Ed Grimsley,  
7 Area 5 Commander from District 22.

8 (Processional.)

9 TAL AREA 5 COMMANDER GRIMSLEY: Good afternoon,  
10 ladies.

11 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good afternoon.

12 TAL AREA 5 COMMANDER GRIMSLEY: Boy, you all look  
13 good. You know it's always a pleasure. I had this  
14 pleasure about four or five years ago. Hugh Crooks -- I'm  
15 sorry. Hugh Crooks and myself, we started a thing and we  
16 said we're going to keep the tradition going that when you  
17 all have your convention, we're also going to come over  
18 and attend to let you know that we are behind you 100  
19 percent.

20 (Applause.)

21 TAL AREA 5 COMMANDER GRIMSLEY: And the reason  
22 why I came up here myself is that last -- my last 5th Area  
23 meeting, I brought up something about the difference  
24 between the Auxiliary and the Legionnaires. And I didn't  
25 like it. I didn't like the results and I still don't like

1 the results. But I just want you all to know that you  
2 have someone that is on your side 100 percent.

3 (Applause.)

4 TAL AREA 5 COMMANDER GRIMSLEY: And I'm taking  
5 off this white cap and I'm replacing it with a red cap.

6 (Applause.)

7 TAL AREA 5 COMMANDER GRIMSLEY: And my goal for  
8 my two years is to mend this fence between us. This is my  
9 goal. This morning when I gave my remarks, I think  
10 someone may have told you this, this is one of the things  
11 that I said about unity, respect, being together. And I  
12 also told the Legionnaires this. We talk about  
13 membership, we talk about a lot of things, but do you know  
14 you have your best recruiters sitting right here.

15 (Applause.)

16 TAL AREA 5 COMMANDER GRIMSLEY: And this is what  
17 I'm trying to get to them. I hope it sinks in because we  
18 cannot survive without you. And I know this and I don't  
19 know how come it cannot be explained and stick in their  
20 thick heads that this is what it's all about. You know,  
21 if you have a good Auxiliary, you have a good post. If  
22 you have a bad Auxiliary, your post will go down in a  
23 couple years. And that's the -- that's been proven.

24 So I just want to come over here and look at you  
25 pretty, pretty young ladies and to let you all know coming

1 from me personally. I don't like the word of the Internet  
2 or by mouth or anything else. I want to let you know  
3 personally how I feel about you, that you have a leader,  
4 you have somebody that's on your side.

5 (Applause.)

6 TAL AREA 5 COMMANDER GRIMSLEY: If you need  
7 something and if you can't get the answer, hey, please let  
8 me know and I definitely -- I definitely will let them  
9 know that you are -- you are a part of the American Legion  
10 just as much as I am part of the American Legion. Because  
11 without you, I wouldn't be standing up here. So let's  
12 keep it that way. Okay?

13 With that, it was nice seeing you all and  
14 everything else. And like I said, if you need me, I'm  
15 here. I want to give one shout out to one lady who just  
16 started out a unit. Laura, where are you at? This young  
17 lady right here started off Unit 731. Excuse me. When  
18 this started off, they had nobody, but their membership  
19 has began to grow. You know why? Because they're  
20 working. They're working hard. And another reason is  
21 they have us behind them in District 22.

22 (Applause.)

23 TAL AREA 5 COMMANDER GRIMSLEY: Same thing with  
24 310 and all the other units that is around. We have your  
25 back. And, Susie, I think you was one great president

1 this year and I want to thank you for your cooperation and  
2 everything that you have done for the American Legion on  
3 the Legionnaire side and also on the Auxiliary side. You  
4 all have a good convention. Thank you all.

5 (Applause.)

6 TAL AREA 5 COMMANDER GRIMSLEY: My wife is on the  
7 other side. Don't you all tell her. Come here, baby.

8 (Applause.)

9 TAL AREA 5 COMMANDER GRIMSLEY: Thank you,  
10 ladies.

11 (Processional.)

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13 NATIONAL SECURITY CONVENTION REPORT

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15 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Good  
16 afternoon. The convention committee on National Security  
17 met -- I guess I have to kiss the mic. The convention  
18 committee on National Security met on June 23rd, 2016 in  
19 Room 2015 of the Fresno Convention Center in Fresno,  
20 California. The statistical report of this chairman  
21 appears on page 30 of the Book of Reports.

22 Deborah Straight, District 11 was appointed  
23 secretary, Gwen Woody, District 10 offered prayer, and  
24 Jeanette Paxton, District 25 was appointed  
25 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 19 district delegates

1 answered roll call. There were eight visitors present.

2 The committee agreed upon the following report.

3 The code was read and was approved with no changes.

4 Second place, third place winners for districts and units

5 were presented. The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

6 May I continue with my supplement?

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes.

8 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Operation  
9 Homefront, our districts and units throughout the year  
10 have continued to pack boxes and mail them to our military  
11 currently serving overseas volunteering over 1200 hours  
12 and spending \$13,888.85. Heroes to Hometown, districts  
13 reported 219 volunteer hours honoring over 535 soldiers  
14 returning home with escorts, decorating their home and  
15 streets, or planning a celebration with their family.

16 Districts reported 292 volunteer hours and  
17 spending \$265 honoring our MIA/POWs. Districts reported  
18 purchasing new and replenishing first aid kits in their  
19 posts, veteran halls, and community centers. Units have  
20 united with the Legion families to purchase AEDs. They  
21 also sponsored or attended Red Cross or emergency response  
22 team certification courses. Districts also reported  
23 recognizing and presenting certificates to their high  
24 school ROTC and Junior ROTC cadets.

25 Combined totals of all projects equaled 12,099

1 volunteer hours spending \$52,003.83 serving countless  
2 numbers of veterans and active duty military troops.

3 Coupons for Troops. Our districts reported our  
4 members continue to cut, count, and mail coupons to  
5 commissaries throughout Europe, Guam and the Far East.  
6 This program reports countless volunteer hours, mailing  
7 522,162 coupons. One district reported mailing 23 boxes  
8 weighing 166 pounds.

9 The total value of these coupons equal to  
10 \$1,022,800.88 as this year ends. I'm still amazed how our  
11 Auxiliary members continue to find -- oh, excuse me.  
12 Continue to find ways to help serve and honor our  
13 military, their families, and our community.

14 Thank you, Madam President, for your confidence  
15 to serve as your National Security Chairman.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Thank you.

17 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Can I present  
18 my first place awards? And I'll announce my second and  
19 third place as well.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: You can present the  
21 first place, yes.

22 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: First Place  
23 Unit Award For First Place Supplemental goes to Unit 694,  
24 District 28, Ornarena Nickles. Did I pronounce that  
25 correctly? And First Place For District was District 24,

1 Deloris Artis.

2 (Applause.)

3 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Thank you.

4 Thank you.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Next is the Editor,  
6 and Juniors you should be up here. Junior Activity,  
7 Junior Conference.

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9 EDITOR CONVENTION REPORT

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11 EDITOR CHAIRMAN AVINA: Good morning, ladies.  
12 It's going to be a bumpy road. The convention committee  
13 on Editor met on June 23rd, 2016 in Room 2008 of the  
14 Fresno Convention Center in Fresno, California. There is  
15 no statistical report from the chairman that appears in  
16 the Book of Reports.

17 Susan Baker, District 28, was appointed  
18 secretary, Geri Johnston, District 21, offered prayer, and  
19 Rosemary Weber, District 16, was appointed  
20 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of eight district delegates  
21 answered roll call. There were three visitors present.

22 The committee agreed upon the following report.  
23 Now in the -- it says 28. There were 28 delegates in  
24 there, but for Editor it was only eight. So I don't like  
25 counting people.

1           The department code for Auxiliary News was read  
2     and no changes were made. A presentation was made on the  
3     problems we were having with the enormous cost we are  
4     being charged for the Auxiliary News section of the  
5     Legionnaire. I informed the delegates that our last  
6     invoice was \$22,000 for three issues we submitted this  
7     year. I informed the delegates that we are paying per  
8     label, which means per member.

9           I opened for questions and received a few. I did  
10    let them know that if they wanted to cut mailing costs,  
11    that they could opt out, which meant that they would no  
12    longer receive the Legionnaire in the mail, but they could  
13    download it on the Legion website. After answering the  
14    best I could, I also told them that we are looking into  
15    other avenues. We closed our session and turned the  
16    meeting over to the Public Relations meeting.

17           Madam President, this concludes my committee  
18    report. May I proceed with my supplemental?

19           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes.

20           EDITOR CHAIRMAN AVINA: Madam President Susie,  
21    this year the articles were very few. I continue to pay  
22    for all the articles from both officers and chairmen. A  
23    total submitted for the Legionnaire was three two-page  
24    sections for a total of 40 articles and eight photos were  
25    printed. This continues to be poor participation for the

1 fee we are paying. Madam President, this concludes my  
2 report.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Thank you.

4 EDITOR CHAIRMAN AVINA: Where is Terry? Right  
5 here.

6 SENIOR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL: I'm  
7 right here.

8 EDITOR CHAIRMAN AVINA: There you go.

9 SENIOR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL: Terry  
10 Mikesell, District 2, 197. I want to speak on the cost of  
11 the California Legionnaire. I think it would be in the  
12 best interest of the American Legion Auxiliary to once  
13 again take over their own newsletter. And so I so move  
14 that we no longer participate in the California  
15 Legionnaire.

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Second.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: It's been moved and  
18 seconded that we no longer participate in the California  
19 Legionnaire. Is there any discussion?

20 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Madam  
21 President, Anita Biggs. I just want to add on to that by  
22 calculating the cost is \$550 for each article submitted  
23 last year. That is outrageous.

24 DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT KELLEY: Madam President,  
25 Ann Kelley, District 12. Do you have a total figure that

1 we paid them?

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: We can't hear you.  
3 Can you get closer to the mic phone, please?

4 DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT KELLEY: Ann Kelley,  
5 District 12. I'm wondering if you have a total figure of  
6 what we paid them for one year.

7 SENIOR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL: It's  
8 in the budget and it's over 22,100 and some dollars for  
9 last year's bills.

10 EDITOR CHAIRMAN AVINA: We are paying for each  
11 label which means every member. It goes up, the cost of  
12 mailing. And we have 22,000 members. And some of you are  
13 receiving more than one copy, which doesn't need to  
14 happen.

15 CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: 22,816.19.

16 SENIOR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL: The  
17 total cost is \$22,816.19. Well, you can hear me from  
18 here. I don't need the mic.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes.

20 DISTRICT 24 DELEGATE ROMANO: Martha Romano,  
21 District 24. If the alternative is our own newsletter,  
22 what is the cost to us?

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: We have no -- we  
24 haven't done our homework on that.

25 DISTRICT 24 DELEGATE ROMANO: So I don't know if

1 we can vote if we don't know how much the alternative is.

2 EDITOR CHAIRMAN AVINA: I still believe the cost  
3 is going to be in the mailing.

4 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT KOCHUR: April Kochur,  
5 District 22 President, Unit 468. \$22,000, almost \$23,000.  
6 We may not have a compilation of what it will cost to do  
7 our own, but I certainly think it's less than \$23,000.  
8 Thank you.

9 SENIOR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL: I  
10 couldn't talk to Stella and I had talked to Ruby a little  
11 bit about this after the budget meeting and I think it  
12 would be in our best interest because now we just have  
13 quarterly or three times a year. Whenever we send out a  
14 packet from the department office, have a newsletter by  
15 our Editor. And we could do it via email, live units,  
16 also the mailing. But I'll tell you something, \$22,000 is  
17 a lot of money out of our budget for six pages total a  
18 year.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Right here, please.

20 DISTRICT 7 VICE PRESIDENT HARMON: Linda Harmon,  
21 District 7. I would like to be able to ask a show of  
22 hands of ladies that actually get the paper or read it. I  
23 don't even get it. My husband's no longer a member.  
24 There was someone else who says she doesn't get it either.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: You get it three

1 times a year.

2 DISTRICT 7 VICE PRESIDENT HARMON: I've never  
3 gotten one. I don't know who normally gets a paper. So I  
4 think our money is not being wisely spent.

5 EDITOR CHAIRMAN AVINA: Okay. To answer your  
6 question, every Legionnaire gets a free copy. That's the  
7 rules. The reason you may not get one, maybe one of the  
8 mailing lists that went to them had you off. Because our  
9 mailing list goes to them and then in turn that's who they  
10 send it out to. You may have been overlooked for whatever  
11 reason and your name didn't get put in there. You know,  
12 so I -- you should get one. You should get one of the  
13 three issued papers we do. You should get a copy.

14 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Anita Biggs,  
15 23rd District, Past Department President. I move to amend  
16 the motion and that we take a moratorium on the paper this  
17 year and allow the president -- we would like to pick your  
18 brain to establish an ad hoc committee to investigate the  
19 cost of us assuming the duties of the newspaper.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Second.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Ladies, it's  
22 getting hard to hear up here because of the low tone. I  
23 have to get through this first. We have a motion to amend  
24 Terry's motion to establish an ad hoc committee to  
25 investigate the cost associated with doing our own

1 newspaper and moratorium this year. Is there any  
2 discussion?

3 That means we're going to research the costs,  
4 everything that's associated with the costs of doing our  
5 own newsletter and then come back next year and present  
6 the proposal to you. Is there any discussion?

7 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT GOODCHILD: Yes. Does that  
8 that mean that --

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Would you please  
10 introduce yourself?

11 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT GOODCHILD: Vicky  
12 Goodchild, District 27. Does that mean that we're going  
13 to continue it for this one year?

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes. Okay. That  
15 means that we are going to do a moratorium which means  
16 that we are not going to do the paper for one year. Yes.

17 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE WALLACE: My name is Corrine  
18 Wallace, District 14, President Post 201 Auxiliary. I  
19 agree on the moratorium. I think it's wise. \$22,000 is a  
20 lot of money, but I really think we should move forward  
21 and investigate how much it would cost us to do it  
22 ourselves.

23 Number two, I think it's wise to find out who  
24 actually receives the magazine. I have someone who  
25 doesn't receive it even though it's free. It's still

1 something to consider. And so I say let's move on this.

2 It's already been seconded, so let's just finish.

3 EDITOR CHAIRMAN AVINA: For those of you whose  
4 husbands are Legionnaires, you get them every month  
5 because you had -- your husband's a Legionnaire in the  
6 family. You may get them every month. We only get them  
7 three times a year. And we do have articles in the  
8 program. And so you are aware, you would no longer get  
9 the paper on this. It was an issue that has the Auxiliary  
10 News in them.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Okay. So last  
12 comment after Norma.

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DUVALL: Norma Duvall,  
14 District 18, Past Department President. I just want to  
15 know what is going to be the difference between us  
16 publishing our own newsletter or newspaper versus  
17 bulletins that we are already getting out, which are a  
18 lot. I mean, if there's no difference in doing bulletins  
19 which we get either online or have to pay the \$20 a year  
20 to get them in the mail. That would be our newspaper.

21 (Applause.)

22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Madam  
23 President Susie, Melanie Taylor, Past Department  
24 President. Question. I call for the question.

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Second.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Move and call for  
2 the question. That means to stop having comments. All in  
3 favor?

4 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Opposed?

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: No.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Okay. The vote is  
8 to put together a moratorium on the newsletter -- I'm  
9 trying to get where there's no feedback -- on the  
10 newsletter for one year to establish an ad hoc committee  
11 to research the cost. All in favor?

12 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Pass. Only that  
16 amendment is passed. So now we're voting on the vote,  
17 even though I'm saying it twice. The motion is to have a  
18 moratorium on the newsletter and establish an ad hoc  
19 committee to research the cost of doing our own newspaper.  
20 All in favor?

21 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

22 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Wait a  
23 minute, Madam President. Madam President, I will repeat.  
24 The original motion made by Terry Mikesell would include  
25 discontinuing. Also her motion stated that we would not

1 have articles in the California Legionnaire.

2 SENIOR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL:

3 Correct.

4 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BIGGS: And not --

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Write it down,

6 please.

7 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Did you have

8 it written down, Terry? You made that motion, the motion

9 you made.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Here we go.

11 SENIOR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL: Terry

12 Mikesell, District 2, Unit 197. My motion was to

13 discontinue the California Legionnaire at a cost of

14 \$22,000 and do it ourselves.

15 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BIGGS: My amendment

16 just stated that we do it a year.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Okay. This is what

18 Terry said. The extension of that is to have the

19 moratorium. What Terry just said, have a moratorium one

20 year -- okay. Will you please write it down, please? I'm

21 getting tired of this.

22 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Don't get too

23 tired, Madam President.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: No, write down the

25 motion. I'm feeling stupid.

1           ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Don't feel  
2 stupid. Calm down.

3           SENIOR FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL: Terry  
4 Mikesell, District 2, Unit 197. I have been requested to  
5 withdraw my motion. So moved.

6           ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Seconded.

7           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: It's been --

8           ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BIGGS: I withdraw my  
9 second.

10          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: I'll restate it.

11          ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BIGGS: I move to  
12 have a moratorium for one year of the California  
13 Legionnaire and establish an ad hoc committee to determine  
14 the cost of our own newsletters.

15          PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Second.

16          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: It's been moved and  
17 seconded to establish a moratorium for one year, establish  
18 an ad hoc committee to determine the cost of our own  
19 newsletter.

20                 (Applause.)

21          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: All in favor?

22          ALL PRESENT: Aye.

23          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Opposed?

24                 (No response.)

25          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: I'm wearing Pilar's

1 lei. Okay. Next?

2 EDITOR CHAIRMAN AVINA: We're done.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Now we have  
4 Juniors.

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6 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES and JUNIOR CONFERENCE CONVENTION REPORT

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8 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN FALKENBERG: Good  
9 afternoon. I'm Robin Falkenberg, Junior Activities  
10 Chairman. I have Jackie Cleveland here.

11 The statistical report of this chairman appears  
12 on page 27 on the Book of Reports. The Junior  
13 Activity/Junior Conference meeting was held in Room 2002  
14 June 23rd, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 9:00  
15 a.m. Ann Philcox was appointed secretary, DeNyse Laugeson  
16 offered prayer, and Dejanae Trimble was appointed  
17 Sergeant-at-Arms. Roll call showed 13 district delegates  
18 and five visitors in attendance.

19 The Department code was read and there were no  
20 changes recommended to the Junior Activities portion.  
21 Several items of housekeeping will be discussed during the  
22 Junior Conference Director's presentation. The meeting  
23 was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

24 Madam President, with your permission, I'd like  
25 to reserve my supplemental and awards until after the

1 Junior Conference presentation. I would like to hold my  
2 supplemental and awards until after the Junior Conference  
3 Director's report. Thank you.

4 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR CLEVELAND: Hello. My  
5 name is Jackie Cleveland. Service, not self. This has  
6 been an exciting year for the Juniors. The first thing  
7 was to change locations from Forest Falls to Wonder  
8 Valley. This was in Sanger. The location was in the  
9 center of the state so we can get Juniors from the north  
10 making the travel less time.

11 After the contract was signed and the date was  
12 approved by Madam President, the information was sent out.  
13 Working with the committee and the Junior Activities  
14 Chairman was great. Juniors are our future. Both the  
15 units and the districts need to come together to help  
16 train the Juniors about the American Legion Auxiliary  
17 organization. We also encouraged the Juniors to use their  
18 handbook and also take the correspondence course.  
19 Knowledge is power.

20 After receiving the Juniors' registration forms  
21 and also receiving the senior members' forms, counselors  
22 are assigned. Counselors are invited by the director, not  
23 on their own.

24 Upon arriving at the conference site, we had an  
25 hour set aside for the Juniors to get acquainted with each

1 other and the counselors to have a meeting regarding the  
2 rules. We had training about the six major programs with  
3 the Department Chairman or a stand in. This was a great  
4 learning experience for the Juniors to get themselves  
5 familiar with all the programs and interacting with each  
6 other.

7 Kim Vincent was wonderful the entire ceremony.  
8 Thank you again.

9 (Applause.)

10 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR CLEVELAND: We elected  
11 officers at the Junior Conference. I will introduce them  
12 later. I would like to introduce the members of our  
13 Junior Conference Committee. We have Brenda Wardrip,  
14 District 21.

15 (Applause.)

16 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR CLEVELAND: Ann  
17 Philcox, District 20.

18 (Applause.)

19 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR CLEVELAND: Tammy  
20 Sollazzo, District 19.

21 (Applause.)

22 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR CLEVELAND: And our  
23 own nurse, Elizabeth Tomlin.

24 (Applause.)

25 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR CLEVELAND: Thanks to

1 everybody that donated to the Junior Conference store.

2 Madam President Susie, thank you for this  
3 appointment. I truly enjoyed this. And I would like to  
4 make a comment on a young lady that went to the hospital.  
5 I have been with her since she was ten years old. I have  
6 watched her grow. She graduated with me this year. Now  
7 she's a senior member, and that's Nicole Garcia. Would  
8 you stand, please?

9 (Applause.)

10 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR CLEVELAND: We love  
11 you, Nicole. Thank you. I'm glad you're better.

12 Okay. We have some code changes, and it's the  
13 last page of the exhibit. It's number 25 and it's number  
14 2 on 25. Yes, code 25. Okay. It states: "The Junior  
15 Activities Chairman, Junior Conference Director, and the  
16 Committee will choose a Department Junior Delegate and  
17 Alternate to National Convention at Junior Conference. If  
18 the delegate turns 18 prior to or during the National  
19 Convention, she will be eligible to attend National  
20 Convention but will not be eligible to hold a National  
21 Office."

22 And the reason we're going to make this  
23 housekeeping change is because the Juniors no longer go to  
24 the National Convention so we don't need to delegate or do  
25 any alternate. They go to Mission Training in Las Vegas,

1 so we don't select them anymore.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Read the change.

3 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR CLEVELAND: It's going  
4 to delete it.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: I know. Can you  
6 read the change, please?

7 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: It's deleting it.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Oh, my copy you  
9 have writing all over it.

10 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN FALKENBERG: Some of  
11 those were just notes we were going to be deleting.

12 Please don't worry about my chicken scratch. Ignore it.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Okay. Are you  
14 moving? Are you moving?

15 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR CLEVELAND: Okay. The  
16 national --

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: No. Move.

18 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR CLEVELAND: Okay. I  
19 move that we delete this from the code as written as  
20 directed from the committee.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Okay.

22 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN FALKENBERG: Yes.  
23 This was discussed in committee and agreed upon in the  
24 committee meeting.

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT REYES: Second.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: It's been moved to  
2 delete the paragraph: "The Junior Activities Chairman,  
3 Junior Conference Director, and the Committee will choose  
4 a Department Junior Delegate and Alternate to National  
5 Convention at Junior Conference. If the delegate turns 18  
6 prior to or during the National Convention, she will be  
7 eligible to attend National Convention but will not be  
8 eligible to hold a National Office."

9 Is there any discussion?

10 NATIONAL WESTERN VICE PRESIDENT WORKMAN: I just  
11 have a question. If we are not electing or sending a  
12 delegate to National Convention or Mission Training, would  
13 we not send someone or we just --

14 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR CLEVELAND: No, we  
15 don't send anyone.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: We have  
17 allowed in the budget to send them to Mission Training.

18 NATIONAL WESTERN VICE PRESIDENT WORKMAN: It's  
19 still going to be a cost. Okay.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: You know what. I  
21 think you need to go back -- I think you need to go back  
22 in committee and reword this. There still is Mission  
23 Training. And it's a little confusing. And rewrite what  
24 you're going to do, you know, what you're going to delete  
25 and what you're going to change. Because it's very

1 confusing right now.

2 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN FALKENBERG: I  
3 apologize. Some of the copies have the notes where we  
4 were discussing changes, just the wording to Mission  
5 Training, and then before the vote was taken it was voted  
6 to remove it because --

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Are you going to  
8 add in Mission Training?

9 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN FALKENBERG: Not at  
10 this time because --

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Then it should say  
12 -- we will not give them an allowance in Junior  
13 Conference; correct?

14 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN FALKENBERG: Okay.  
15 We'll go back and discuss it.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Why don't you come  
17 back with the code change and meet with the committee and  
18 work on the code changes and the wording.

19 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN FALKENBERG: Okay.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: So we'll save the  
21 code changes for Junior Activities. Do you want to do the  
22 rest of the -- do you want to go through the  
23 supplementals?

24 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN FALKENBERG: Okay.  
25 Our apologies, ladies. I shortened my supplement due to

1 time constraints. This year has been a wonderful  
2 experience working with the Junior Conference. I learned  
3 something very important. I am not -- sales is not my  
4 calling. I apologize. I do need to get real and lay it  
5 on the line.

6 Ladies, all units need to start supporting our  
7 Juniors. It does not matter whether you have an active  
8 junior or not. The Juniors are the future of this  
9 organization. Too many Junior Conference papers are being  
10 returned with no donation. It is only a request of \$10  
11 per post, \$20 for units. Come on. That's only \$10.  
12 Please.

13 Why are districts returning the tickets? I've  
14 heard excuses, "Well, we don't have any Juniors. We're  
15 not going to purchase the tickets." Or from the Legion:  
16 "That is an Auxiliary program. The Legion is not going to  
17 participate."

18 The best one yet is: "What's Junior Conference?  
19 I've never heard of it." Aren't we a family? What  
20 happened to helping each other and working together? Our  
21 future depends on it.

22 I regretfully report that the ticket sales for  
23 the Junior Conference was less than \$4,000. The number  
24 changed since the report. We are up to \$3,700 was all  
25 that was brought in for Junior Conference. This amount is

1 way too low. I ask everyone to commit to supporting and  
2 getting a family member to support the Junior Conference  
3 program. We need everyone to do their part.

4 On a positive note, I was very impressed to  
5 receive the patch program applications from several of our  
6 Juniors. Thank you, ladies, for all of your hard work.  
7 You rock.

8 (Applause.)

9 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN FALKENBERG: May I do  
10 my first place awards?

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes.

12 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN FALKENBERG: The  
13 awards this year, there were very, very few supplementals,  
14 so what I did was I reviewed the patch program  
15 applications and all of the work that relates to when they  
16 submit their patch program paperwork and that was to help  
17 us decide what is going to happen.

18 So for our District 29. District 29, Tracy  
19 Smith, chairman for the Junior Activities Best Supplement  
20 For District, First Place.

21 (Applause.)

22 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN FALKENBERG: For our  
23 Junior Activities Best Unit Supplemental was District 18,  
24 Unit 261, Betty Ramos, Chairman.

25 (Applause.)

1 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN FALKENBERG: And our  
2 Best Junior Activities Overall, which included the patch  
3 program all the hard work the ladies did, goes to DeNyse  
4 Laugeson, Chairman, of District 20. First Place Overall  
5 Junior Activities Program, District 18. What did I say?  
6 District 18. I didn't read it right. Thank you.

7 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR CLEVELAND: I'd like  
8 to introduce our Honorary Junior President for 2015-2016,  
9 Paige Solomon.

10 (Applause.)

11 HONORARY JUNIOR PRESIDENT SOLOMON: Okay. Hi.  
12 So this year I graduated with Nicole and it was fun having  
13 you on our team. Okay. So Junior Conference was really  
14 fun this year. We did a lot because the place we were at  
15 this time had more activities for us to do and so it was  
16 more fun, but there wasn't a lot of girls because I don't  
17 know why. Transportation. There we go. And like --  
18 okay. Like I'm going to be honest with you guys because  
19 we talked amongst ourselves, the juniors, and a lot of  
20 people don't want to go to Junior Conference. So when we  
21 go we talk about it and like everyone comes back and  
22 they're like no, because they don't like it. But there is  
23 not like a reason why they don't like it. They just don't  
24 want to come back.

25 And I went when I was ten years old and it was,

1 like, fun and like everybody came and we used to have so  
2 much fun. And it's like most of the people, like, have  
3 already been so it's like less people started to come and  
4 more people started to feel uncomfortable, so it was like  
5 nobody wanted to come back. And so that's something we  
6 have to fix because you guys keep telling us that we're  
7 the future of this organization, but if nobody wants to  
8 come back because they're not having fun, then there will  
9 be no one who will want to be a part of this organization.

10 (Applause.)

11 HONORARY JUNIOR PRESIDENT SOLOMON: Oh, yeah, we  
12 used to have buses that would take us up there. We used  
13 to sing and stuff like that. And I never liked buses, but  
14 -- oh, yeah. It costs a lot of money for those buses,  
15 but, you know, it used to be a lot more fun on those  
16 buses. Sorry. And, like, I don't know. It was just --  
17 it was just a different type of feel. Because as I talk  
18 to the juniors, like other juniors, they were very -- they  
19 weren't as comfortable as like when I used to go it was  
20 just -- yeah, nobody really was together. It was weird.  
21 We normally get along, to be honest, because, I mean,  
22 there's sassiness.

23 Okay. So enough about junior conference. Now  
24 about me. Okay. So this year -- oh, I went to a prom,  
25 guys. I slayed it. It was so insane. I was -- I

1 graduated from Santa Monica High School, class of 2016.

2 (Applause.)

3 HONORARY JUNIOR PRESIDENT SOLOMON: And on August  
4 4th I will be leaving to Atlanta, Georgia to go to Clark  
5 Atlanta University to study criminal justice.

6 (Applause.)

7 HONORARY JUNIOR PRESIDENT SOLOMON: So my  
8 incoming officer for the department, my little baby,  
9 Jolina. She's president.

10 (Applause.)

11 HONORARY JUNIOR PRESIDENT SOLOMON: Okay. So  
12 yeah, Jolina is going to say some words.

13 DEPARTMENT JUNIOR PRESIDENT FREEMAN: Hi,  
14 everyone. My name is Jolina Freeman. I'm from District  
15 22, and I would like to introduce my vice president, Leila  
16 from District 24.

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT JUNIOR PRESIDENT FREEMAN: And we  
19 would like introduce ourselves to the Department  
20 Convention. And I would like to thank everyone who  
21 supported me, especially my aunt. And thank you for  
22 taking me everywhere and working with me over these past  
23 few years. I love you. Thank you.

24 (Applause.)

25 HONORARY JUNIOR PRESIDENT SOLOMON: Can I

1 approach you?

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes.

3 HONORARY JUNIOR PRESIDENT SOLOMON: So can you  
4 all hear me?

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes.

6 HONORARY JUNIOR PRESIDENT SOLOMON: Okay.

7 This -- this is an award for President Susie from all the  
8 juniors just thanking her for -- this is an award from all  
9 the juniors to Susie.

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: You've already  
12 mastered that shrug I taught her.

13 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN FALKENBERG: At this  
14 time I would ask for all delegates that joined us for the  
15 Junior Activities pre-convention conference meeting, please  
16 meet in the back real quick so we can do some cleanup of  
17 some verbiage. Thank you.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Next is VA&R  
19 followed by Auxiliary Emergency Fund.

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21 VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION CONVENTION REPORT

22

23 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Madam Department President,  
24 the convention committee on Veterans Affairs &  
25 Rehabilitation met on June 23rd, 2016 in Room 2003 of the

1 Fresno Convention Center in Fresno, California. The  
2 statistical report of this chairman appears on page 32 of  
3 the Book of Reports.

4 Serving as secretary was Harriet Clendenin.  
5 Ramona Tafoya offered prayer, and Bonnie Christner was  
6 appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 24 district  
7 delegates answered roll call. There were eight visitors  
8 present.

9 The committee agreed upon the following report.  
10 The code was read and the following code change was voted  
11 on. Code now reads: "The Department Secretary/Treasurer  
12 shall notify the Department Chairman on an annual basis  
13 the current cost of all pins available for the VA&R  
14 program. The cost shall include tax and handling  
15 expenses. The Department Chairman shall post on the  
16 Department website the updated forms for Hospital  
17 Certification and Field Service Pin certification. Copies  
18 will be mailed to Hospital Representatives who do not have  
19 access to the website. Only Hospital Representatives are  
20 authorized to purchase Hospital pins. New volunteers  
21 shall receive an identification patch with her pin.  
22 Patches are supplied free of charge by the Department."

23 The proposed change reads: "The Department  
24 Secretary/Treasurer shall notify the Department Chairman  
25 on an annual basis the current cost of all pins available

1 for the VA&R program. The cost shall include tax and  
2 handling expenses. The Department Chairman shall post on  
3 the Department website the updated forms for Hospital  
4 Certification and Service to Veterans Pin certification.  
5 Copies will be mailed to Hospital Representatives who do  
6 not have access to the website. Only Hospital  
7 Representatives are authorized to purchase Hospital pins.  
8 New volunteers shall receive an identification patch with  
9 her pin. Patches are supplied free of charge by the  
10 Department."

11 The change, if you noticed, is we are changing  
12 the term "Field Service Pin" to "Service For Veterans  
13 Pin."

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Okay. This is --  
15 okay. We have to --

16 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: I think we found it. I  
17 think it's code 10.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Okay. Code 10  
19 proposed change: "The Department Secretary/Treasurer  
20 shall notify the Department Chairman on an annual basis  
21 the current cost of all pins available for the VA&R  
22 program. The cost shall include tax and handling  
23 expenses. The Department Chairman shall post on the  
24 Department website the updated forms for Hospital  
25 Certification and Service to Veterans Pin certification.

1 Copies will be mailed to Hospital Representatives who do  
2 not have access to the website. Only Hospital  
3 Representatives are authorized to purchase Hospital pins.  
4 New volunteers shall receive an identification patch with  
5 her pin. Patches are supplied free of charge by the  
6 Department."

7 The change is a housekeeping change. It's  
8 changing the title "hospital certification" to "field  
9 service" and making it what National wants. Is there any  
10 discussion?

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: All in favor?

13 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Passed.

15 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Some housekeeping changes  
16 will be submitted to the secretary. The meeting was  
17 adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

18 Madam Department President, may I continue with  
19 my supplemental?

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes.

21 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: The units of the Department  
22 of California spent a full productive year serving the  
23 veterans and active military families in their communities  
24 and across the state. If I talked about every activity  
25 our members did, I would be reading pages and pages and

1 repeating what other chairmen have told you or will tell  
2 you about. And while these activities, such as sewing,  
3 crocheting, cooking, et cetera, are a vital part of what  
4 we do for our veterans and are to be commended, the  
5 statistics given at the end of this report will reflect  
6 how hard you have worked toward that end.

7 But I would like to tell you about some  
8 highlights. National VA&R Chairman Diane Duscheck has  
9 complimented you on the outstanding work done in  
10 California with the stand downs. You reported serving  
11 20,108 hours, serving 10,563 veterans at stand downs  
12 across the state. The services offered were outstanding.  
13 They include services offered by attorneys, doctors,  
14 dentists, employers, veterinarians, barbers and educators.  
15 Basically anything the veterans needed was made available  
16 to them.

17 One post and unit reported taking clients from  
18 the Barstow Veterans Home out for a day of fishing on the  
19 lake followed by a barbecue. What a treat that must be  
20 for them. And also a good excuse for the members to take  
21 off and go fishing.

22 As we are all aware of, there are far too many  
23 homeless veterans. While many units reported outstanding  
24 efforts in fundraising and helping hands, one unit in  
25 particular stood out on the reports. This unit of only

1 155 members, including the juniors, logged 12,223  
2 volunteer hours and helped in finding and helping 425  
3 homeless veterans by partnering with Vet Hunters. They  
4 reported members searching for homeless vets on the  
5 streets, under bridges and along the freeways on Christmas  
6 leave, Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve to make sure they  
7 had food and water and were warm. They stated "the words  
8 homeless should never be next to the word veteran."

9 One of our members had the privilege of being  
10 selected to fly with the Blue Angels U.S. Navy Flight  
11 Demonstration Squad on a F/A 18 Hornet as a Blue Angel Key  
12 Influencer Rider. She was recognized for her advocacy for  
13 veterans throughout her county.

14 Another unit expressed pride in having a five  
15 time gold champion at the creative arts festival amongst  
16 their members. Just another good reason to support the  
17 creative arts festival with your donations.

18 Another unit supports the veteran's court by  
19 presenting challenge coins to the graduates to remind them  
20 that they have the support of the American Legion Family.  
21 The veteran's court has been very successful in helping  
22 veterans gets on the right path. They also joined the  
23 local Chamber of Commerce to help support job fairs and  
24 help bring more focus on our veterans.

25 Total service to veterans figures reported were

1 31,443 veterans served by 4,532 volunteers for 257,943  
2 hours at a cost of \$115,462. Further numbers can be found  
3 in the book of records.

4 Yes, ladies, you can be proud of the  
5 accomplishments of the units and districts in the  
6 Department of California. For this is only a skimming of  
7 the many works being done and members giving so much of  
8 themselves to better the life of another.

9 And speaking of giving of themselves to better  
10 the life of another, Madam Department President, none  
11 represent this more than the next group of ladies,  
12 yourself included. This group of ladies, some new to the  
13 ranks and others having served for many faithful years are  
14 very special to us. They are the VA Hospital  
15 Representatives and Deputies, otherwise known as the Reps  
16 and Deps.

17 Madam President Department Susie, with your  
18 permission may I have these ladies escorted to the front  
19 of the room?

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes. Will the  
21 Distinguished Guest Chairman please escort our very  
22 distinguished guests, our Reps and Deps.

23 (Processional.)

24 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Thank you, ladies. And I  
25 would like to introduce them. I'm going to read all their

1 names because I cannot see who's down here and I don't  
2 recognize the tops of heads either. So I'll be reading  
3 the names and if you are present, please step up and wave.

4 Wendy O'Brien representing the Northern  
5 California.

6 (Applause.)

7 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Letecia O'Quinn, Deputy  
8 Northern California.

9 (Applause.)

10 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Barbara Dailey, for Redding  
11 OPC.

12 (Applause.)

13 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Kelli Gemeraad, Deputy from  
14 Fairfield OPC.

15 (Applause.)

16 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Sandy Dowell,  
17 Representative from Fresno.

18 (Applause.)

19 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Gloria Sinopoli, Deputy  
20 Fresno.

21 (Applause.)

22 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Marjorie Boyer, Deputy from  
23 Fresno.

24 (Applause.)

25 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Connie Raya, Representative

1 from Palo Alto.

2 (Applause.)

3 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Pat Klang, Deputy from Palo  
4 Alto/Menlo Park.

5 (Applause.)

6 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Sandy Jacob, Deputy Palo  
7 Alto/Menlo Park.

8 (Applause.)

9 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Arlene Muller, Deputy from  
10 Palo Alto and Michelle Soares, Deputy from Palo Alto.

11 (Applause.)

12 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Ruth Briggs, Representative  
13 from Livermore.

14 (Applause.)

15 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: June Souza, Deputy from  
16 Livermore.

17 (Applause.)

18 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Lorraine Sullivan,  
19 Representative San Francisco.

20 (Applause.)

21 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: June Jackson, Deputy San  
22 Francisco.

23 (Applause.)

24 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Tammy Manini, Deputy San  
25 Francisco.

1 (Applause.)

2 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Kathleen Sullivan, Deputy  
3 San Francisco.

4 (Applause.)

5 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Bonnie Chavoya, Deputy San  
6 Francisco.

7 (Applause.)

8 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Susie Tozier,  
9 Representative San Diego.

10 (Applause.)

11 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Irma Manthei, Deputy from  
12 San Francisco Diego.

13 (Applause.)

14 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Barbara Love, Deputy from  
15 San Diego.

16 (Applause.)

17 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: And Lois Cornish,  
18 Representative from Chula Vista. She does the WAVE poppy  
19 production there too.

20 Mavis Kanka, Representative, Loma Linda.

21 (Applause.)

22 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Arlene Barton, Deputy from  
23 Loma Linda.

24 (Applause.)

25 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Pat Alvarez, Representative

1 from Long Beach.

2 (Applause.)

3 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Tami Bell, Deputy from Long  
4 Beach.

5 (Applause.)

6 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Becky Bullard, Deputy from  
7 Long Beach.

8 (Applause.)

9 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Earlean Paige,  
10 Representative from West Los Angeles.

11 (Applause.)

12 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Susie Johansen, Deputy from  
13 West Los Angeles and Vi Walquist, Deputy from West Los  
14 Angeles.

15 (Applause.)

16 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Diane Williams, Deputy from  
17 West LA Ambulatory.

18 (Applause.)

19 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Kathy Harris-Richardson,  
20 Deputy from West Los Angeles.

21 (Applause.)

22 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Patricia Jackson-Kelley,  
23 Deputy from Downtown East LA.

24 (Applause.)

25 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Pamela Hicks, Deputy

1 Downtown East LA.

2 (Applause.)

3 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Mary Chaba, Deputy Downtown  
4 East LA.

5 (Applause.)

6 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Julie Stranges, Deputy  
7 Sepulveda.

8 (Applause.)

9 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: And Dee Ann Graham from  
10 Bakersfield.

11 (Applause.)

12 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Dorothy Davis from Santa  
13 Maria.

14 (Applause.)

15 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Evangelina Acosta,  
16 Representative from Barstow.

17 (Applause.)

18 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Linda Hayes, Representative  
19 from Lancaster.

20 (Applause.)

21 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Terry Mikesell,  
22 Representative from Redding.

23 (Applause.)

24 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Madeline Lee,  
25 Representative from SATICOY.

1 (Applause.)

2 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Ruth Hackney,  
3 Representative from West LA.

4 (Applause.)

5 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Melanie Taylor, Deputy from  
6 Yountville.

7 (Applause.)

8 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: And Gerda Shupe,  
9 Representative from Yountville.

10 (Applause.)

11 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: This is a beautiful group  
12 of ladies. Let's give them a big round of applause.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: I'll tell you,  
14 ladies, going to each of the hospitals and the home, the  
15 depts and reps are their eyes and ears for their needs and  
16 it's very important to listen to what they say because  
17 they know what the hospital needs. If they have some  
18 special event and they want you to help participate, do  
19 it. And don't be afraid to volunteer a couple hours a  
20 week. You know, the veterans really appreciate it. They  
21 like the smiles and the joking around and, you know, it's  
22 just a lot of fun to see something that makes a  
23 difference.

24 Is there a Reps and Deps person who's supposed  
25 to -- okay.

1 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE BELL: We have a  
2 presentation. I'm getting there.

3 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Oh, my. It's just like  
4 Christmas.

5 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Fun part of  
6 the job.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Next we have  
8 Poppies followed by Public Relations.

9 HOSPITAL REPRESENTATIVE BELL: Madam Chairman, on  
10 behalf of the Reps and Deps that represent the VA&R  
11 program throughout California and our veterans, we present  
12 you with this gift.

13 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Thank you.

14 (Applause.)

15 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: I think I should stand here  
16 and open every one of them. Thank you.

17 Madam President, this concludes my report. May I  
18 continue with my first place awards?

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes.

20 (Processional.)

21 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: We have First Place  
22 District Supplement going to District 25, Patricia  
23 Galatioto.

24 (Applause.)

25 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: First Place Unit

1 Supplemental goes to Unit 741, District 16, Madeline Lee.

2 (Applause.)

3 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: And the we also have the  
4 award for the Best Homeless Veterans Program, and it goes,  
5 of course, to Unit 280, District 18, Rodica Andreescu.

6 (Applause.)

7 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: And that's who I was  
8 talking about in my report. And I have a very, very  
9 special award, the Volunteer of the Year Award. This year  
10 we received three applications, and although I'm sure a  
11 lot of other ladies deserved it too, this goes to Ruth  
12 Briggs.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Ladies, she is 90  
15 years old and still doing it.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: She's an amazing  
18 woman.

19 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARSH: Thank you, Madam Susie, for  
20 the honor in serving the Auxiliary and for serving as the  
21 Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation Chairman this year. This  
22 concludes my report.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Thank you. Can we  
24 now have the Juniors come back and finish their report?

25 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN FALKENBERG: I

1 apologize. We read over it.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: You have to speak  
3 on the mic.

4 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN FALKENBERG: Okay.  
5 The Junior Activities/Junior Conference team committee  
6 meeting was reconvened on Saturday afternoon, June 25th,  
7 2016, and the committee has agreed upon this report.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Go slow.

9 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN FALKENBERG: Okay.  
10 Code changes on page 45, item 25.2. The change would be  
11 in verbiage only. It will read: "The Junior Activities  
12 Chairman, Junior Conference Director, and the Committee  
13 will choose a Department Junior Delegate and Alternate to  
14 Junior National Convention or Mission Training at Junior  
15 Conference. If the delegate turns 18 prior or during the  
16 National Convention or Mission Training she will be  
17 eligible to attend Junior National Convention or Mission  
18 Training but will not be eligible to hold a National  
19 Office."

20 The rationale on this is the Mission Training is  
21 a temporary. We're not sure whether it will continue as a  
22 divisional activity or they will go back to the National  
23 Junior Convention. So in that case we have decided to  
24 have the -- keep the verbiage as "or" so no matter which  
25 way it goes we will have it in both.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Okay.

2 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN FALKENBERG: I so move  
3 for that change.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Can you give your  
5 paper to me? The code change reads: "The Junior  
6 Activities Chairman, Junior Conference Director, and the  
7 Committee will choose a Department Junior Delegate and  
8 Alternate to Junior National Convention or Mission  
9 Training at Junior Conference. If the delegate turns 18  
10 prior or during the National Convention or Mission  
11 Training she will be eligible to attend Junior National  
12 Convention or Mission Training but will not be eligible to  
13 hold a National Office."

14 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN FALKENBERG: You can  
15 keep that copy.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Is there any  
17 discussion?

18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: All in favor?

20 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: You were slow to  
22 get up. It's those shoes.

23 NATIONAL WESTERN VICE PRESIDENT WORKMAN: We  
24 should probably say "Junior Mission Training" as well so  
25 we can have Junior National Conference with Mission

1 Training.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: You're making a  
3 motion to insert "Junior" before "Mission Training"?

4 NATIONAL WESTERN VICE PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Yes,  
5 "Junior" before "Mission."

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Second.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: It's been moved and  
8 seconded for the amendment to include the word "Junior"  
9 before "Mission Training." Is there any discussion?

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: All in favor?

12 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Okay. Code as  
14 it -- as amended is going to read: "The Junior Activities  
15 Chairman, Junior Conference Director, and the Committee  
16 will choose a Department Junior Delegate and Alternate to  
17 Junior National Convention or Junior Mission Training at  
18 the Junior Conference. If the delegate turns 18 prior to  
19 or during the National Convention she will be eligible to  
20 attend Junior National Convention or Junior Mission  
21 Training but will not be eligible to hold a National  
22 Office."

23 Is there any discussion?

24 (No response.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: All in favor?

1 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Pass.

3 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN FALKENBERG: Okay.

4 Next item. It would be 25.3: "Airfare, \$100 per diem for  
5 two days and the registration fee will be paid for by the  
6 Department Office for the Delegate and Alternate to Junior  
7 National Convention or Junior Mission Training. Should  
8 the Delegate not be able to attend, the Alternate will  
9 move up to Delegate. The Department President, Junior  
10 Activities Chairman, Junior Conference Director, and  
11 Junior Conference Committee will select a Junior that  
12 attended the current year Junior Conference to attend as  
13 the Alternate. In the event that both Delegate and  
14 Alternate are unable to attend National Convention, Junior  
15 National Convention, or Junior Mission Training, the  
16 Department President, Junior Activities Chairman, Junior  
17 Conference Director and Junior Conference Committee will  
18 select two junior members that attended the current year  
19 Junior Conference to attend as the Delegate and  
20 Alternate."

21 By direction of the committee, I so move.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: It has been moved  
23 to change the code to read: "Airfare, \$100 per diem for  
24 two days and the registration fee will be paid for by the  
25 Department Office for the Delegate and Alternate to Junior

1 National Convention or Junior Mission Training. Should  
 2 the Delegate not be able to attend, the Alternate will  
 3 move up to Delegate. The Department President, Junior  
 4 Activities Chairman, Junior Conference Director, and  
 5 Junior Conference Committee will select a Junior that  
 6 attended the current year Junior Conference to attend as  
 7 the Alternate. In the event that both Delegate and  
 8 Alternate are unable to attend National Convention, Junior  
 9 National Convention, or Junior Mission Training, the  
 10 Department President, Junior Activities Chairman, Junior  
 11 Conference Director and Junior Conference Committee will  
 12 select two junior members to attend the current year  
 13 Junior Conference to attend as the Delegate and  
 14 Alternate." To attend --

15 Ladies, we are going to pull the motion on this.  
 16 I'm sorry. We will now have the report of the Auxiliary  
 17 Emergency Fund. Sorry.

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19 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND CONVENTION REPORT

20

21 AEF CHAIRMAN MOORE: Thank you, Madam President.  
 22 The convention committee on Auxiliary Emergency Fund met  
 23 on June 23rd, 2016 in Room 2001 of the Fresno Convention  
 24 Center, Fresno, California. The statistical report of  
 25 this chairman appears on page 22 of the Book of Reports.

1 Wendy O'Brien, District 6, was appointed  
2 secretary. DeNyse Laugeson, District 18, offered prayer.  
3 Stephanie Manthei, District 11, was appointed  
4 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 19 district delegates  
5 answered roll call. There were 11 visitors which included  
6 nine seniors and two juniors.

7 The committee agreed upon the following report.  
8 Ritual were observed -- I'm sorry. Were observed and the  
9 code was read. There were no code changes. Awards for  
10 highest donation per capita were given out as follows.  
11 And the first place for district went to District 24 and  
12 the first place for unit went to Unit 482, District 16.  
13 Second and third place awards for unit and district were  
14 presented and are posted -- will be posted in the  
15 department office. With no further business, the meeting  
16 was adjourned with prayer.

17 Madam President, may I move on to my  
18 supplemental?

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes.

20 AEF CHAIRMAN MOORE: Madam President Susie, this  
21 year your theme of Growing the Legion Family for Veterans  
22 has allowed the Ranch Hands to lend a helping hand to our  
23 sisters and their families in need.

24 We began the year distributing packets to each  
25 District Chairman which included material specific to this

1 program regarding eligible requirements and the  
2 application process. Information was also distributed at  
3 department and leadership workshops to attendees  
4 requesting we all spread the word about the importance of  
5 the Auxiliary Emergency Fund and reminding them that this  
6 is a program created and funded by members for eligible  
7 members.

8           Bulletins were made available on the department  
9 website which included this information as well as  
10 suggestions on fundraising ideas. Department and National  
11 website addresses were provided for reference.

12           District and Unit chairmen were encouraged to  
13 increase their donations to National and were asked to  
14 consider starting a program if not already formed. They  
15 were also encouraged to continue programs within their  
16 districts and units to assist their members in need.  
17 There were 19 districts and 86 units reporting line items  
18 for Auxiliary Emergency Fund and 30 units have discussed  
19 increasing for next year.

20           One highlight of the year was having National  
21 President Sharon Conatser as our special guest at our  
22 midyear committee meeting in January. Members were  
23 informed that Auxiliary Emergency Fund was her special  
24 project this year, and, boy, did they come through. One  
25 unit and 14 members donated over \$900 during that weekend.

1 100 of that was presented directly to the National  
2 President Sharon, and the balance was presented at the  
3 Parade of Checks in Washington D.C. As of this report,  
4 seven districts and an additional 38 members and/or units  
5 have donated more than \$2,000 to the fund. Citations and  
6 lapel pins were presented in committee for these  
7 donations.

8           There were three units that did a water bottle  
9 collection fundraiser and collected over \$300. Two  
10 districts reported having fundraisers totaling \$385 and  
11 ten units reported having fundraisers to assist their  
12 members totaling over \$3,000. Some of the fundraisers  
13 consisted of used treasures sales, monthly collections at  
14 meetings and bus trips.

15           One district was hit with wildfires that  
16 destroyed many homes, farms, and businesses. As a result,  
17 the entire community came together and raised over \$5,000,  
18 provided tents and trailers assisting displaced families  
19 and their animals. In addition to monetary assistance,  
20 two units helped by supplying food, water, clothing and  
21 assisting with shelter and food for the animals.

22           Another district reported one of their units had  
23 a taco night twice a month to raise funds for their own  
24 members. They raised \$1700 which was used to assist a  
25 member with car trouble and to assist other members with

1 rent and essential living expenses.

2 One unit started a new Auxiliary Emergency Fund  
3 committee and did fundraisers for purposes of helping  
4 their own members. They were able to assist a member and  
5 her family during the Christmas holiday. The member's  
6 parents were so impressed they joined their post and unit  
7 because of this good deed.

8 One member lost her husband and daughter  
9 unexpectedly within a couple of months of each other. She  
10 was given \$2,000 to assist with funeral expenses and her  
11 post and unit took care of the memorial services including  
12 food and flowers. Their Legion Riders also provided  
13 escort service to the cemetery. Other units were unable  
14 to donate to National, but provided over \$3,000 in direct  
15 aid to their own members.

16 It was reported that 20 members throughout the  
17 state submitted applications for assistance, 16 for  
18 emergency assistance, three for disaster, and one for  
19 education assistance. However, no copies of the  
20 applications were received by this chairman.

21 District and unit Ranch Hands have been  
22 encouraged to continue on their path to helping our  
23 Auxiliary sisters and their families while we grow the  
24 American Legion family.

25 Madam President, this concludes my report. May I

1 continue with my first place awards?

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes.

3 AEF CHAIRMAN MOORE: For First Place Unit  
4 Supplemental, award goes to Albert E. Schwab, Unit 555,  
5 District 29, Lillian Perez, Chairman.

6 (Applause.)

7 AEF CHAIRMAN MOORE: First Place Supplemental For  
8 District, District 21, Genevieve Eastman, Chairman.

9 (Applause.)

10 AEF CHAIRMAN MOORE: And a special award which I  
11 did obtain permission from Madam President as we honor  
12 towards our American Legion Family, I will be presenting  
13 an award which is entitled American Legion Family  
14 Community Involvement Award. This is a check. This is  
15 going to Donna Lennox, Chairman. And if you read her  
16 report, you would see why. And that is my report.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Thank you. Do you  
18 want to tell us briefly -- can you tell us briefly why you  
19 gave that report to that district?

20 AEF CHAIRMAN MOORE: It was given because as I  
21 indicated, you can see by the name of the award. The  
22 entire community came together. I know the Auxiliary  
23 Emergency Fund is helping our sisters, but when you go out  
24 into the community and they give back with no questions  
25 asked, we're talking about earlier the people, animals,

1 everybody came together and the entire Legion, Auxiliary,  
2 Sons, and the Legion Riders came together as a group to  
3 help these members in need. And that's why I wanted to  
4 give that award.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Thank you.

6 (Applause.)

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8 POPPY CONVENTION REPORT

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10 POPPY CHAIRMAN McCLURG: Ladies, Madam President,  
11 Department Officers, the Poppy Chairmen met in Room 2004.  
12 The Book of Reports can be found on page 31. My secretary  
13 was Kim Vincent. The prayer was offered by Joyce Patton,  
14 and Danielle White was the Sergeant-at-Arms.

15 We do have a couple of code changes. Madam  
16 President, may I proceed with the code changes?

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes.

18 POPPY CHAIRMAN McCLURG: Found on page 58, code  
19 number 3, it reads: "All veterans under the supervision  
20 of the American Legion Auxiliary members participating in  
21 production of the poppy regardless of compensation. Thus  
22 in the greatest need -- those in the greatest need shall  
23 reference -- I'm sorry. Those in the greatest need shall  
24 have preference after the initial 1,000 allocation."

25 At that point they would like to strike that

1 sentence completely from it. They're feeling like it's  
2 discriminating the way it's worded.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: We're looking at  
4 code number 3 on page 58?

5 POPPY CHAIRMAN McCLURG: On page 58, yes, number  
6 3 under the Poppy production. It was adopted in 2012.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Under code number 3  
8 reads here: "All veterans under the supervision of the  
9 American Legion Auxiliary may participate in production of  
10 poppies regardless of compensation. Those in greatest  
11 needs have preference as to the initial allocation" -- is  
12 that --

13 POPPY CHAIRMAN McCLURG: That's what I have  
14 there, yes.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Is that a phone?  
16 It's Terry. Okay.

17 POPPY CHAIRMAN McCLURG: They're asking to remove  
18 where it says, "those in the greatest need shall have  
19 preference after all the initial 1,000 allocation."  
20 They're asking for that line to be deleted.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Okay. So moved?

22 POPPY CHAIRMAN McCLURG: Yes, ma'am. I make a  
23 motion that we remove that line from the Poppy code.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Okay. They want to  
25 remove the last line which says: "Those in the greatest

1 need shall have preference after the initial 1,000  
2 allocation." So code would read: "All veterans under the  
3 supervision of an American Legion Auxiliary member may  
4 participate in production of the poppy regardless of  
5 compensation." Is there any discussion?

6 CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Yes, Madam  
7 President. Melanie Taylor, Past Department President and  
8 previous Poppy Production Manager at Yountville Veterans  
9 Home. I am not in agreement with this. These poppies  
10 should be distributed to the poppy makers at each facility  
11 and not give those that are in greater need more poppies.  
12 That's not fair.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Please come to the  
14 microphone. Please come to the microphone. You need to  
15 come to the mic if you have comments.

16 HOSPITAL REP CORNISH: Lois Cornish.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: You need to turn it  
18 on.

19 HOSPITAL REP CORNISH: Lois Cornish, Poppy  
20 Production Manager at WAVE San Diego. I was the one that  
21 recommended that we take out "regardless of need" because  
22 we have no way of knowing what the need is in our area.  
23 Maybe other places they do, but we can't ask what their  
24 financial need is.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: So you're saying we

1 have no information regarding the need of the veteran.

2 HOSPITAL REP CORNISH: In our area I have asked  
3 about follow up on things from the people who run the WAVE  
4 Clinic and I'm told we can't discuss that. So I can't ask  
5 do you have \$2,000 or do you have \$200. We don't have the  
6 need to know. In my opinion, but that's just my opinion.

7 (Applause.)

8 HOSPITAL REP CORNISH: That was the reason behind  
9 it and I'm the one that brought it up.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Is there any more  
11 discussion?

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madam  
13 Department President, Ruby Kapsalis, Past Department  
14 President. If you really look at this sentence, it says:  
15 "All veterans under the supervision of American Legion  
16 Auxiliary member may participate regardless of  
17 compensation." "All veterans" does include those in the  
18 greatest need, so the second sentence could be really  
19 obsolete. And I'll tell you, to be honest with you, I  
20 don't even know what the second half of that sentence  
21 means, "preference after the initial 1,000 allocation."  
22 What allocation are they talking about?

23 In my opinion I think we can do without that  
24 sentence because "all veterans" covers all.

25 (Applause.)

1 HOSPITAL REP CORNISH: Thank you. That's been  
2 bothering me for 20 years.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Okay. All in  
4 favor?

5 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Passed.

9 POPPY CHAIRMAN McCLURG: Okay. On page 59 we  
10 have Section 8. They would like to have 2 removed from it  
11 since they said it was not an active post or not a  
12 facility.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: What?

14 POPPY CHAIRMAN McCLURG: Number 8 it says: "A  
15 year-round poppy production is offered at the California  
16 Veterans Homes, Yountville, Chula Vista and the WAVE  
17 Clinic San Diego and Long Beach VMAC to give veterans the  
18 opportunity to participate in the therapeutic and  
19 incentive work program without the pressure of a  
20 short-term production."

21 I move to remove the Chula Vista.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: The code change  
23 will read: "A year-round poppy production is offered at  
24 the California Veterans Homes, Yountville, and the WAVE  
25 Clinic San Diego and Long Beach VMAC to give veterans the

1 opportunity to participate in the therapeutic and  
2 incentive work program without the pressure of a  
3 short-term production."

4 Is there any discussion?

5 (No response.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: All in favor?

7 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Pass.

9 (Applause.)

10 POPPY CHAIRMAN McCLURG: On this next issue I  
11 will send an email to Ruby so she can fix it on the  
12 website.

13 Madam President, may I move to my supplemental?

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes.

15 POPPY CHAIRMAN McCLURG: Madam President,  
16 Department Office and Chairmen.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Go ahead.

18 POPPY CHAIRMAN McCLURG: It is a great honor and  
19 privilege to be asked to finish out 2015-2016 as your  
20 Department Poppy Chairman. I must say it was a challenge.  
21 I spent many hours on the phone calling all the units  
22 making sure they sent in their orders and had received  
23 their poppies. Unfortunately some of the units didn't  
24 receive their poppies and I apologize for that.

25 My only concern is that out of 256 units there

1 were only 126 in their district -- or I'm sorry. There  
2 was only 126 units that sent in their end-of-the-year  
3 financial Poppy report. We need to stress to the district  
4 officers and the units how important it is to meet the  
5 deadlines.

6 I'm going to name off the awards. The  
7 supplementals go to Unit 110, District 11, first place.  
8 Unit 397, District 16, first place. Unit 742, District  
9 21, first place. Unit 132, District 29, first place. 43  
10 unit 24 -- I'm sorry. 43 Unit, 24 District, second place.

11 Okay. Also on Unit 43, this is on the posters  
12 from ages 13 to 18. Unit 43, District 24, Jasmin Partzam,  
13 first place. Unit 589, District 28, Jenna Gardner, second  
14 place. Poppy display, Unit 229, District 23, first place.  
15 I'm sorry. Unit 589, District 28, second place.

16 And Madam President's district -- or Department  
17 Special Award goes to 757, District 25.

18 (Applause.)

19 POPPY CHAIRMAN McCLURG: This completes my  
20 report.

21 DISTRICT 18 PRESIDENT SINCLAIR: Madam President,  
22 Mindy Sinclair, District 18. 397 is in District 18. Is  
23 it 397?

24 POPPY CHAIRMAN McCLURG: I can check when we go  
25 down there and then I'll let you know.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Thank you. I want  
2 to thank Ellen. She came in after January and took over  
3 the program and, I mean, we're shocked for her first time  
4 doing something, I think she did a wonderful job. Thank  
5 you, Ellen.

6 (Applause.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Thank you, Ellen.  
8 You did a wonderful job. She may not want to talk to me,  
9 but she did a wonderful job.

10 Okay. Public Relations, and then you're after  
11 Membership.

12

13 PUBLIC RELATIONS CONVENTION REPORT

14

15 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: Hi.  
16 My name is Jean Cooley-Desmeules, Public Relations  
17 Chairman. The convention committee on Public Relations  
18 met on June 23rd, 2016 -- the convention committee --  
19 better? I should just remember -- met on June 23rd, 2016  
20 in Room 2008 of the Fresno Convention Center in Fresno,  
21 California. The statistical report of this chairman is on  
22 page 31 of the Book of Reports.

23 Susan Baker, District 28, Unit 694 was appointed  
24 secretary. Geri Johnston, District 21, Unit 53 offered  
25 prayer, and Rosemary Weber, District 16, Unit 48 was

1 appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 20 district  
2 delegates answered call and there was three visitors.

3 The committee agreed upon the following report:  
4 The Public Relations code was read and there are no  
5 changes.

6 (Applause.)

7 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN COOLEY-DESMEULES:  
8 Second and third place awards were given out during the  
9 meeting and a list will be given to the department to  
10 display after my report.

11 There was a sharing discussion on how each unit  
12 used the media to get their events out to the local area  
13 to increase the knowledge of the American Legion --  
14 knowledge of the American Legion Family. Some used the  
15 local cable TV channels or the local newspapers. Others  
16 used Facebook so it could be shared by all those that  
17 received it. All in all, our units and district chairmen  
18 are utilizing all the various methods to accomplish the  
19 task of getting the word out.

20 Madam President, may I continue with my  
21 committee -- oh, this concludes my committee report. May  
22 I continue with my supplement and my awards?

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes.

24 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: The  
25 Department of California Public Relations Chairmen were

1 quite busy this year getting the word out about the  
2 American Legion Auxiliary and promoting who we are, what  
3 we do, and why we matter by wearing apparel with our logo  
4 on it. And one thing I have to say, ladies, I see a lot  
5 of the branding out there and it's great. Branding our  
6 way to a bigger and better organization. Within the State  
7 of California there are 2,829 members receiving the E-news  
8 and with 227 newly signed up for E-news users, they are  
9 getting the latest articles faster.

10 Unit and districts currently have reported -- ten  
11 reported Facebooks, but after researching I found 250 and  
12 individual members reported having 400 Facebook pages.  
13 There were ten units that reported that they shared with  
14 their post a website and one new website was started this  
15 year.

16 Many units used their local papers, cable  
17 channels, and the city marquees to publicize breakfasts,  
18 barbecue dinners and other fundraisers. Some even  
19 announced their meeting location, dates, times so more  
20 eligible new members could come and see what they were all  
21 about. They submitted 503 articles and having 471  
22 published in the newspapers. Writing 51 letters to the  
23 editors and sent 76 letters of appreciation. They did 99  
24 interviews which were seen on local cable channels 23  
25 times and appeared on local TV channels 29 times, and a

1 few even on the local radio stations which were 36 times,  
2 each sending out the word about who we are, what we do,  
3 and why we matter. No Twitter accounts were reported, but  
4 I'm sure that there are a lot of tweets out there.

5 We only had two units take part in the Ring Your  
6 Bell contest. It was reported that the point system was  
7 hard to follow so most didn't keep track. Only four units  
8 reported they would be making a PR book for their  
9 presidents, be it unit or district. This chairman has  
10 been receiving newspaper articles, fliers, and unit/post  
11 newsletters for our Department of California President  
12 Public Relations book.

13 As for the updated media contact list, this  
14 chairman is still receiving lists from various units and  
15 will be forwarding that on to the Department Office when  
16 completed. There are four units that reported using PSAs  
17 announcements of various events at their post.

18 At our midyear DEC, all Department Chairmen were  
19 asked to have some something available for their members  
20 attending. This chairman put together a packet of -- a  
21 packet with the ALA branding guide, plan of action, how to  
22 write a news release, an ALA PR guide, and tips for  
23 volunteer recruitment and the At a Glance Brochure. All  
24 of these are very important to all public relations  
25 chairmen whether they use it at the unit or district

1 level.

2 This chairman has enjoyed working with all the  
3 districts and the unit chairmen throughout the year,  
4 helping them to get the word out on what the American  
5 Legion Auxiliary is all about by wearing their ALA  
6 garments, all working together with the goal of reaching  
7 one million members by 100-year anniversary in 2019.

8 Awards. I said second and third were given out  
9 in committee. For our Best District Supplemental, Kim  
10 Crone, District 22.

11 (Applause.)

12 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: For  
13 Best Unit Supplemental, Judy Bendzala, District 21.

14 (Applause.)

15 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: For  
16 Ring Your Bell Contest, District 22, Unit 149, J.B. Clark.

17 (Applause.)

18 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: I  
19 have to say there are only two PR books turned in, one  
20 district and one unit, which made my judging really easy.  
21 Best Unit, District 22, Unit 149, J.B. Clark.

22 (Applause.)

23 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN COOLEY-DESMEULES:  
24 District 19, Best District Public Relations book.

25 (Applause.)

1 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: And  
2 District 29, Cheryl Ledlow, First Place Most Newspaper  
3 Articles Sent, 21.

4 (Applause.)

5 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: That  
6 concludes my report, Madam President. But may I approach  
7 your stadium -- podium so I can give your book to you?

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yes.

9 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: This  
10 is a combination of everybody's submissions to me. It has  
11 unit news, little posts, district newsletters, articles  
12 and social media and fliers. I know you see a lot of  
13 fliers on our Facebook pages. I was downloading them  
14 every time one came up, so --

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Thank you very  
16 much.

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Okay. Membership.

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20 MEMBERSHIP CONVENTION REPORT

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22 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: The  
23 convention committee on Membership met on June 23rd, 2016  
24 in Room 2016 of the convention center in Fresno,  
25 California. The statistical report of this chairman

1 appears on page 29 of the Book of Reports.

2 Ruth Hackney, District 24, was appointed  
3 secretary. Donna Smith, Unit 22, served as chaplain, and  
4 Terry Oclaray, District 16, served as Sergeant-at-Arms.  
5 There were a total of 26 delegates in attendance with 12  
6 guests.

7 The code was read with the following change.  
8 Last year the delegation voted to change The Colleen Award  
9 to the Edward Elks Memorial Award. It still -- The  
10 Colleen Award is in the code that we need to -- we need to  
11 ratify it. So is a code change needed or, I mean, is it  
12 housekeeping? I ratify. I move.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: It has been moved  
14 that the code -- which code was it?

15 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: It's just an  
16 award.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Under awards number  
18 F to change from The Colleen Award to the Edward Elks  
19 Memorial Award.

20 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: We already  
21 talked about it at the DEC.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Right. And we're  
23 voting on it now.

24 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: They were  
25 dropping The Colleen Award, which all they're doing is

1 changing the name of it. It's going to stay the same.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Okay. Is there any  
3 discussion?

4 (No response.)

5 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BIGGS: This is Anita  
6 Biggs, District 23, Past Department President. Can you  
7 please explain the Edward Elks Award? I was here, but I  
8 don't recall hearing permission about the change. Thank  
9 you.

10 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. I will  
11 read to you what it is. It says: "The Edward Elks  
12 Memorial Award is awarded with a \$100 check to the unit  
13 that receives a membership award as well as has written a  
14 supplemental and participated in the following program:  
15 Americanism, Children & Youth, Education, Legislation,  
16 Poppy, and Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation."

17 That is what the same award was, but the name --

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: The name Edward  
19 Elks --

20 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Edward  
21 Elks -- okay. They were going to drop this award because  
22 there is no funding left for it, and Ann brought the money  
23 to us, so --

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Ann makes the  
25 donation.

1 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes. As long  
2 as she's up here, can I make the announcement of who she  
3 is?

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: It has been moved  
5 to change the word "The Colleen Award" to "Edward Elks  
6 Memorial Award." Is there any more discussion?

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: All in favor?

9 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: And as long  
15 as Ann is up here, I present this award -- or you will be.  
16 That's what it was, yes. And that was the one who did all  
17 of that stuff. I'm sorry. By reading -- I put on the  
18 award everything that the unit had to do to qualify for  
19 this particular award.

20 DISTRICT 20 DELEGATE PHILCOX: First annual  
21 Edward Elks Memorial Award to the unit that has received a  
22 Membership award as well as a written supplemental and  
23 participated in the following program: Americanism,  
24 Children & Youth, Education, Legislation, Poppies, and  
25 Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation. This year the award is

1 presented to Teresa Sullivan, Unit 830, District 18.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Are the recipients,  
4 everybody over there waiting?

5 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes. Ladies,  
6 in the interest of saving time I'm going to cut my  
7 Membership report extremely short. Our units did a  
8 fabulous job in Membership this year. Congratulations to  
9 the 119 members that received the Recruit 1 button and the  
10 16 members that received the Rejoin 1 Button. I know that  
11 a lot more of you did that, but that's all the forms that  
12 were turned in. So if you don't turn in a form, we cannot  
13 present you with an award. The awards were given out in  
14 committee because we want to save time.

15 We had 14 units reach Early Bird, 119 units  
16 reached 100 percent of the California Goal, and 40 units  
17 reached 100 Percent Goal at the close of books. The 100  
18 percent ribbons were also handed out in committee.

19 Units held lunches and dinners. Some even gave a  
20 discount for those that paid early. Calling, sending  
21 e-mails, letters just to check on those they haven't seen  
22 in a while is very helpful. Sending out birthday,  
23 thinking of you and missing you cards to show the members  
24 they are an important part of the unit. Bulletins and  
25 meeting minutes are sent to keep members informed about

1 what's being done and to invite them to share in future  
2 events, encouraging them to be active in the unit or work  
3 programs that will assist veterans.

4 Keeping our members involved is a sure way of  
5 keeping them members year after year. Unit members used  
6 every opportunity to talk about membership in the ALA.  
7 Participation in community events, support other  
8 organizations that support veterans. Wearing our ALA  
9 insignia, and as always, keeping a positive attitude is  
10 the best way of dealing with everyone.

11 They have encouraged everyone to keep looking for  
12 wives, mothers, sisters, and daughters that may be  
13 eligible and not to forget our Juniors. At the Junior  
14 Conference they were asked to write down some of the ideas  
15 they had for recruiting new members. Many of the things  
16 that they wrote down we can also do. There is a big  
17 plaque in the back. I have taped all of them there.  
18 There's some great ideas. And this was coming from young  
19 people. So if they can come up with those ideas, I'm sure  
20 you can also.

21 Use social media such as Facebook and Instagram  
22 to get the word out. Send invitations out to attend an  
23 event. The Sprinklers couldn't have done this year  
24 without the help of the Windmills. The area membership  
25 support team, they kept in contact with the district

1 chairmen encouraging them and reminding them that without  
2 our unit members who are the grassroots of this  
3 organization, we won't have an ALA. I can't thank them  
4 enough.

5 They are from Area 1, Terry Mikesell. Area 2,  
6 Susan Baker. Area 3, Danielle White. Area 4, Alzora  
7 Carter. Area 5, Debbie Fletcher. Area 6, Jeri Adams.  
8 Thank you, thank you, thank you, ladies, for all of your  
9 work. Membership is something that is the responsibility  
10 of all members because without our members we will not be  
11 an organization, an organization that helps veterans,  
12 active military, and their families throughout the world.

13 Madam President Susie, thank you for this  
14 opportunity. It has been a lot of fun being one of your  
15 Sprinklers.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Thank you.

17 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: May I give my  
18 awards? Before I give my awards, Madam President, in  
19 committee I went to Washington -- I mean to Indianapolis  
20 for the membership conference, and National is waiving the  
21 per capita for female veterans again this coming year.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: So it was  
24 brought up in committee. It was brought up in  
25 committee -- okay. At the recommendation of the

1 membership committee, we move to again waive the  
2 Department of California per capita for new female  
3 veterans for the year 2016-'17.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT PAST PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Second.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: It's been moved and  
7 seconded to waive the female first time veteran per  
8 capita. Is there any discussion? For 2016-'17. Is there  
9 any discussion?

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: All in favor?

12 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Motion carried.

16 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. In the  
17 interest of time we're going to give these out on the  
18 floor. The first place award -- second and third place  
19 were given in committee, but first place award for Unit  
20 Supplemental goes to Jackie Robinson Unit 252, Anita  
21 Biggs, Chairman. First place award for District  
22 Supplemental goes to District 22, Donna L. Smith,  
23 Chairman.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. The

1 Ethel Flynn Award, which is the unit with the highest  
2 gain, and their gain was 185 percent -- I know it's over  
3 200 now -- goes to Larry E. Holmberg Unit 721.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: 731.

5 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: 731.

6 (Applause.)

7 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: And the  
8 Estella Hannell Memorial Award, which is the district with  
9 the highest gain of 110.53 percent goes to District 17.

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: We have the  
12 Josie Melgard Award. And our Past National President  
13 Nancy Brown-Park is normally the one that helps distribute  
14 this, however, she is not here so I have asked Josie  
15 Melgard's daughters to come up to help me with this award.

16 Okay. So this is California Goal Plus Three at  
17 the close of books. District 2, Unit 197. District 4, we  
18 have 167. District 5, Unit 199. District 6, Unit 233,  
19 521, 637. District 7, Unit 795. District 11, Unit 22,  
20 108, 190, 297, 376. District 12 has three awards: Unit  
21 166, 240, 872. District 13 has one award for Unit 564.  
22 District 15, two units. Unit 26 and 124. District 16 has  
23 four awards: Unit 66, 366, 432, and 502. District 17 has  
24 one award: Unit 628. Fifteen has two awards. Sixteen  
25 has four awards. Is 16 not here? I sent notes. I sent

1 letters out to everyone.

2 Madam President, I did send out everyone to --

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: If you received a  
4 note, please come forward.

5 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: And, ladies,  
6 I did send in committee four pages of awards that were in  
7 the office so nobody had to write anything down and  
8 everyone would know who got an award. So I sent it to all  
9 the committee members. Okay. District 17 gets one.  
10 District 18 gets five. That is Unit 180, 261, 397, 476,  
11 and 830. District 19, Unit 270. District 20, Unit 377.  
12 District 21 gets four awards: Unit 53, 79, 742, 852.  
13 District 22 gets two awards: Unit 635 and 731. District  
14 24 gets three awards: Unit 43, 106, 229.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: 106 is District 22.

16 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: District 25  
17 is Unit 710, 751 and 777. District 26 is Unit 585.  
18 District 27 is Unit 118 and 684. District 28 has one  
19 award, 694. And District 29 has seven awards with Units  
20 131, 257, 277, 281, 327, 354 and 716.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: And then  
23 District 30 has two awards: Unit 138 and 801. That was  
24 65 units made goal plus three. Congratulations, ladies.

25 Madam President, I just want to say we want to

1 make sure that everyone knows how important it was that  
2 they work membership this year. I am sorry that the  
3 report was cut short for the interest of time, but I  
4 appreciate each and every one of your efforts and we hope  
5 you do the same next year. Thank you so much.

6 Madam President, this concludes my report.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Kim Vincent from  
8 Area 5, you have a presentation.

9 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Do I have a what?

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Presentation from  
11 Area 5.

12 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Oh, me? Do I have  
13 to do that?

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: You're the winning  
15 unit. The 5th Area ladies get together and have a meeting  
16 every time the 5th Area meets for the American Legion.  
17 And so they have these raffles, drawings, and I do win  
18 once in a while. So just make the announcement how much  
19 you collected. It was a donation.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: A horrible death to die, a  
21 horrible death to die. Announcements, announcements,  
22 announcements. Okay.

23 AREA 5 REPRESENTATIVE: I'm reporting the amount  
24 that was raised for the 5th Area. I have a very loud  
25 voice. I didn't want to get too close. I'm reporting the

1 5th Area donations. We raised \$289 and District 30 came  
2 in first place and these are funds to go to VA&R.

3 (Applause.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Thank you very  
5 much. Okay.

6 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: I'm sorry.  
7 This list was handed to me last minute. Is Margarite Kern  
8 in the room? It's from Amador Post 108 Auxiliary. Could  
9 I at least -- Margarite?

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: No, I'm not.

11 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: I was going  
12 to say you look good, girl. This was given to me and it's  
13 a certificate of appreciation. A certificate of  
14 appreciation is gratefully presented to Margarite Kern for  
15 92 years of continuous membership. In recognition and  
16 sincere appreciation of outstanding service and assistance  
17 for the American Legion Auxiliary programs and activities.  
18 Amador Forest 108.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Okay. District  
21 Presidents, I have a very small room so we're going to  
22 meet in the lobby of the hotel at 7:00 o'clock. Or it's  
23 7:30. Okay, District Presidents? So meet down in the  
24 lobby of the hotel at 7:30 tomorrow morning.

25 This hat right here, we go to National in March

1 in a parade. That was -- Diana Livas came up with this  
2 hat. It has the Auxiliary symbol on it. It says  
3 California. So those of you going to the National  
4 Convention, because we have to march in a parade, Ann  
5 Philcox has these hats for \$10. The proceeds of these  
6 hats go to Junior Conference. I recommend those that are  
7 going to National Convention buy a hat. See Ann Philcox.  
8 We have 16 left.

9 Ruby has words of wisdom.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: The  
11 elections committee. That was left in the elections room.

12 Membership cards are that haven't been picked up,  
13 you can pick them up in the office after the convention  
14 closes this afternoon.

15 For sale, two dinner tickets to banquet. See  
16 Sandy Jacobs. They have three tickets. District 17 needs  
17 two tickets to the President's Banquet.

18 District Presidents may take their number  
19 district flags home with them and use them for  
20 identification for their district numbers.

21 Also the raffle will be drawn this evening.  
22 Winning tickets will be attached to the front of prizes.  
23 Gloria Sinopoli.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Ladies, please  
25 cleanup your area before you leave. We'll see you

1 tomorrow morning at 8:30. And those that have not picked  
2 up their membership cards for 2016-2017, they're in the  
3 office.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: There's  
5 several PDPs meeting with their district presidents at the  
6 close of today's business. Anybody that's involved in  
7 installation, please meet Ruby in the back of the room at  
8 close of the session.

9 (The American Legion Auxiliary Convention  
10 was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.)

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5 I, Karen A. Aufdermaur, a Certified Shorthand  
6 Reporter in the State of California, holding Certificate  
7 Number 10919, do hereby certify that the American Legion  
8 Auxiliary - Department of California 97th Annual  
9 Convention was taken Saturday, June 25, 2016, at the time  
10 and place set forth on the first page hereof.

11 That upon the taking of the meeting, the words of  
12 the American Legion Auxiliary - Department of California  
13 97th Annual Convention members were written down by me in  
14 stenotypy and thereafter transcribed by computer under my  
15 supervision; that the foregoing is a true and correct  
16 transcript of the oratory given by the American Legion  
17 Auxiliary - Department of California 97th Annual  
18 Convention members.

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

22 Dated this 13th day of July, 2016, at Modesto,  
23 California.

24 Karen A. Aufdermaur, CSR No. 10919  
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