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CALL TO ORDER

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Ladies, we have to be out of here early today and we have lots to cover, so this convention session is now reconvened. Will the Department Chaplain Estella Avina please offer the invocation.

INVOCATION

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: Dear Lord.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Come over here, Estella.

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: Lord of all, may you help us to strive to do the best job possible and work the American Legion Auxiliary and that we thank you for all of the help from these wonderful ladies. Amen.

AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Amen.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Department

1 Secretary, please now call the roll call of the Officers,
2 Chairmen, and District Presidents.

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ROLL CALL

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DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Hello? Okay.
7 Good morning.

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AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

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DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: President Loretta
Marsh.

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DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Present.

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DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Vice President
Joan Cannon.

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DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Present.

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DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Secretary Terry.
She's here. Treasurer Ruby Kapsalis.

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DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Here.

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DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: NEC Wendy
O'Brien.

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PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Good morning
to all.

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DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Good morning.

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Chaplain Estella Avina.

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DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: I'm here.

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DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Historian Deloris

1 Artis.

2 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN ARTIS: I am here.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Treasurer [sic]

4 Donna Scott.

5 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN SCOTT: Say it with music.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Parliamentarian

7 Diane DeLashmit.

8 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Here.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Past National
10 President Nancy Brown-Park.

11 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Good
12 morning.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Sergeant-at-Arms
14 Donna Smith.

15 DEPARTMENT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS SMITH: Good morning,
16 Terry.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Good morning.
18 Marshal Rosemary Weber.

19 DEPARTMENT MARSHAL WEBER: Down here.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Finance Chairman
21 Linda Hayes.

22 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Here.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Senior Member
24 Brenda Preston.

25 FINANCE SENIOR MEMBER PRESTON: Present.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Junior Member
2 Martha Romano.

3 FINANCE JUNIOR MEMBER ROMANO: Present.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Advisory
5 Committee Linda Fercho.

6 ADVISORY COMMITTEE FERCHO: Wham, bam --

7 ADVISORY COMMITTEE BIGGS: Thank you, ma'am.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Well, we don't
9 know what that was, but they're here. Madeline Lee is
10 picking up her car. Anita Biggs.

11 ADVISORY COMMITTEE BIGGS: Super power bam.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Americanism
13 Glenda Schultz.

14 DEPARTMENT AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Here.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: AEF Ann Philcox.

16 AEF CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: [Makes sound.]

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Ann, are you
18 here?

19 AEF CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: I'm here.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Children & Youth
21 Dee Ann Graham.

22 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Good morning.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Good morning.
24 Community Service Tracy Varnell.

25 DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN VARNELL:

1 Still here.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Constitution &
3 Bylaws Jean Cooley.

4 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN COOLEY-DESMEULES:
5 Here.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Elections
7 Danielle White.

8 DEPARTMENT CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN WHITE: Here.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Credentials
10 Yvonne Scott Wright.

11 AUDIENCE MEMBER: She's out in the hall.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Distinguished
13 Guest Linda Workman.

14 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: I'm flying
15 low.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: She's flying
17 low. Huh. Editor Estella Avina.

18 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: Here.

19 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Where's
20 mine? Glenda didn't get my Starbucks this morning.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Glenda, where's
22 the Starbucks? Girls State Chairman Tammy Sollazzo.

23 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: She's at
24 Girls State.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Girls State

1 Director Elissa. Junior Activities Liz Doidge.

2 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN DOIDGE: No job is too
3 big, but help is too small.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: I like that lady.
5 Junior Conference Director Mindy Sinclair.

6 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR SINCLAIR: Super
7 Puppies.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Oh, yeah, I like
9 them puppies. Leadership Linda Fercho.

10 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Here.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: She must have had
12 too much partying last night. Legislative Wendy O'Brien.

13 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Good morning
14 again, Terry.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Membership Joan
16 Cannon.

17 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: Good morning.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: National Security
19 Gloria Williams.

20 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: I'm here.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: And she don't
22 want me to call her a gecko.

23 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: No. The
24 Green Arrow.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: She's the Green

1 Arrow, but the little geckos are so cute. Past Presidents
2 Parley Harriet Clendenin.

3 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: Good morning.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Poppy Tammy
5 Duron.

6 POPPY CHAIRMAN DURON: The Poppy mouse has been
7 scurrying around so watch your feet.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Oh-oh. Watch for
9 the mice. Public Relations Kathy Smith.

10 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN SMITH: I can hardly
11 breathe.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Resolutions Anita
13 Biggs.

14 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN BIGGS: I am Groot.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: You know, I'm too
16 old for that. Rules Sharon Moore.

17 RULES CHAIRMAN MOORE: Did we follow them this
18 weekend?

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Yes, ma'am.
20 Veterans Affairs & Rehab Kathie Martinez.

21 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: All stretched out.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Oh, yeah. Ways &
23 Means Karen Munch. Page Zana Chaney.

24 DEPARTMENT PAGE CHANEY: Here.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Page Susan

1 Morgan.

2 DEPARTMENT PAGE MORGAN: Monkeys in the house.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Okay. Point of
4 clarification, Madam President. Pat Lindley is District
5 1's President, but for the first time in a long time we
6 have a new lady from District 1, Allison, and she's here
7 for the first time and --

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: -- I need to
10 recognize her. She's only been a member a short time.
11 Pat Carey, she's not here. Lola Ramey, she's not here.
12 District 4 Jean Edson.

13 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT EDSON: Here.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 5 Sandy
15 Paxton. Sandy, are you here? District 6 Glenda Schultz.

16 DISTRICT 6: Good morning, Madam Lady Bug.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Good morning.
18 District 7 Joanne Shope. Evidently she's back there
19 someplace. District 8 Tammy Manini is not here. District
20 9 Dolly Rios.

21 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: Here.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 10 Liz
23 Parshall.

24 DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT PARSHALL: Good morning,
25 Madam President.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: She said good
2 morning back to you. District 11 Toni Domondon.

3 DISTRICT 11: Good morning, Madam President.
4 District 11 is in the house.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 12 Lisa
6 Stuart.

7 DISTRICT 12: Good morning, Madam President.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Good morning.
9 District 13 Cece Harvey.

10 DISTRICT 13: Good morning, Madam President.
11 District 13 helpers are here still serving America with a
12 cheer.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 14
15 Gloria Sinopoli.

16 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT SINOPOLI: On my way to
17 Girls State.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 15 Zana
19 Chaney.

20 DISTRICT 15: Good morning, Madam President.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 16
22 Stephanie Reid.

23 DISTRICT 16: Good morning, Madam President. The
24 16th District Rangerettes are here.

25 ADVISORY CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Uh-huh.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: That's nice
2 ladies, but is Stephanie here? Thank you. District 17
3 Yoko Parsons-Crook.

4 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT PARSONS-CROOK: Good
5 morning.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Good morning.

7 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT PARSONS-CROOK: We have
8 first time visitor today.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: You have a first
10 time visitor today?

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Thank you.
13 Welcome.

14 DEPARTMENT 17 PRESIDENT PARSONS-CROOK: She wants
15 to see our incoming president.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 18 Betty
18 Ramos.

19 DISTRICT 18: We love our superheros then, now,
20 and forever.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 19 the
23 Dragon, Becky Bullard.

24 DISTRICT 19: Good morning. 19th District is in
25 the house.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Yeah. District
2 20 Nancy Heinisch.

3 DISTRICT 20: Good morning, Madam President.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Good morning.
5 District 21 Cathy McCoy.

6 DISTRICT 21: Good morning, Madam President.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Good morning.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 22 Mo
9 Giacialone.

10 DISTRICT 22: Up, up, and away from the 22nd.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 23
12 Valerie Hill.

13 DISTRICT 23: Good morning, Madam President. The
14 23rd District newbie is wanting to be in the house
15 forever.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 24
18 Deloris Artis.

19 DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT ARTIS: Good morning.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Good morning.
21 District 25 Patricia Galatioto.

22 DISTRICT 25: [Inaudible] dog tags [inaudible]
23 and we were all so proud. We love our veterans with
24 voices strong and loud. The 25th District Rangerettes are
25 here. Good morning, Madam President.

1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Diane missed the
3 second verse.

4 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: My head is
5 too tight this morning.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 26
7 Louann Johnson.

8 DISTRICT 26 PRESIDENT JOHNSON: Hello.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 27 Norma
10 Billings.

11 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT BILLINGS: Good morning.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 28 Robin
13 Falkenberg.

14 DISTRICT 28: Good morning. The Tremendous 28 is
15 still flying along.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 29 Carol
17 Borgman.

18 DISTRICT 29: The women of the Auxiliary, we
19 gather here today to do the work our chosen path to
20 improve our veterans' way.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: That was
23 beautiful. I'm glad I'm not in your district, I can't
24 carry a tune.

25 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: We're glad

1 too, Terry. We don't think it's the tune.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Well, you just
3 wait for roll call, then we're out there. District 30 Kim
4 Vincent.

5 DEPARTMENT EDUCATION CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Kim
6 Vincent is present and [inaudible] I must go back to
7 [inaudible], but I give you my word I will return for you
8 for giving me Education chairman.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Well, I marked
10 you present. Let me tell you I brought my glasses, but I
11 haven't seen them since I've been here. Does that sound
12 familiar? Okay. Mather Wendy O'Brien.

13 HOSPITAL REP O'BRIEN: Good morning.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Good morning.
15 Fresno Sandra Dowell.

16 HOSPITAL REP DOWELL: Good morning.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Palo Alto Connie
18 Raya.

19 HOSPITAL REP RAYA: Way back here.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Livermore Grace
21 Huston.

22 HOSPITAL REP HUSTON: Here.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: San Diego Susie
24 Tozier.

25 HOSPITAL REP TOZIER: [Inaudible].

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Loma Linda Mavis
2 Kanka. Long Beach Pat Alvarez.

3 HOSPITAL REP ALVAREZ: Good morning, Terry.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Good morning,
5 Pat. Los Angeles Earlean Paige.

6 HOSPITAL REP PAIGE: Those ALA Bees are very
7 busy.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Barstow Angie
9 Acosta. Fresno Rosalie Taylor. Lancaster Linda Hayes.

10 HOSPITAL REP HAYES: I'm still here.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: She's still here.
12 Redding Terry Mikesell, and unfortunately she's here.
13 Ventura Madeline Lee is picking up her car. West LA
14 Deloris Artis.

15 HOSPITAL REP ARTIS: Here I am.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Yountville Peggy
17 Grabski. Chula Vista Lois Cornish.

18 HOSPITAL REP CORNISH: I'm here.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Madam President,
20 that completes your roll call.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. Okay.
23 We will resume the -- hello? It just likes to get
24 attention. We will resume our Department Chairmen
25 reports. Always the best news, huh? We're going to call

1 first on the Auxiliary Emergency Fund. And followed by
2 Chaplain. And the Chaplain, if you can do your Editor
3 report at the same time.

4 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: Yes, ma'am. Yes,
5 ma'am. I'm actually prepared.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Auxiliary Emergency
7 Fund, she's on her way. And then that will be followed by
8 Estella with her reports. And then we will go to this
9 lady over here, Wendy O'Brien.

10 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: How soon they
11 forget.

12 AEF CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: I have walked a long
13 distance.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: And let's call upon
15 the Pages to help you with your certificates to speed
16 things along a little bit. And if you're called forward
17 during the report, come up close enough to where you're
18 right handy.

19 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: She's breaking our
20 equipment. You just lost your job.

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22 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND CONVENTION REPORT

23

24 AEF CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: Good morning, ladies.
25 Madam President, I'm going to start with my convention

1 committee report if that's all right.

2 The convention committee on Auxiliary Emergency
3 Fund met on June 21st, 2018 in the Cypress Room. The
4 statistical report of this Chairman begins on page 13 of
5 the Book of Reports. Dolly Rios was appointed secretary,
6 Sherry Morehouse offered prayer, and Danielle White was
7 appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 19 district
8 delegates answered roll call. There were five visitors
9 present.

10 The code was read and there was one change to
11 code number 3. As it reads now: "All donations shall be
12 made payable to the National Treasurer and sent to the
13 Department for tracking purposes."

14 The change to read: "All donations shall be made
15 payable to the National Treasurer with a copy to the
16 Department Chairman for tracking and reporting purposes."

17 Justification: Department Chairman added so they
18 get a copy of the donation transmittal for better
19 reporting purposes. Delete forward to Department for
20 forwarding to National.

21 By direction of this committee I move for
22 adoption to number 3 of the department AEF code.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: There is a motion
24 on -- this thing just likes attention. Hello? Hello?
25 We'll see how long it lasts now.

1 Okay. There's a motion on the floor for code
2 change which currently reads: "All donations shall be
3 made payable to the National Treasurer and sent to the
4 Department for tracking purposes."

5 The proposed to change to read: "All donations
6 shall be made payable to the National Treasurer with a
7 copy to the Department Chairman for tracking and reporting
8 purposes." Is there any discussion?

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: I have a
10 question. Okay. I have a question. It says all
11 donations shall be made payable to the National Treasurer
12 and sent to the Department Office and they changed it to
13 read all donations shall be made payable to the National
14 Treasurer. It should also say and sent to the National
15 Treasurer with a copy to the chairman.

16 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madam Department
17 President, all donations are not made payable to the
18 National Treasurer. It's paid either to the American
19 Legion Auxiliary, National Headquarters, or to the
20 foundation. They have two ways of making checks to them
21 on the National form.

22 AEF CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: Okay. So the code is
23 completely wrong then.

24 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Right.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Is there

1 any -- I'm sorry. I think this battery is out because
2 it's blinking.

3 DEPARTMENT PAGE CHANEY: Yeah, I think they need
4 to change them.

5 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: We want a
6 rebate. That's why we paid for these stupid things so
7 they work.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Is there any
9 further discussion on this?

10 DISTRICT 18 DELEGATE TABACCHI: Madam President,
11 Judie Tabacchi, Unit 755, District 18.

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I can't hear you.

13 DISTRICT 18 DELEGATE TABACCHI: I don't have a
14 mic, I'll do the best I can. There is a very simple
15 solution to that. If you look on the transmittal it says
16 mail directly to the National Organization.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Right.

18 DISTRICT 18 DELEGATE TABACCHI: That's off the
19 transmittal and it would be -- I always ignore the
20 instructions. I send it --

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: You're one of those,
22 huh?

23 DISTRICT 18 DELEGATE TABACCHI: We get credit
24 every year for what we send, but that is on the
25 transmittal send directly to National.

1 AEF CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: We're not arguing that.
2 We're not arguing that it's going to go directly to
3 National. What's happening is they're supposed to -- I
4 know it says on the slip directly to National, but they
5 also need to know that they should send a copy to the
6 Chairman.

7 DISTRICT 18 DELEGATE TABACCHI: If they would
8 take that off and just send it -- I send all of my
9 stuff --

10 AEF CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: To National.

11 DISTRICT 18 DELEGATE TABACCHI: No, I do not. I
12 send it to Department.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Judie, that's
14 wrong. Then the Department has to send it to National.
15 Send it to National with a copy to the Chairman.

16 DISTRICT 18 DELEGATE TABACCHI: Okay.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes, do you have a
18 copy of the -- do you have a copy of the transmittal,
19 anybody, with them?

20 AEF CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: I don't, no.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. So as it
22 stands -- as it stands -- oh-oh, somebody call the desk.
23 She's coming. As it stands now there is a motion on the
24 floor. We can withdraw it and have it rewritten, that's
25 your choice, but the motion is there. As it reads you

1 want to withdraw it?

2 AEF CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: Yeah, I'll withdraw it,
3 but it does need to be addressed.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All three mics are
5 down. If I lose my voice. Okay. On the form that needs
6 to be sent, it says make checks payable to American Legion
7 Auxiliary National --

8 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Foundation.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Oh, Foundation. We
10 want the AEF --

11 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: AEF is --

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Okay. The
13 department code we're reading, the code now, not her
14 report. The department code says: "All donations shall
15 be made payable to the National Treasurer and sent to the
16 Department Office for tracking donations and transmittal
17 to National," is the way it's currently in the code.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: They need to
19 withdraw their motion and go out.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. So we'll have
21 you clarify that a little more. And you want -- you want
22 it in there with a copy to the chairman.

23 AEF CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: Because the chairman is
24 not getting accurate reporting.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Well, you can --

1 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Just follow the
2 form.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: You have it that
4 donations shall be made payable to the National --

5 AEF CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: Treasurer.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: And I think that's
7 where the issue is.

8 AEF CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: Oh, I see. I got it. I
9 see it.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: That's where the
11 issue is.

12 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Put ALA National.

13 AEF CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: Okay. And then with a
14 copy to the department chairman.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

16 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Remove the word
17 "treasurer."

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Got it. Okay. You
19 may continue with your report and then come back.

20 AEF CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: So I've got to meet with
21 my committee just to change this.

22 Okay. Madam President Loretta, I would like to
23 thank you for the opportunity of serving as your AEF
24 Chairman for the 2017-2018. This has been a learning
25 experience and one I proudly did in service to our

1 members.

2 My year started off slow as I wasn't 100 percent
3 certain of how to proceed, but eventually I got the hang
4 of it and this Daredevil Duck was soaring to new heights.
5 I received 15 year-end reports. I was not able to obtain
6 reporting of all the monies donated as this Chairman was
7 not sent copy of the documentation that was forwarded to
8 National. Please be sure to send your chairman your
9 donation amounts throughout the year so that we can have
10 an accurate account of what the wonderful State of
11 California donates.

12 Twenty-four units reported a line item in their
13 budgets and seven units increased their budget. Ten units
14 held fundraisers. I forwarded a district and unit
15 supplemental to the National organization.

16 At the preconvention meeting the following
17 certificates were handed out: 100 percent reporting
18 certificates were given to five districts, two
19 certificates were given to the unit and district for the
20 most monies donated, second place certificates were handed
21 out to the units and districts. A copy of my awards has
22 been given to the Department President and posted in the
23 department office.

24 Madam President Loretta, this concludes my
25 report. May I present my first place certificates?

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: You may.

2 AEF CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: Oh, gosh. First Place
3 Supplemental goes to Sandra Richardson, Unit 496 District
4 19.

5 (Applause.)

6 AEF CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: First Place District
7 Supplemental goes to Kat Kat Chairman, District 29.

8 (Applause.)

9 AEF CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: And at the end of the
10 morning session will my committee please meet in the
11 lobby. Thank you.

12 Thank you, Madam President, for this honor.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Actually, Ann, if
14 you want you can go out and meet right now while we're
15 waiting for microphones.

16 AEF CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: Oh, okay. Perfect. Thank
17 you. All the ladies who met with me the other day, let's
18 go.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: AEF committee
20 delegates, follow Ann.

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Hello.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. We're calling
24 Wendy up next for her report when she catches her breath.

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Which one?

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Legislative and
2 Convention Chairman.

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Oh, okay.

4 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: May I say something
5 real quick? I'm sorry. Madam President, I have a memo
6 and I think a lot of our members --

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes, you may
8 quickly.

9 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: I just got a memo and
10 I -- for all of you, Kathy Harris Richardson, District 23
11 Jackie Robinson Unit 252 is in grave condition. Can we
12 all say prayers for her because all you who know her. So
13 prayers from all of you for Kathy.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Wendy is on. Wendy
15 is going to give her Legislative and also her Convention
16 Chairman report. And after Wendy I'll call for the
17 Children & Youth.

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19 LEGISLATIVE CONVENTION REPORT

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21 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Wasn't this fun?
22 Okay. I gave out -- okay. I see they're coming.

23 The Legislative program of the American Legion
24 Auxiliary is an important part of this organization to
25 keep our members informed so they can advocate for

1 veterans, military and their families which is our job.

2 I'm sad to say that not all units sent in a
3 report, however the units that did report report wonderful
4 things. Our members had been hard at work contacting
5 local state and federal governmental officials. This year
6 our focus in California's legislation was to increase the
7 participation in the legislative process. I believe we've
8 accomplished that. ALA members have written, emailed, and
9 called senators and legislatures. I did this backwards,
10 Madam President, I'm so sorry.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: You're forgiven.

12 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Okay. Thank you.
13 They have received many replies to our communications
14 along with thanks for being involved with issues
15 concerning this country's veterans. We have found that
16 being able to email the legislators has really helped
17 those that are willing to make contact. Also receiving
18 responses helped them to know that they're being heard.

19 To help our members become more aware of what the
20 needs of veterans, military, and their families are, they
21 have subscribed to the Legion Dispatch, signed up for the
22 Legion Legislative Actions, handed out brochures such as
23 Legislative Advocacy Guides and Legislative Process - A
24 Citizen's Guide to Participation. That helps explain how
25 a bill is written, introduced, and eventually becomes law.

1 Members have attended city hall meetings and some
2 have served as city councilmembers. They have hosted town
3 hall meetings and meet the candidate nights. They have
4 had proclamations signed regarding our programs as well as
5 read American Legion Auxiliary E-news and E-bulletins.

6 Members also serve in various capacities on
7 advocacy boards at the city, county, and federal levels
8 and interact on several issues with elected officials to
9 reserve issues and change policy. We are happy to see an
10 increase of 75 percent in the number of members that
11 attended the American Legion Legislative Days at the
12 capitol in Sacramento. We also had some that were part of
13 the American Legion's Stormin the Hill where they went in
14 to Washington D.C.

15 Keeping lawmakers informed about issues that are
16 important is our passion because our views help shape the
17 way lawmakers serve our nation and our military personnel
18 benefit from the positive results. Members are hosting
19 town hall events as it pertains to their community, and
20 this is very successful in increasing awareness of local
21 issues. One city has set up a new commission to improve
22 on what they offer to homeless veterans now and in the
23 future. They have asked that the local Legion Commander
24 and Auxiliary President be part of the board.

25 Units have hosted monthly breakfasts for the Hero

1 Flight veterans from World War II, Korea, and Vietnam
2 where elected officials visit with the veterans. One unit
3 helped a small community of seniors receive mail-in
4 ballots. They were having trouble standing in the lines
5 at the voting booths. With the mail-in ballots this will
6 help more citizens be able to vote on critical issues.

7 The Legislative Chairman's quote for this year
8 was: "What we do does make a difference." This is
9 evident in all the bills that have been signed this year.
10 Some of our bills at the American Legion and Auxiliary
11 members have helped support deal with issues concerning
12 female veterans, the Forever GI Bill regarding schooling,
13 veteran service officers, military retirement, the opiate
14 crisis, homelessness, and of course veteran suicide.

15 All in all while reports are few, what is
16 reported tells us our members are active in the
17 legislative process. They will continue to actively
18 pursue what is best. By working closely with the American
19 Legion we can make change and improve laws that benefit
20 the veterans of this country.

21 Madam President, that concludes my report. Can I
22 go back and do my committee report?

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Please do.

24 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Thank you. Well,
25 the committee was done and I think it was in the Cypress

1 room. If you look in the Book of Reports on page 20, that
2 is the statistical report for this year's Legislative
3 process. We had Cece Harvey from District 13 approved as
4 secretary, Barbara Loducer offered prayer from District 4,
5 and Debbie Hurado from District 14 was sergeant-at-arms.
6 There were only 13 district delegates answering the roll
7 call and we had one guest.

8 The following -- the committee agreed upon the
9 following report. The department code was read and the
10 following changes were done. On the code number 2 the
11 code reads: "The Department Chairman shall attend the
12 American Legion Auxiliary Washington D.C. conference
13 sponsored by the National Organization. The Chairman's
14 expenses cannot exceed the amount budgeted annually to
15 help defray the costs of attending the American Legion
16 Auxiliary Washington D.C. Conference."

17 The committee decided to change it to: "The
18 Department Chairman may at their own expense attend the
19 American Legion Auxiliary Washington D.C. Conference
20 sponsored by the National Organization."

21 And the reason is because the National
22 Organization is no longer helping us with the expenses for
23 our NEC to go to Washington D.C.

24 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Because they
25 changed the location.

1 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Because they
2 changed the location and a lot of our NECs cannot to go on
3 their own. So instead of they shall attend, we thought we
4 need to change it to may, may at their own expense. So
5 they're still invited. So I move that we change the
6 department code number 2 to read: "The Department
7 Chairman may at their own expense attend the American
8 Legion Auxiliary Washington D.C. Conference sponsored by
9 the American Legion."

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. There is a
11 motion on the floor to change the department code in
12 legislative number 2 from: "The Department Chairman shall
13 attend the American Legion Auxiliary Washington D.C.
14 Conference sponsored by the National Organization. The
15 chairman's expenses cannot exceed the amount budgeted
16 annually to help defray the costs of attending the
17 American Legion Auxiliary Washington D.C. Conference."

18 The new code would read: "The Department
19 Chairman may at their own expense attend the American
20 Legion Auxiliary Washington D.C. Conference sponsored by
21 the National Organization." Is there any discussion?

22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Susie Tozier,
23 District 22, Unit 6. There is a lot out -- what this
24 conference is part of it was because it was combined with
25 another National conference, the expenses weren't really

1 high, but there is a budget line to cover whatever the
2 department has there already. So I think you should just
3 leave the -- you know, at their own expense not to exceed
4 what -- you know, they only get reimbursed what's in the
5 budget line. I think you should leave that in the
6 proposed change, and anything above that is at their own
7 expense. There is some money budgeted for it.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Not having
9 seen the budget yet for this year, we don't know.

10 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Madam President,
11 the justification for this was because they are not --
12 normally National pays for a portion of it and then the
13 Department picks up the rest of it. The National has
14 decided not to pick up any of it so it makes it very
15 difficult on -- and it's in a different city, so it's --
16 it becomes very difficult for the Chairman to support
17 this.

18 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: But at least
19 they get some reimbursement.

20 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: As budgeted.

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Yeah. They
22 get some reimbursement for that portion because the
23 Auxiliary just always pays for the portion that you are in
24 Washington for, the legislative part of it, and that's it.

25 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Right.

1 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Madam
2 President?

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Say as budgeted or
4 if budgeted.

5 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: As budgeted.

6 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Madam
7 President, I think it's important to leave that -- Nancy
8 Brown-Park, Past National President. I think it's
9 important to leave that budgeted item because we don't
10 know that that's not going to change and that we won't go
11 back to the Washington conference. I think it's also
12 important to remember that the legislative program, we are
13 here to support the legislative program of the American
14 Legion and we do that legislatively by going to the hill
15 with the American Legion and I think that's important that
16 we continue to do that. So I agree that we leave "as
17 budgeted" in the code.

18 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Okay. So, Madam
19 President, do I have to meet with my committee again?

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: (Nods head.)

21 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Okay. Would you
22 like to go to the next code change? It is a code change.
23 I'm -- I think it's just -- I don't even think it needs to
24 be changed, but it's something that we don't necessarily
25 do. So code number 6 reads --

1 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Madam
2 President, Wendy, are you withdrawing?

3 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: No, she's
4 going back.

5 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: I'm going back to
6 committee to discuss it. For right now I'm withdrawing my
7 motion and I'll bring it back to the floor.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you.

9 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Okay. Number 6
10 says: "Legislative Chairman on all levels shall alert the
11 membership with important information and request of the
12 American Legion as transmitted by the dispatch, the
13 American Legion Legislative Action Alerts. Legislative
14 Chairman shall consider these requests of a legislative
15 matters a need for chairman to act immediately and shall
16 urge the membership to respond with cards, letters,
17 telegrams, and emails when requested."

18 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I'm sorry,
19 Madam President. I did a code change on this code my year
20 to strike "telegrams," so it should have been changed.

21 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Okay. So at this
22 point it is just a technical error so we don't have to
23 make a motion; correct?

24 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yes, make a
25 motion.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Just move to have it
2 corrected.

3 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Okay. I move to
4 have "telegram" taken out of number 6 because I don't
5 believe we use that method any longer. Pony Express, you
6 know, telegram.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. I don't think
8 that needs much explanation. So all those in favor of
9 correcting this, please say aye.

10 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed?

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you.

14 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Okay. The
15 Legislative program did not have very many participates
16 send in end-of-year reports. We did give out awards for
17 those that did and the first place awards will be done
18 soon I hope. Madam President, that concludes my report
19 and may I give out my awards now?

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes, you may.

21 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Thank you.

22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Okay. Unit
23 End of the Year Report goes to Inyo Unit 118, District 27
24 which was submitted also to National, Danielle White.

25 (Applause.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: You ladies can move
2 forward up here closer. These finance ladies are quite
3 friendly.

4 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: And then the
5 District End of the Year Report goes to District 22 Lois
6 Cornish. See, you've got to be patient.

7 (Applause.)

8 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: She thought we
9 forgot her so I couldn't say you won so I said just wait,
10 just wait.

11 Madam President, this concludes my Legislative
12 report, so thank you very much.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Do you need this to
14 go back to committee?

15 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: I don't know what
16 I need. Okay. Yes. Yes, ma'am. Okay.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: I just can't
18 understand why Wendy should be flustered this morning.

19 NEC CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Would you like for me to
20 do my National Executive Committee right now? Because
21 that's the one I brought up.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. While you've
23 got the mic, let's get 'er done.

24 NEC CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Okay.

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1 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONVENTION REPORT

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3 NEC CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Okay. It has been an
4 honor serving you as your National Executive Chairman this
5 year. Lots of changes in the National staff and also the
6 National headquarters. It was decided that we would
7 purchase a new building for the ALA National Headquarters.
8 Their lease was up and it was more cost-effective to pay
9 for a building which we would then own.

10 The ALA National Headquarters has again received
11 a clean audit. This A plus track record of management
12 effectiveness is outstanding and members deserve to know
13 how well the National Organization is running.

14 The new program DEC 101 is a tool that can help
15 your units run efficiently and help each member understand
16 her role in the ALA, also making decisions that are good
17 for the organization.

18 Again questions are being asked about expanding
19 the membership eligibility in the ALA. The membership of
20 the American Legion Auxiliary of organizations is
21 established by federal law and further restricted by
22 regulatory provisions in the IRS which has granted tax
23 exempt status on the Legion Family based on the Legion's
24 federal charter enacted by the United States Congress, so
25 we cannot change our membership -- we can't open up the

1 eligibility.

2 I was very unhappy that it had been decided to
3 not support the NEC going to the Washington D.C.
4 Conference to Storm the Hill. Ladies are welcome to come
5 at their own expense. This to me is one of the highlights
6 of being an NEC person. They felt not enough -- National
7 felt that not enough was going to make it cost-effective.

8 What a shame it was to see Commander Rohan
9 speaking to Congress and not a lot of ALA members in the
10 room. I was very disappointed that I couldn't afford to
11 attend, but California did have some representatives there
12 and we thank them very much for being there. I will be
13 representing -- I will be representing you again at the
14 National Convention in Minnesota, I spelled that wrong, in
15 August. Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your
16 NEC. That concludes my report, Madam President.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. Okay.
18 She's got her convention report. Put another hat on.

19 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: Does everybody have
20 their lunch?

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22 CONVENTION COMMITTEE CONVENTION REPORT

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24 CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Madam
25 President, my report -- okay. My trusty sidekick here.

1 As most of you know, it's been quite a year for this
2 Convention Commission -- or, excuse me, Committee. We
3 started out being told that we are having convention and
4 it would be held in Sacramento, but District 6 Legion
5 wasn't even aware of it. When the Legion department
6 finally locked down a place for them, only eight months
7 ago, the only place available was the Crowne Plaza Hotel.
8 And we had some issues with it. The price of the rooms
9 were too high, the number of the committee rooms were too
10 low, but my committee decided we could take care of it.

11 We were able to get the Department hotel rooms
12 down from over \$200 after taxes to 145 before taxes.
13 However the higher the price of the rooms meant the higher
14 price of the convention rooms. When the price of the
15 hotel rooms went down, the price of the hotel rooms went
16 up. Meeting rooms, excuse me. Up to \$2,000 a day with a
17 \$25,000 food and beverage to cover. We brought this up at
18 the DEC and members voted to cover the meeting room cost,
19 and we thank them for that.

20 To fit the needs of our convention we would have
21 to purchase pipe and drape to make enough rooms to hold
22 the committee meetings. Speaking of the committee
23 meetings, we would like to thank all of the Department
24 Chairmen -- Department Chairmen and delegates for putting
25 up with all the noise. We were hoping that the drapes

1 would be a little thicker so that it would cut down on it
2 and it didn't. So we thank you so much for not hurting
3 us.

4 (Applause.)

5 CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: We sold
6 cookbooks and candies and nuts and nuts and nuts. So many
7 nuts, I sure hope I don't ever have to see another nut.
8 Okay. We received donations of raffle items to help cover
9 the costs. However, we were very fortunate, and I mean
10 very fortunate, to receive a very large donation to help
11 cut down on the room rates and cover some of the food and
12 beverage costs. We can't thank Pacific Palisades and
13 Amador Posts enough for all their help.

14 (Applause.)

15 CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: And
16 believe me, ladies, they helped a lot. I know that the
17 department officers and chairmen would pay the higher
18 costs for the rooms at headquarters, but receiving a
19 refund of \$30 a day for three nights on their room rate
20 will surely help them. And that came from those posts.

21 They also were willing to cover the costs of an
22 open bar and hors-d'oeuvres for the ALA candidates
23 reception and again the next night for the Legionnaires
24 candidate, along with a mariachi band. Did you like the
25 mariachi band?

1 All in all the convention is almost in the
2 history books. Thank you, God. We hope you had a great
3 time in Sacramento and remember this convention for years
4 to come.

5 Madam President Loretta, I thank you so much for
6 this appointment. It has been quite an experience and one
7 that Sacramento hasn't had in 30 years and I hope you
8 don't mind me saying, I hope it will be another 30 years
9 before we do it again.

10 (Applause.)

11 CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: If I may,
12 I'd like to introduce or at least bring up front our
13 committee. And they have a little something for you,
14 Madam President. May we approach your station?

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Let's give them a
17 big hand, ladies. They worked very hard.

18 (Applause.)

19 CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: This is
20 just a small percent of the people who put this on. It
21 takes an army to put on a convention. This is just a few
22 of the people, but we thank everyone from District 6,
23 District 7 for assisting us.

24 (Applause.)

25 CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: These are

1 for you.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you.

3 CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Do you
4 want to open them up now or wait? It's up to you. Open
5 them up.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: I would say I would
7 hang this outside my husband's room, but maybe I'll put it
8 at the other end.

9 (Applause.)

10 CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Again,
11 Madam President, we thank you so much for this appointment
12 and we wish for you a continued successful convention.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. Thank
14 you so much, ladies. We appreciate you.

15 CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Buy
16 raffle tickets.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Dee Ann,
18 Children & Youth. Oh, are -- AEF want to clean that one
19 up over here? Yeah. Ann? Okay. There you are. Yes.
20 We'll clean this up and then --

21 AEF CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: Are we ready? Okay.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

23 AEF CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: Okay. As code number 3 of
24 the AEF reads: "All donations shall be made payable to
25 the National Treasurer and sent to the Department for

1 tracking purposes."

2 Change to read: "All donations shall be made
3 payable to the National American Legion Auxiliary with a
4 copy to the Department Chairman for tracking and reporting
5 purposes."

6 Justification: Department Chairman added so that
7 they can get a copy of the donation transmittal for
8 reporting purposes. Delete "forward to Department for
9 forwarding to National."

10 By direction of the committee I move the adoption
11 of number 3 to the Department AEF code.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Could you read it
13 again please, Ann, because I don't have my copy right
14 here?

15 AEF CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: The whole thing or the
16 change, Loretta?

17 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Just the
18 change.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Just the change.

20 AEF CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: "All donations shall be
21 made payable to the National American Legion Auxiliary
22 with a copy to the Department Chairman for tracking and
23 reporting purposes."

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. The new --
25 the code as it reads: "All donations shall be made

1 payable to the National Treasurer and sent to the
2 Department for tracking purposes." That's the way it was
3 read.

4 She's changing it to read -- or the committee
5 changing it to read: "All donations shall be made payable
6 to the National American Legion Auxiliary with a copy to
7 the Department Chairman for tracking and reporting
8 purposes."

9 Is there any further discussion?

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: If not, all those in
12 favor of the code change, please say aye.

13 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed?

15 (No response.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: The motion carries.

17 AEF CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: Thank you, Madam
18 President. I'll make the corrections and get them to you.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you.

20 You have your ladies?

21 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Yes. They
22 were notified yesterday.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: If you got a note to
24 be up here for the Education report --

25 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Children &

1 Youth.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: I'm sorry. I'm not
3 getting confused either. Children & Youth report, join
4 the finance ladies over here.

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6 CHILDREN & YOUTH CONVENTION REPORT

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8 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Good morning,
9 Madam President. The convention committee on Children &
10 Youth met on June 21st, 2018 in room Terrace number 4 of
11 the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Sacramento, California. The
12 statistical report of this chairman appears on page 15 of
13 the Book of Reports.

14 Elizabeth Doidge, District 28, was appointed
15 secretary, Grace Huston, District 11, offered prayer, and
16 Mindy Sinclair, District 18, was appointed
17 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 22 district delegates
18 answered roll call. There was one visitors present -- or
19 visitor present. The committee agreed upon the following
20 report and no changes were recommended.

21 (Applause.)

22 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: We discussed
23 the application process for the TFA and also the Good Deed
24 and the Hero awards. And I do have several suggestions
25 for the chairman for next year regarding that. May I

1 continue with my supplemental?

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

3 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Our Children &
4 Youth program demonstrates our passion and attention to
5 our children. This year the Children & Youth Welfare Fund
6 supported four veterans and their families through
7 difficult times. Our financial assistance made it
8 possible to pay unexpected medical bills, loss of income
9 due to losing a job, or changes in the family's status.

10 The districts hosted dinners and invited their
11 local government officials to recognize children who
12 demonstrated a good deed or being a youth hero. A unit
13 recognized a Good Deed Award to James Smith. Three years
14 ago at age seven James Smith wanted to celebrate his
15 birthday by supporting Operation Christmas Child filling
16 nine shoeboxes with gifts for children in war torn
17 impoverished countries around the world. This year with
18 the support of his community, generous monetary and gifts,
19 he was able to achieve 157 shoeboxes. Next year his goal
20 is 1,000 shoeboxes. When we recognize our children for
21 their good and the unselfish acts, we secure our place in
22 our community.

23 One unit hosted their first Halloween party for
24 60 children. The children played games and decorated
25 cookies and earned them tickets for opportunity drawings

1 offering gift baskets and gift cards. They also had
2 costume awards. On each table was placed a tennis shoe
3 bank. Those shoe donations were given to the Ronald
4 McDonald Children Walk. Another unit earned a Halloween
5 Car Show & Shine. They opened up the back of the SUV
6 loaded with assorted candies and distributed 100 bookmarks
7 with the Pledge of Allegiance printed on them.

8 Many units reported hosting Christmas parties,
9 inviting children from Head Start programs or from local
10 military bases. They served meals and of course Santa
11 made an appearance with gifts filled with toys. Some
12 units reported having an abundance of leftover toys which
13 they distributed to local missions or women's shelters.

14 One unit reported filling a 30-gallon trash bag
15 filled with aluminum pull tabs. I'd like to see how they
16 carted that to the Ronald McDonald House. While other
17 units reported hosting baby showers and needed baby items
18 to military spouses and female veterans or filling
19 backpacks with school supplies, stuffed animals, cameras
20 and treats in case of -- excuse me. To ease the -- I've
21 got to tell you, I fell a couple weeks ago and I broke my
22 regular glasses, so I'm using an old script. So bear with
23 me.

24 While other used -- while other units reported
25 hosting baby showers and baby needs to military spouses

1 and family veterans. Or filling backpacks with school
2 supplies, stuffed animals, cameras, and treats to ease the
3 loss and anxiety of being separated by their military
4 parent. Several Josh Dogs were given to critically ill
5 children. To continue to work with our community,
6 nonprofit organizations such as Toys For Tots, Miracle
7 Network, and Special Olympics.

8 In April we purple up, which gives us a great
9 opportunity to explain why. Our Auxiliary includes
10 juniors and younger SALS to participate and present the
11 military children's table. So by continuing to recognize
12 and demonstrate why we support our military children in
13 our community, it confirms who we are and why we matter.

14 Madam President, may I present the first place
15 awards?

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes, you may.

17 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: First Place
18 Monterey Cypress Unit 694, District 28 Sherryl Panek.

19 (Applause.)

20 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: District on --
21 First Place 16th District Tami Wilkening, Chairman.

22 (Applause.)

23 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Thank you --
24 thank you, Madam President, for this Chair. This Aqua
25 Lady is going up for air right now.

1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you, Dee Ann.
3 I'd like to call upon the Chaplain now to give her report
4 and her Editor report at the same time.

5 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: Are we good? Okay.

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7 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN CONVENTION REPORT

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9 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: Madam President,
10 convention committee meeting report. The committee met
11 and -- convention committee program on the Chaplain met
12 June 21st in the room -- I don't have the room down
13 because they were all here -- of the Crowne Plaza in
14 Sacramento. The statistical report of this Chaplain will
15 appear on your Book of Reports on 14 and 15.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Can you speak into
17 the mic? Excuse me.

18 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: Okay. Well, okay.
19 Bonnie Mayer, District 11 was appointed secretary, Unit
20 22. Sharon Moore, District 23, Unit 2 -- okay. I can't
21 see what that next number is. Anyway. 2 what?

22 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: 252.

23 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: 252. That's not a 5,
24 honest to God. There was no Sergeant-at-Arms appointed.
25 A total of 20 district delegates answered the roll call

1 and there were three visitors present.

2 The committee agreed upon the following report.

3 Discussion: Go directly to the Department -- this is on
4 their reporting of deceased membership. Date to final
5 file the reports, for the department to file the reports.
6 Members data forms can go directly to -- okay. I wasn't
7 writing this, so -- computer and find all the information.
8 Okay. If you get on the computer and go to Chaplains, you
9 can find all that information and those things that had to
10 be filled out.

11 The Chaplain reported all about the deceased.
12 Department code read. Department memorial service at 2:00
13 o'clock on 6/21 and all were to wear white.

14 Madam President, that concludes that. Can I give
15 my awards now? Because that was pretty much it as far as
16 the report on this station. Can I hand out those for you?

17 DISTRICT 18 CHAPLAIN SANZ-FRANCO: I have a
18 question.

19 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: Yes.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Your name and
21 your --

22 DISTRICT 18 CHAPLAIN SANZ-FRANCO: Susan
23 Sanz-Franco, District 18 Chaplain. I would like to know
24 where in the code it states that one only Unit Chaplain
25 Book can be submitted at convention. Because when we do

1 our reports at year-end, each unit is asked on their
2 year-end report are you submitting a Chaplain Book.
3 Nowhere is it in there that I could find that to say that
4 the unit gets judged by the district and then you bring
5 the winner here. I -- to me, I looked and looked and
6 cannot find anything because it turns out that some
7 Chaplain books from a district were disqualified because
8 there were two unit Chaplain Books that were submitted,
9 yet we cannot find anything that states that you cannot
10 bring two unit Chaplain Books. Where in code is it?
11 Right now I believe it's an assumption, unless somebody
12 can show me or let us know where it states that.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. This is a
14 question we will refer to our Parliamentarian.

15 DISTRICT 18 CHAPLAIN SANZ-FRANCO: It's just
16 because of the statement on our year-end how many are you
17 submitting. On the yearly summary, it's asking how many
18 books are you submitting. It's not saying how many units.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It says how many
20 books or are you submitting a book?

21 DISTRICT 18 CHAPLAIN SANZ-FRANCO: No, it doesn't
22 say a book.

23 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: I haven't
24 had a chance to read the code. I know it's real short,
25 but I believe any unit can bring their book here and be

1 judged as well as the district can bring their book. I
2 believe it's reports. When the officers and chairmen are
3 doing reports, they only submit one report for whatever
4 the officer chairmanship is, one out of however many they
5 have from the district as far as unit report. So if you
6 have 20 units in your district, the best report goes to
7 the Department Chairman. But books, I don't believe
8 there's any limit. I will take the time to read the code
9 to make sure that that's my understanding.

10 DISTRICT 18 CHAPLAIN SANZ-FRANCO: Because two --
11 there was a district, which is 18, who brought to unit
12 Chaplain Books and we've been -- both books were
13 disqualified after they did all that work and they brought
14 them up here.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay.

16 DISTRICT 18 CHAPLAIN SANZ-FRANCO: So you're
17 giving out awards -- not to say that they would get
18 awards, but they should be included in the overall scheme
19 of things because they put a lot of work into them.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: I believe -- yeah,
21 usually it's your unit chaplain that prepares the book for
22 her president.

23 DISTRICT 18 CHAPLAIN SANZ-FRANCO: Correct.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Now that would be
25 the book that should go in for judging.

1 DISTRICT 18 CHAPLAIN SANZ-FRANCO: They each
2 submitted books.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: If every member of
4 that unit wanted to make their own books --

5 DISTRICT 18 CHAPLAIN SANZ-FRANCO: No, no, no.
6 There's two different units submitted their -- brought
7 their books from District 18 and they both have been
8 disqualified because there's two unit books from the same
9 district.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: I see.

11 DISTRICT 18 CHAPLAIN SANZ-FRANCO: It's the same
12 -- District 18 submitted two Chaplain Books from their
13 units and they've been disqualified because there's two
14 books from other units.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. I don't know.

16 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: I read the
17 code. There's nothing in the code under Chaplain even
18 about the prayer books.

19 DISTRICT 18 CHAPLAIN SANZ-FRANCO: So they should
20 have been included in the judging and not disqualified.

21 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: And are we
22 certain that that's why they're disqualified? There
23 generally are rules and it may have been that they're
24 disqualified because they didn't follow the rules per se
25 rather than that there were two from the same district.

1 DISTRICT 18 CHAPLAIN SANZ-FRANCO: This is what
2 they were -- what they came to tell me, the two chaplains
3 that submitted these books, that they were told that they
4 were disqualified because there was two from the same
5 district.

6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Linda Fercho,
7 Past Department President. And I do admit I was one of
8 the judges and we did follow suit on what is not happening
9 a lot and that is the Chap- -- well, the chairman at the
10 district level choosing one of the best, and it's not
11 written anywhere where it is specifically only for written
12 supplementals. The best unit, only one, goes to the
13 department from each district. That doesn't say that it
14 is exclusive only to written reports, and so the judges
15 were not aware that it was all right to have more than one
16 book.

17 My best -- my suggestion is -- are the books
18 still back there? -- that we have a new set of judges
19 under this new information and judge them again.

20 DISTRICT 18 CHAPLAIN SANZ-FRANCO: I think that
21 would make sense.

22 (Applause.)

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: And then our
24 Chaplain can come back after lunch, she'll choose three
25 judges now that this has come to light and if indeed --

1 and as Leadership in my reporting, I'm going to highly
2 stress that we change every code, a blanket change, to
3 make sure that the District Chairmen know to only send and
4 do send the best unit. They're not doing that. I know it
5 in my own district. And the written reports and in the
6 code probably for not just prayer book, but the music
7 book, the photography book, all of those books, that rule
8 does not apply.

9 DISTRICT 18 CHAPLAIN SANZ-FRANCO: I think -- you
10 know, I think you might want to take a vote or something
11 because there's other units who have great books too from
12 other districts and you're now having their people vote on
13 these books and it's not all the chaplains or -- I
14 wouldn't want to be the one for -- I'm the Chaplain for
15 the district and I wouldn't want that to fall on my
16 shoulders to have to disqualify books from my district.

17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: That's what
18 I'm saying is that the code should reflect that for next
19 year recommendation that they put something in there that
20 for those certain things, the prayer book, the -- more
21 than one from a unit. Because the rule for written
22 reports is only one per unit so the chairman at your
23 district has to choose.

24 DISTRICT 18 CHAPLAIN SANZ-FRANCO: It's still
25 only one per unit. These are two books of two different

1 units for the same district.

2 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: I know.
3 That's what I'm saying.

4 DISTRICT 18 CHAPLAIN SANZ-FRANCO: No. You're
5 saying same unit.

6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: That's -- I'm
7 agreeing with you. I am agreeing with you. I am agreeing
8 with you that, yes, they should be allowed to have more
9 than one of the prayer books, scrapbooks and that from a
10 district no matter. I mean like in my district I have 16
11 units, we could put 16 books back there. It would be
12 fine. But that's not how the committee was under the
13 impression of. They were following the same rules that we
14 follow for written reports.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. My -- as
16 Linda said, we could go ahead and take care of this one
17 for today and next year make the Chaplain then make sure
18 that the code and the rules are clear as to exactly what
19 they want.

20 DISTRICT 18 CHAPLAIN SANZ-FRANCO: Right.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: And we thank you for
22 bringing this to our attention. Thank you.

23 DEPARTMENT RULES CHAIRMAN MOORE: Madam
24 President, Sharon Moore, District 23 Unit 252. I was
25 Chaplain last year. I think there's confusion regarding

1 reports and books being submitted. Now if we want to
2 include the rules for the books in the code, you just
3 combine them together. But the instructions are clear in
4 terms of the books. You can -- it -- like you said, all
5 units -- any unit can submit a book, but there's one
6 winner for the unit and one winner for the district,
7 period.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. We'll make
9 this -- thank you for your suggestions. We'll make sure
10 it's clear.

11 DISTRICT 28 DELEGATE BAKER: Madam President,
12 Susan Baker --

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

14 DISTRICT 28 DELEGATE BAKER: -- District 28, Past
15 Department Chaplain. Echoing what Sharon said, the books
16 are a separate entity and I really feel that the rules for
17 their entry into competition at the convention need to be
18 placed into the code for maybe next year or upcoming year.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Thank you.
20 Your suggestions are noted. Joan has jotted them down
21 over here. Thank you.

22 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: What I can do is we
23 can get some judges -- I will get some judges and they can
24 go back and vote again. But I will put down in the back
25 the code for the Chaplain code, and also the code for the

1 books, you know, the rules for the books are a little bit
2 different.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes, the rules are
4 separate from the code.

5 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: Well, you can have a
6 unit that will bring ten books.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: No. One from each
8 unit.

9 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: Yeah. Okay. Can I
10 give awards for the ones --

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: No, but we will try
12 to make it clear.

13 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: Okay. We'll make it
14 clear, but I will give the awards for the ones that have
15 already been -- okay. All right. Panic. Don't panic.
16 The judges already gave me the results for the ones that
17 are back there right now. Wait a minute. Don't panic.
18 Oh, my God. Everybody panics.

19 Anyway, let me go -- I'm going to get some judges
20 again, some Past Department Presidents, they can go back
21 and judge it and then later on this afternoon I will have
22 the results. Okay?

23 DISTRICT 18 CHAPLAIN SANZ-FRANCO: Okay. Am I
24 understanding that there are no awards going out and the
25 ones you have up there right now have to come back, have

1 to go back into the pool and be judged with the other ones
2 that were disqualified? They cannot be given awards now
3 and then for these other people that were disqualified.
4 No, that won't work. That's not fair.

5 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: We want to make
6 everybody happy.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay.

8 DISTRICT 18 CHAPLAIN SANZ-FRANCO: I'm sorry and
9 I'm out of order probably, but it's not about making us
10 happy. It's following the rules that you have set and we
11 need to follow those guidelines to be consistent. And
12 these people put in their time and effort. And we've been
13 talking about bringing people together here, not losing
14 members. If you want them to participate in the years to
15 come, all the units, you should let them submit their
16 books here because this is what they're making these
17 Chaplain Books for is for the convention, not for me to
18 judge.

19 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: No, no, no.

20 DISTRICT 18 CHAPLAIN SANZ-FRANCO: But to bring
21 them here to convention and to be judged. That's all --
22 to discourage people from making books, that way you don't
23 have to have people participating.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay.

25 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: No, it's fine.

1 DISTRICT 18 CHAPLAIN SANZ-FRANCO: You said it
2 didn't matter a little while ago. That comment you made
3 was not fair. And I'm not the only one that heard you
4 make the comment, that's why I'm back at the mic. And we
5 have to be careful of words we're using because they have
6 impacts.

7 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: Okay. Thank you.

8 DISTRICT 18 CHAPLAIN SANZ-FRANCO: And they
9 discourage others from participating.

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: Thank you. Thank
12 you.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. So where were
14 you?

15 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: I will appoint a
16 couple of -- three judges to go back and re-evaluate, and
17 then later we can come back and have the results of that.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. So we will do
19 that. Do you have your Editor report?

20 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: Yes.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: I know there's
22 probably not much there, but -- I didn't mean that. I
23 mean you haven't been doing any editing.

24 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: Okay. We do have
25 something up here for you. Where is Harriet? Did she

1 leave the room?

2 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: I'm here.

3 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: Come here.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Ladies, is this real
5 short, like a minute?

6 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: We may have
7 discussion.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. If you don't
9 mind then we will wait because it is 10:00 o'clock and we
10 need to -- and people need a potty break. Five minutes as
11 fast as you can or you'll get locked out.

12 (Recess from 10:01 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: And can you please
14 be seated? And when you are seated, sit in your
15 respective districts. And remember only delegates and
16 alternates that are replacing delegates should be with
17 their district. Okay. Ladies, we need to get moving.

18 Will the Sergeant-at-Arms please check the
19 hallway and make sure that everyone who needs to be in
20 here is in here. Check the restrooms and see if the lines
21 are still going. If you are not a delegate or an
22 alternate replacing a delegate, please sit in the rear of
23 the room or leave the hall.

24 Donna Smith, are the bathrooms cleared? Is
25 everybody -- okay. Okay. And the hallway is clear?

1 Okay. And everybody's in their places.

2 The session will come to order. Hopefully
3 everyone is seated in their respective districts. Please
4 remember that only delegates and alternates taking their
5 place as delegates will be allowed to be in the room
6 during elections or you may sit in the back if you're
7 quiet.

8 Will the Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal please see
9 that everyone who is in the lobby knows that the doors are
10 being closed for the election process and if they want to
11 come in, to do so immediately, checking their badges and
12 then close the doors. No one will be permitted to enter
13 or leave except in a dire emergency until -- like you're
14 dying or something -- until Chair states that the
15 elections are concluded.

16 We will now have the report of the Elections
17 Chairman Danielle White, followed by the reading of the
18 Election Rules by Sharon Moore. After Sharon's report the
19 District Presidents be prepared to come to the mic in
20 numerical beginning with 1 so you don't confuse me.

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22 ELECTIONS CONVENTION REPORT

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24 DEPARTMENT ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN WHITE: The
25 convention committee on Elections was held June 21st, 2018

1 in room Cypress of the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The
2 statistical report of this chairman will not appear in the
3 book. [Inaudible] District 18, District 10 -- Unit --
4 well, I can't read. Unit 619 was appointed secretary.
5 Lucy Ochar, District 16 Unit 211 offered pray, and Cece
6 Harvey, District 13 Unit 614 was sergeant-at-arms. A
7 total of 12 district delegates answered roll call. There
8 were two visitor present.

9 In a sense of having an election held, we discuss
10 ways to have efficient and accurate election. The 13
11 delegates were very responsive. I believe it was very
12 productive. Thank you. Thank you, Madam President.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Sharon.

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15 READING OF ELECTION RULES

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17 DEPARTMENT RULES CHAIRMAN MOORE: Election of
18 Department Officers, Junior Member of Finance, National
19 Candidate, Department Delegates and Alternates to the
20 National Convention shall be held on Saturday morning,
21 June 23rd, 2018. The doors of the convention hall shall
22 be closed during the entire election procedure and no one
23 shall leave or enter the hall until Chair states that
24 election is concluded. The exception is this -- the
25 exception to this shall be that in an emergency a member

1 may leave, and if her absence affects the voting strength,
2 the District President shall immediately notify the
3 presiding officer.

4 When there is but one nominee for all Department
5 Officers and but one nominee me for Junior Member of
6 Finance, the nominee shall be elected viva voce. Article
7 V, Section 3, Department Constitution.

8 Upon roll call the Department President shall
9 report the number of units partially or wholly represented
10 by duly elected delegates or alternates present in the
11 delegation at the time of the roll call. This is to
12 determine that there is a quorum of units present at the
13 time of the election. When there is more than one --

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Sharon, I'm sorry.
15 There's a correction.

16 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: You said
17 Department President. It should be District President.

18 DEPARTMENT RULES CHAIRMAN MOORE: Oh, I'm sorry.
19 The District President shall report the number of units.
20 Is that what you're saying?

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you.

22 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT:
23 Correction.

24 DEPARTMENT RULES CHAIRMAN MOORE: Okay. Make
25 that correction. Do I need to read it again or just note

1 that correction?

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

3 DEPARTMENT RULES CHAIRMAN MOORE: The District
4 President shall report the number of units partially or
5 wholly represented by duly elected delegates or alternates
6 present in the delegation at the time of roll call. This
7 is to determine that there is a quorum of units present at
8 the time of the election.

9 When there is more than one nominee for the
10 Department Officers, Junior Member of Finance, or
11 endorsement for National Office, elections shall be by
12 written ballot. The District President shall when they
13 are instructed by the Chair take a roll call of their
14 respective delegations to ascertain the total voting
15 strength of their district for the election, reporting the
16 same to Chair.

17 When there are three or more nominees for office
18 Junior Member of Finance or endorsement of National
19 Office, unless one nominee receives a majority vote on the
20 first ballot, the nominee receiving the lowest number of
21 votes shall be automatically dropped before proceeding
22 with the next ballot.

23 When there is a candidate or candidates for an
24 endorsement to a National Office, a majority vote shall be
25 by ballot. Constitution Article V, Section 13.

1 Each District President and district member of
2 the elections committee shall distribute and collect the
3 votes casted by the district delegation and deliver them
4 to the Department Chairman of the elections. Department
5 Officers, Chairman, Committee Member, and Past Department
6 Presidents shall vote with their respective district.
7 Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote. The vote of
8 an absent unit delegate not represented by an alternate
9 shall be cast by the majority of the delegates from the
10 unit. When two delegates represent three votes, the
11 Chairman of the unit delegation shall cast the third vote.

12 A majority of all votes cast shall elect except
13 that in the election of national delegates and alternates
14 if plurality shall elect. These convention rules may
15 be -- convention rules may be amended during the
16 constitution by two-thirds vote. Convention by two-thirds
17 vote.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. Will the
19 District Presidents please proceed to the microphone
20 quickly and quietly and line in numerical order beginning
21 with number 1. If you're like me, the quickly is what
22 gives you a little challenge.

23 Allison, you may represent District 1. The
24 Secretary will call the roll of districts.

25 DISTRICT 1 DELEGATE ROBBINS: Thank you. Allison

1 Robbins, Walker Bailey Unit 205 from District 1. We have
2 five delegates. Oh, I apologize.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 1
4 Allison.

5 DISTRICT 1 DELEGATE ROBBINS: Allison Robbins,
6 Walker Bailey Unit 205, District 1. We have five
7 delegates.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Thank you.
9 District 2 Terry Mikesell reporting one. District 3 Lola
10 Ramey. District 4 Jean Edson.

11 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT EDSON: Jean Edson District
12 4. We have five.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 5.
14 Melanie Taylor, are you reporting?

15 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: She may
16 still be working. She's not here.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 5, one.

18 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: She's not
19 here.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Is Melanie in the
21 room?

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: No, she's in the
23 office.

24 DISTRICT 5 DELEGATE JEWEL: District 5. One
25 delegate. Linda Jewel, Unit 165.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Are you from
2 District 5?

3 DISTRICT 5 DELEGATE JEWEL: Yes. Linda Jewel,
4 Unit 165 District 5.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Do you want to
6 come up here, please? Glenda Schultz, District 6.

7 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: I need to come up
8 there.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 7 Joanne.

10 DISTRICT 7 PRESIDENT SHOPE: Joanne Shope
11 District 7, Unit 795. We have six delegates here.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 7 please
13 come to the stage. District 8 no one is here. District
14 9.

15 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: Dolly Rios, District
16 9 Unit 202. We have four.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Thank you.
18 District 10 Liz Parshall.

19 DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT PARSHALL: Liz Parshall,
20 District 10. We have five.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Please come to
22 the stage. Excuse me, Liz. She's got five there. You're
23 good to go.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 11 Toni.

1 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT DOMONDON: Yes, ma'am. We
2 have --

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Toni?

4 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT DOMONDON: We have 16
5 delegates present.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Please come to
7 the stage.

8 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT DOMONDON: We have 17, but
9 it's -- she's here.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 12 Lisa
11 Stuart.

12 DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT STUART: I have nine.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Thank you.

14 District 13 Cece Harvey.

15 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT HARVEY: Cece Harvey

16 District 13. We have 17.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Thank you. 17.

18 District 14 Gloria Sinopoli.

19 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT SINOPOLI: Gloria Jean

20 Sinopoli District 14. We have 17 votes.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Thank you.

22 District 15 Zana Chaney.

23 DISTRICT 15 PRESIDENT CHANEY: We have eight

24 votes.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Thank you.

1 District 16 Glenda Powell.

2 DISTRICT 16 1ST VICE PRESIDENT POWELL: Glenda
3 Powell District 16.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: I can't hear you.

5 DISTRICT 16 1ST VICE PRESIDENT POWELL:
6 Twenty-four votes.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Please come to
8 the stage. District 17 Yoko.

9 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT PARSONS-CROOK: Yoko
10 Parsons-Crook Unit 628. We have one.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Please come to
12 the stage. District 18 Betty Ramos.

13 DISTRICT 18 PRESIDENT RAMOS: I have -- I have
14 one. Unit 139 is --

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: I need help with
16 that microphone back there, Zana.

17 DISTRICT 18 PRESIDENT RAMOS: Unit 139 from
18 District 18 is not on the floor.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Please come to
20 the stages. What's your total count?

21 DISTRICT 18 PRESIDENT RAMOS: I don't want to
22 touch it.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 19 Becky
24 Bullard.

25 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT BULLARD: We have 18. I

1 have one delegate that already left.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Please come to
3 the stage. District 20 Nancy.

4 DISTRICT 20 PRESIDENT HEINISCH: I'm
5 double-checking.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 21 Cathy
7 McCoy.

8 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT McCOY: We have 27.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: 27. Thank you.
10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 22.

12 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT GIACIALONE: District 22 Mo
13 Giacialone. We have 30.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Thank you.
15 District 23.

16 DISTRICT 23 PRESIDENT HILL: District 23 Valerie
17 Hill, Unit 228. We have 18.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Thank you.
19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 24
21 Deloris Artis.

22 DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT ARTIS: District 24,
23 Deloris Artis Unit 283. We have six.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Thank you.
25 District 25 Patty.

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1 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT GALATIOTO: Patty Galatioto
2 from District 25. We have 47 votes.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Thank you.
4 District 26 Louann Johnston.

5 DISTRICT 26 PRESIDENT JOHNSTON: Louann Johnston,
6 District 26. We have eight votes because Elissa Kirkland
7 has gone to Girls State.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Please come to
9 the stage. District 27 Norma Billings.

10 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT BILLINGS: Norma Billings,
11 District 27. We have four.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Please come to
13 the stage. District 28 Robin Falkenberg.

14 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT FALKENBERG: District 28
15 Robin Falkenberg. We have one unit did not show, so from
16 23 down to 20. I'm on my way to the stage.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Thank you.
18 District 29 Carol Borgman.

19 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: Carol Borgman
20 District 29, Unit 277 and we have 59.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Excuse me? My
22 paper says 49.

23 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: I have 59. I
24 know, please come to the stage.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Please come to

1 the stage. District 30 Kim Vincent.

2 DISTRICT 30 PRESIDENT VINCENT: District 30 Kim
3 Vincent, nine votes.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Thank you, Kim.

5 DISTRICT 30 PRESIDENT VINCENT: Thank you.

6 DISTRICT 5 DELEGATE JEWEL: District 5, Unit 165
7 Linda Jewel. We have three votes.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Just a second.
9 She's been to the stage and she says she has five, so --
10 three. Three.

11 DISTRICT 5 DELEGATE JEWEL: We have three votes,
12 District 5.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Please come to
14 the stage. Yes, I know that, but my paper says six. I'm
15 going to call District 5 back up.

16 DISTRICT 5 DELEGATE JEWEL: District 5, Linda
17 Jewel Unit 165. We have three votes.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 6
21 Glenda.

22 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: District 6 Glenda
23 Schultz. We have 20.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Thank you.

25 (Applause.)

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1 DISTRICT 7 PRESIDENT SHOPE: District 7. This is
2 Joanne Shope and we have 16 votes.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Thank you. Betty
4 Ramos.

5 DISTRICT 18 PRESIDENT RAMOS: District 18 Betty
6 Ramos. We are 29.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Wait a minute,
8 Betty. Wait a minute. Betty, what's your count?

9 DISTRICT 18 PRESIDENT RAMOS: 29.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Thank you.

11 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT BULLARD: District 19 Becky
12 Bullard, 18.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Becky, what's
14 your count?

15 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT BULLARD: 18.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Thank you, ma'am.
17 Toni Domondon District 11.

18 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT DOMONDON: We have 17,
19 Madam Secretary.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Thank you.

21 DISTRICT 16 1ST VICE PRESIDENT POWELL: District
22 16, we have 24.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: I need a count on
24 16. I need a count on 16. 24 is correct. Thank you.

25 (Applause.)

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1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Louann Johnston,
2 what was your count?

3 DISTRICT 26 PRESIDENT JOHNSTON: Eight.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Thank you.
5 District 26 has eight. Okay. I need a count on 28. Your
6 count, Robin?

7 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT FALKENBERG: Twenty.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Thank you,
9 District 28. District 17 I need a count.

10 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT PARSONS-CROOK: Three.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Thank you, ma'am.
12 District 17 has three. Nancy, District 20.

13 DISTRICT 20 PRESIDENT HEINISCH: Nine.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Thank you, Nancy.
15 District 20 has nine. She just wants to get it over with.
16 Yes. Norma Billings, District 27.

17 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT BILLINGS: Five.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 27 Norma
19 Billings has five. Okay. Our last one is Carol Borgman
20 District 29.

21 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: District 29, 46.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 29, 46.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: As soon as the
24 credentials chairman has tallied her total, we will have
25 the final credential report. This takes longer than the

1 actual elections, but it's very important that we have it
2 correct. And now you can see why it's important because
3 if you are one of the delegates to be in the delegation,
4 it changes the count and we have to go through this.
5 Okay. We're good to go. That count done means we're
6 going to get it going.

7 Okay. Ladies, we're ready for the final
8 credential report.

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10 CREDENTIAL CONVENTION REPORT

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12 CREDENTIALS CONVENTION CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Madam
13 President Loretta Marsh, thank you for the honor of
14 serving as your chairman. It has been challenging, but a
15 very valuable learning experience. This morning I did
16 meet with some of the District Presidents. We went over
17 the procedures on how to poll the districts and what was
18 expected. There were questions asked and answered. So we
19 didn't have a smooth one, but it's not bad.

20 My sincere thanks for Past Department President
21 Odette Curraro. And also Lois Cornish. She sat with me
22 last night. And thank you so much, Lois. Department
23 Treasurer Ruby Kapsalis, Past President Wendy O'Brien, and
24 all of the members that worked registration. It was a
25 challenge, but we got through it.

1 The voting strength of the convention is 426
2 delegates, which divided by half is 214 which is needed to
3 elect. Thank you very much.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you, Yvonne.
6 That's a big jump.

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10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: There is but one
11 nominee for the office of Department President, Joan
12 Cannon. All those in favor of electing Joan Cannon for
13 Department President, signify by saying aye.

14 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All opposed say no.

16 (No response.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Joan Cannon has been
18 elected Department President.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: There is but one
21 nominee for the office of the Department Vice President,
22 Kathie Martinez. All those in favor of electing Kathie
23 Martinez for Department Vice President, signify by saying
24 aye.

25 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no.

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: You have elected
4 Kathie Martinez for Department Vice President.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Congratulations,
7 Kathie. There is but one nominee for the office of the
8 Junior Member of Finance, Kae Orcutt. All those in favor
9 of electing Kae Orcutt for Junior Member of Finance,
10 signify by saying aye.

11 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed?

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: You have elected Kae
15 Orcutt as Junior Member of Finance. Congratulations.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: We will now proceed
18 to the election of delegates and alternates to the
19 National Convention. The Secretary will now read the
20 nominees for delegates to National Convention.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Linda Karnsted,
22 Glenda Schultz, Loretta Marsh, Grace Huston, Diane
23 DeLashmit, Sandy Jacob, Gloria Sinopoli, Dee Ann Graham,
24 Linda Fercho, Melanie Taylor, Jean Cooley, Carol Borgman,
25 Susie Tozier, Anita Biggs, Deloris Artis, Donna Scott,

1 Linda Workman, LuAnn Capazzi, Robin Falkenberg.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: You didn't say Joan Cannon.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Joan is
4 automatically. Diane, why did you let me do that? So now
5 I'm one over.

6 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: No, no, I
7 don't think so.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Joan is going to
9 have to stay home.

10 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT FALKENBERG: Madam
11 Secretary.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

13 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT FALKENBERG: I have tried
14 to get ahold of my boss. She cannot guarantee the time
15 off, so I will respectfully withdraw if you need the spot.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Thank you, Robin.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you, Robin.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: All right. In
19 place of Robin Falkenberg, Joan. You know, you can sell
20 me. You can't fire me because you don't pay me. But I am
21 having so much fun. Thank you, thank you, thank you.
22 Okay.

23 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT FALKENBERG: Thank you,
24 Terry.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Yeah, right.

1 Send money. Ladies, do you want me to read them again or
2 are we good to go? Loretta, we're good to go?

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Repeat again what
4 change you made from the last.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: The only change
6 we made was we moved Robin Falkenberg and put Joan Cannon.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Oh, man.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Diane and I can't
9 count past four so, you know, what can I say.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All right.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Are you ready for
12 the alternates?

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: I need a motion.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: I motion to
15 accept the delegates. I move. Okay. I move to accept
16 the delegates.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved
18 and --

19 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Second.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: -- seconded to elect
21 the delegates as read. Is there any further discussion?

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor,
24 say aye.

25 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no.

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: You have elected the
4 delegates to National Convention. Okay. Secretary now
5 will read the list -- read the list of nominees for
6 alternates to National Convention.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Loretta spent too
8 much time with me. Okay. Here we go. Pat Alvarez,
9 Doreen Long, Bonnie Bradbury, Charlene Buckley, Laura
10 Bartorn, Patricia Martinez, Debbie Hurado, Zana Chaney,
11 Tina Moore, Maureen O'Brien-Sacco, Tammy Sollazzo, Linda
12 Hayes, Jean Coatney, Valerie Hill, Marsha Romano, Carol
13 Fuqua, Kay Handy, Danielle White, Sophie Grant.
14 Alternates. Ms. P. Eagle P?

15 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: I'm sorry.
16 Are you talking to me?

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Oh, don't act so
18 innocent. Yes, I'm talking to you. Okay? She said okay.
19 Thank you.

20 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: No, just
21 say that that's not proper order.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Well, they're
23 not -- okay. They're not in the proper order as elected
24 or whatever they're supposed to be, so I'm sorry. Okay?

25 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: We'll get

1 them there.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Okay. Madam
3 President, I move to accept the alternates as read.

4 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Madam Secretary, may I
5 -- I'm sorry. I have forgotten that we're going on a
6 cruise with my son-in-law at that time so I need to have
7 my name removed as alternate. District 20.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. That's okay.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: That's easy for
10 you to say, Loretta.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Does your district
12 have a replacement?

13 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: It's okay.
14 We don't have to.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. She says it's
16 okay.

17 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Okay. I'm not sure --
18 there was somebody that might want to go.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Just a second.

20 FINANCE CHAIRMAN HAYES: No, I'm sorry, there's
21 no replacement.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Thank you.
23 With -- we're removing Hayes as alternate. So I will move
24 to accept the alternates as amended.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It is moved and --

1 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Second.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: -- seconded to elect
3 the alternates as amended. Is there any further
4 discussion? All those in favor --

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Wait a minute,
6 wait a minute.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Is somebody coming?

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Madam President, was that
9 an amendment to take it off?

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Pardon me?

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Was that an amendment to
12 take it off?

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The alternate?

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: As she corrected it,
16 yeah, there was a vote to remove it.

17 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Madam
18 President, Diane DeLashmit, Parliamentarian. We can't
19 just have anybody in because it has to be by membership
20 strength. So we would have to go who was the next one
21 and, quite frankly, I don't remember if you closed
22 nominations yet and I don't think you did. Am I correct
23 in assuming you did not close nominations?

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: For delegates I do
25 not believe so. We did the officers, but not the

1 delegates.

2 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: You did
3 close for the alternates?

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: No, officers.

5 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: For
6 officers. You know, it's okay not to have 19 alternates
7 unless there's somebody that really wants to go and.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Gloria Williams.

9 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: And
10 they're in the membership strength in that way. And
11 there's nobody from District 20 that wants to take Linda's
12 place? Then we have to get the membership list out to see
13 who's next. Because it's not just 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. It's by
14 your membership strength.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Madam President -- I
16 mean, Madam President. Terry, Diane, I am rereading what
17 I had here and the nominations were closed.

18 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Okay. So
19 if nominations were closed, then we have nobody to add in.

20 DISTRICT 20 PRESIDENT HEINISCH: I'll take it.
21 I'll take it for 20.

22 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Well, you
23 know, Nancy was a delegate. She was nominated as a
24 delegate and she graciously said she would be a guest
25 because we had two over. So now she's willing to take

1 that spot and she is from the same district as Linda
2 Hayes.

3 (Applause.)

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Okay. Okay. As
5 a second amendment, I am amending my amendment to remove
6 Linda Hayes and replace her with Nancy Heinisch.

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: There is an
9 amendment -- that's a --

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Yeah.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: That was the motion.
12 She moved to amend the district delegates to remove her
13 alternates to remove -- I don't have it written down
14 because I don't have a script. I'm lost. To remove Linda
15 Hayes and add Nancy Heinisch. Any discussion?

16 (No response.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those favor of
18 this amendment, please say aye.

19 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed say no.

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Thank you, thank
23 you, thank you. Now you can pick your delegate and
24 alternate packs up in the Department Office. See Barbara
25 Ross. And there is no hotel information in our packets

1 because we were not given any information from the
2 American Legion Department of California. And it will be
3 posted later on website. We know the host hotel, but we
4 don't have the paperwork in there. The meals and hotel,
5 blah, blah, blah, it's in there. Thanks.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you, Terry.

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: We're looking for a
9 paper. Sharon?

10 DEPARTMENT RULES CHAIRMAN MOORE: Madam
11 President, we voted on the amendment but we did not vote
12 on the motion.

13 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: That's
14 right.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you, Sharon.
16 Okay. We're back to it has been moved that we accept the
17 list of alternates as amended. All those in favor, please
18 say aye.

19 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed.

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. We will
23 now proceed to ratify the election of District Presidents
24 and Vice Presidents. Now that Madam Secretary has found
25 her list, please read the name of the District Presidents

1 Elect.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Probably would
3 help if I would look at the agenda. Okay. District 1
4 President Allison Robbins. District 2 President Elect Pat
5 Carey. District 3 Lola Ramey. District 4 Jean Edson.
6 District 5 Lynn Jewel. District 6 Glenda Schultz.
7 District 7 Joanne Shope. District 8 Tammy Manini.
8 District 9 Dolly Rios. District 10 Elizabeth Parshall.
9 District 11 Deborah Straight. District 12 Victoria
10 Ferreira Allen. District 13 Cecilia Harvey. District 14
11 Geni Lefler. District 15 Dee Ann Graham. District 16
12 Glenda Powell. District 17 Yvonne Sarceda. District 18
13 Patricia Martinez. District 19 Jean Cooley-Desmeules, and
14 I know I murdered that name. District 19 Mahala Berry. I
15 mean 20 Mahala Berry. District 21, Cathleen McCoy.
16 District 22 Susie Tozier. District 23 Valerie Hill.
17 District 24 Deloris Artis. District 25 Cyd Kinzer.
18 District 26 Katie Toy. District 27 Norma Billings.
19 District 28 Molly Smith. District 29 Carol Borgman.
20 District 30 Kim Vincent.

21 I move to accept the nominated District
22 Presidents. Ratify. I move to ratify the election of the
23 District Presidents.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved
25 and seconded that we ratify the election of these district

1 presidents. Is there any discussion?

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor
4 say aye.

5 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no.

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: You have ratified
9 the election of the District Presidents.

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Madam Secretary,
12 please read the list of Districts First Vice President
13 Elect.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 1 Pat
15 Lindley. District 2 Raven Shaliva. District 3 Wendy
16 Jacobs. District 4 Sherry Morehouse. District 5 Linda
17 Karnstead. District 6 Ann Sanchez. District 7 Melise
18 Munroe. District 8 Kathleen Sullivan. District 9
19 Henrietta Fontes. District 10 Susan Mar. District 11
20 Grace Huston. District 12 Elizabeth Estovillo. District
21 13 Patty Buchanan. District 14 Debbie Hurado. District
22 15 Barbara Goodlow. District 16 Tami Wilkening. District
23 17 Claudia DeLeon. District 18 Maureen O'Brien-Sacco.
24 District 19 Rita Lambert. District 20 Hila Estrada.
25 District 21 Kathy Newleen. District 22 June Coatney.

1 District 23 Patricia Davis. District 24 Melissa Card.
2 District 25 Judy Samples. District 26 Arlene Mueller.
3 District 27 Joyce Curwick. District 28 Deniece Clay.
4 District 29 Judy -- no. Jean Sudbeck. District 30 Dawn
5 Rasco. I move to ratify the elections of the District
6 First Vice Presidents.

7 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Second.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved
9 and seconded that we ratify the elections -- it is
10 seconded; right? That we ratify the election of District
11 First Vice Presidents. Is there any discussion?

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor
14 say aye.

15 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no.

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: They have been
19 ratified. You have ratified the election of the First
20 Vice Presidents. Madam Secretary, please read the list of
21 Districts Second Vice Presidents Elect.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: District 1 has no
23 one. District 2 Anita Ray. District 3 Susan Shuster.
24 District 4 Melanie -- Marilyn Wooms. District 5 Sandy
25 Paxton. District 6 Marsha Zandejas. Nice lady, long

1 name. District 7 Bonnie Bradbury. District 8 Teresa
2 Canonizado. Rosemarie Moreno for District 9. District 10
3 Constance Harbour. District 11 Charlene Buckley.
4 District 12 Ann Kelley. District 13 Janice McCormick.
5 District 14 Ella Stith. District 15 Linda Carmichael.
6 District 16 Doreen Adams. District 17 does not have a
7 second vice. District 18 Teresa Lugo Inez. District 19 I
8 have no second vice. District 20 Jackie Landon. District
9 21 Diane Yegge. District 22 Donna Smith. District 23
10 Judith Allen. District 24 Martha Romano. District 25
11 Diane Wilson. District 26 Leslie Tozzini. District 27
12 Rosemarie Todd. District 28 Elizabeth Doidge. District
13 29 Kay Hamby. District 30 Martha -- Margaret Novaro.
14 Madam President, I move to ratify the Second District
15 Vices.

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Second.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It has been moved
18 that we ratify the District Second Vice Presidents. Is
19 there any discussions?

20 (No response.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor,
22 please say aye.

23 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no.

25 (No response.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: You have ratified
2 the election of Districts Second Vice Presidents. This
3 concludes the elections and the Pages may open the door.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: If we can have the
6 newly elected officers please come to the stage to be
7 presented. Joan, Kathie, and Kae. Where is Kae Orcutt?

8 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: She's
9 coming.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It gives me --
11 ladies, it gives me -- it gives me great pleasure to
12 present to you your newly elected department officers for
13 the year 2018-2019.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Department President
16 Joan Cannon.

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Department Vice
19 President Kathie Martinez.

20 (Applause.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: And the Junior
22 Member of Finance Kae Orcutt.

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Ladies, we're
25 going to take care of a couple more things here before we

1 break for lunch. Ladies, we're going to have some
2 supersonic waves, so you have to be quiet.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: So are there any
4 Pat Sweeney's Country Charmers present? Please see Lu Ann
5 Capazzi on the stage. District 18 needs two tickets for
6 the banquet.

7 Goldie's Golden Links, Jeri's Cards, Ruby's All
8 Stars, Margaret's Dream Catchers, Shelby's Stars, Pilar's
9 Musicians, Harriet's Master Crafters will meet at lunch
10 today in Room 118 of the hotel.

11 Odette's Peachy Performers and Gwen's Classy
12 Penguins will meet in Room 530 at the lunch break today.

13 Anita's Dream Catchers Captains meet at Arbor
14 Grille for lunch today.

15 And on that note, it's not written down,
16 districts can pick up their membership in the Department
17 Office.

18 We've got one more sonic boom. SAL is hosting a
19 kids party tonight. I just had a bulletin on that and I
20 don't know what I did with it. Tonight from 5:00 to 8:00
21 at the convention center. Game trucks, ice cream truck,
22 and pizza. All juniors are welcome.

23 Let me see what I did with it. Somebody gave me
24 a note. At McClellan. Oh, Wendy gave me the note. It's
25 going to be at youth party McClellan Conference Center

1 5:00 to 8:00. Game trucks, shaved ice, and pizza. Liz,
2 is there going to be transportation?

3 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: No.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Liz, I can see
5 you.

6 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN DOIDGE: I don't know
7 because the other members just left.

8 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: I was
9 told no by Jean Cooley's husband because he was waiting
10 out here.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Gil said no
12 transportation, so --

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Madam
14 Secretary?

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Yes, Wendy.

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Wendy
17 O'Brien, Past Department President. My understanding is
18 there is a shuttle that leaves every 15 minutes from the
19 front of the hotel over to the convention center and back.
20 So if -- if they can get a ride, then maybe they can get
21 on the shuttle to go over there. It's about eight miles
22 from here.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: It's eight miles
24 from here to McClellan.

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes, eight

1 miles from here to McClellen.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Yeah. So watch
3 this truck come, Wendy. If you have any shuttle or
4 transportation questions, see Wendy.

5 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Thanks,
6 Buddy. Thanks.

7 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: Wendy. Wendy, my
8 love, are you talking transportation for the juniors?

9 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Yes.

10 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: Now will they have an
11 adult chaperone with them? They can't just get on that
12 bus and go.

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: I am hoping
14 -- I am hoping, Madam President and Estella, that the
15 parents know that they have to make sure the kids are
16 okay. Because unless -- unless I have somebody that says
17 they're taking my children, I'm not just releasing them to
18 nobody. So hopefully all of us feel the same way.

19 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: That's right.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Wendy, don't go
21 away. I just want to call you up as Legislative Chairman
22 to finish up the loose ends on your Legislative report.

23 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Yes, ma'am.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: We had a coding
25 question that we'll settle up before we go to lunch.

1 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: Madam President --

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

3 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN: -- the committee
4 met in the back of the room. Some of us, I guess a few
5 did not hear that we were meeting in the back of the room
6 so I've had individual little meetings with them, and
7 we've all decided to leave the code as is.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay.

9 (Applause.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: That's taken care
11 of. Thank you. Okay. We're going to break for lunch,
12 but we have to be out of here early so try to be back here
13 by 12:30. It's 11:34 now. We'll try to get -- I know
14 it's difficult to get lunch in an hour here, but we'll
15 try.

16 (Lunch recess taken: 11:34 a.m.)

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1 AFTERNOON SESSION - 12:48 P.M.

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3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All right. Ladies,
4 I know some people are at lunch, but we can take this time
5 to do our walk about or parade. Yeah, so -- so we'll get
6 some music going and you can walk around and meet and
7 greet and show off your super costumes that you have. If
8 any of you saw me last night, I consider my costume duties
9 accomplished. And maybe by that time some of the others
10 will be back from their lunch.

11 Okay. Consider this session reconvened. We're
12 going to have our walk around, our stroll, our parade.
13 District 25 has it happening over here.

14 (Parade.)

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Okay. Ladies, if
16 you ordered your lunch at the bar and you were waiting for
17 it, your lunch is up here and you don't have to pay for
18 it. Jack bacon with fries. I guess it's a bacon jack
19 burger with fries. I know it came from the bar.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Ladies, thank
21 you. You were great. Give yourself a hand.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. We'll get
24 down to business now and get in as much as we can in the
25 next two hours here. So we're going to start out with a

1 reading of the DEC minutes, and I'm going to follow that
2 up with the Membership report.

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4 READING OF DEPARTMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

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6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: The Department
7 Executive Committee meeting was called to order by
8 president -- Department President Loretta Marsh on
9 Thursday at 7:00 a.m. June 21st.

10 The following motions were made by their
11 respective District Presidents, seconded and carried. In
12 the absence of District 3, Past Department President Wendy
13 O'Brien moved to keep Indian Valley Unit 568 on probation.
14 In the absence of District 8 president, Terry Mikesell
15 moved to keep San Francisco Unit 1 District 8 on
16 probation.

17 Okay. Now, ladies, Indian Valley Unit 568
18 District 3 remained on probation. San Francisco Unit 1
19 District 8 remained on probation. Naval Supply Unit 695
20 District 10 remained on probation. Newark-Washington
21 Township Unit 837 District 10 surrendered their charter.
22 Merced Unit 83 District 12 placed on probation. State
23 Center Unit 511 District 14 remained on probation.
24 Porterville Unit 20 District 15 remained on probation.
25 City of Paramount 134 District 19 remained on probation.

1 Clyde F. Hager Unit 465 District 19 removed from
2 probation. Hollydale Unit 723 District 19 removed from
3 probation. Idyllwild Unit 800 District 21 removed from
4 probation. Temecula-Murrieta Unit 852 District 21
5 remained on probation. Joe Dominguez Unit 742 District 21
6 placed on probation. San Diego Unit 6 District 22 placed
7 on probation. Dewitt C. Mitchell Unit 201 District 22
8 placed on probation. Colton Unit 155 District 25 removed
9 from probation. Yucaipa Unit 426 District 25 removed from
10 probation. Bloomington Unit 497 District 25 remained on
11 probation. High Desert Unit 879 District 29 -- District
12 25 remained on probation. Greenfield Unit 635 District 28
13 remained on probation. Santa Ana Unit 131 District 29
14 removed from probation. Mayhew Vince White Cane Unit 266
15 -- is that -- I'm sorry I didn't put a district number.
16 Is that 29? District 29 placed on probation. Corregidor
17 of Imperial Valley Unit 597 District 30 remained on
18 probation. Bombay Bay Unit 801 District 30 surrendered
19 their charter.

20 Finance committee moved to accept the attached
21 changes to department policy. One correction was made to
22 the minutes for DEC January 2018 for essay titles for the
23 changing 2018-'19 year and was to -- I had the wrong year
24 in there. That was moved, seconded and carried. Terry
25 Mikesell, Department Secretary.

1 I move the acceptance of these DEC minutes.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Second.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: It's been moved and
4 seconded to accept the minutes of the DEC meeting. We're
5 looking something up here. Okay.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Diane, it was on
7 page 7.

8 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Number 6.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Number 6. First
10 Friday of June was the correction.

11 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Yeah, but
12 it's not on the minutes.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Yes, it is. It's
14 attached to the minutes.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. But they --
16 the change we're discussing up here is number 6 of the
17 department policy code where it states: "Annual report
18 form shall confirm with standard time frames. Unit report
19 forms are to be sent to the District Chairman by the
20 second Friday in April. District report forms are to be
21 sent to the Department Chairman by May 1st. The original
22 unit Poppy financial report along with the check shall be
23 sent immediately to the Department Office, but not later
24 than the fourth Friday in May as designated by the Poppy
25 Chairman and a copy shall be sent to the Department

1 Chairman and District Chairman. Unit and district report
2 deadlines will be determined annually by the Department
3 Chairman with enough time to adhere to the National
4 deadline."

5 The change it would currently read -- where it
6 says "the original unit poppy financial report," would
7 just say "a unit poppy financial report." But -- and --
8 yeah, "along with the check shall be sent immediately to
9 the department office," deleting, "but not later than the
10 fourth Friday of May as designated by the Poppy Chairman,"
11 deleting that portion, "and a copy shall be sent to the
12 Department Chairman and District Chairman." That would be
13 fourth Friday of May. That was changed to the first
14 Friday in June. That was the change; right?

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Yes.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: The change was:
17 "The unit financial report along with the check shall be
18 immediately sent immediately to the Department Office not
19 later than the first Friday of June as designated by the
20 Poppy Chairman." That would be the change, from first
21 Friday of May to the first Friday of June.

22 Oh, yes, and a copy -- this is not a change.
23 "And a copy shall be sent to the Department Chairman and
24 District Chairman." So you want me to read it again so
25 you have it clear in its entirety? "Annual report forms

1 shall conform with standard time frames. Unit report
2 forms are to be sent to the District Chairman by the
3 second Friday in April. District report forms are to be
4 sent to the department by May 1st. The unit poppy
5 financial report along with the check shall be sent
6 immediately to the Department Office not later than the
7 first Friday of June as designated by the Poppy Chairman
8 and a copy shall be sent to the Department Chairman and
9 District Chairman."

10 That's the way it would read. Okay. That's in
11 the minutes. Are there any other things -- the other
12 thing is there's a couple places where
13 "secretary/treasurer" is changed to "secretary and
14 treasurer."

15 There's -- yes, on page 8: "Annual report forms
16 shall be mailed to the units by March 1st." Currently it
17 says to be sent by certified mail. That's being deleted,
18 being sent by certified mail.

19 Okay. And number 9 of the department code for
20 Finance is a change. "A fee of \$30," previously \$25,
21 "will be charged to any unit, district, department
22 officers and chairmen, past department presidents and
23 individual members who wish to receive bimonthly mailings
24 in paper form. All bimonthly mailings via mail will not
25 be charged." No, via email.

1 Okay. We've got all that straight. That was
2 part of the minutes. So if you accept the minutes, you
3 accept these changes I read with the exception of the \$30
4 fee which will come up later.

5 Okay? So is there any discussion or corrections
6 or any discussion, any questions?

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor
9 of accepting the minutes of the DEC meeting, please say
10 aye.

11 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no?

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. Okay.
15 Joan, you're ready for our Membership report?

16 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Next is the
18 Membership report. So if you received a note, join the
19 ladies over here on the side. I will ask for the Poppy
20 report next.

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22 MEMBERSHIP CONVENTION REPORT

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24 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: Unfortunately we
25 don't get a rehearsal for this. All right. Good

1 afternoon, Madam President. The convention committee on
2 Membership met on June 21st, 2018 in the Sequoia room in
3 the Crowne Plaza Convention Center in Sacramento,
4 California. The statistical report of this Chairman is on
5 page 20 of the Book of Reports. Toni Domondon, Unit 102,
6 District 11 was appointed secretary. Dolly Rios, Unit
7 202, District 8 offered prayer, and Robin Falkenberg, Unit
8 512, District 28 was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total
9 of 21 district delegates answered roll call. There were
10 five visitors present.

11 The committee agreed on the following report:
12 The code was read with no changes. A discussion was held
13 on waiving Department's portion of dues for female
14 veterans. By the direction of the committee, I move
15 female veterans who join as new members for the 2019
16 membership year, the department portion of dues be waived
17 for their first year of membership.

18 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Second.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Oh, sorry. I was
20 concentrating. You caught me not paying attention. By
21 the direction of the committee -- she said that. Okay.
22 I've got to find my place. Okay. She's made a motion to
23 waive the department dues for female veterans again,
24 continue to waive.

25 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: Right.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yeah. For the first
2 year, continuing. Okay. Are there -- and was there a
3 second. No, we don't need a second. I'm going to catch
4 up with it pretty soon now. So all those in favor -- oh,
5 no discussion. You want to talk about it? Okay. I
6 guess.

7 DISTRICT 25 1st VICE PRESIDENT KINZER: Cyd
8 Kinzer, District 25, Unit 262. I move to amend the motion
9 to add that to the Standing Rules.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: This is not a
11 permanent change because we only change it when National
12 changes it, and as soon as they stop their policy we will
13 no longer do it either. Well, I mean currently that's the
14 way that -- you know, we started this because National did
15 so we decided to do it too.

16 DISTRICT 25 1st VICE PRESIDENT KINZER: So what
17 do you want me to do? Withdraw my amendment?

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: If you wish to
19 continue the amendment, you have that option, yes. Okay.
20 An amendment has been proposed or moved that we add an
21 amendment to our Standing Rules to make this a permanent
22 ruling, to add it to the Standing Rules. Is there any
23 further discussion on the amendment?

24 (No response.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: If not, all those in

1 favor of this amendment, please say aye.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed?

4 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: No.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. One more
6 time. All those in favor say aye.

7 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those opposed?

9 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: No.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: I think the ayes
11 have it. So now we go back to the motion. Let me find it
12 again. There is a motion on the floor waiving the
13 Department's portion of the dues for female veterans as
14 along with the amendment. Any other discussion?

15 (No response.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor,
17 please say aye.

18 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Aye.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those opposed
20 say no.

21 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: No.

22 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: Presentation of
23 citations and awards for 100 percent reporting, second and
24 third place supplemental were handed out. The meeting was
25 adjourned at 10:40 a.m. Madam President, may I continue

1 with my supplemental?

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

3 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: Our units and
4 districts have worked hard this year to renew, rejoin, and
5 recruit many members. I wish to express my gratitude to
6 membership chairmen, membership area support team members,
7 and all members who believe membership is everyone's
8 responsibility.

9 Our units and districts used many methods to
10 renew, rejoin and recruit new members. Traditional
11 methods of telephone calls, letters, emails, newsletters
12 and now Facebook are used to engage. Out of the box
13 thinking from Unit 161 District 9 offered a free
14 membership for a member who paid by a set date. There
15 were early bird breakfasts, lunches, dinners at many units
16 and districts. Unit 777, District 25 gave a small gift to
17 members who recruited new members.

18 Area 5 which is comprised of districts 21, 22,
19 25, 29 and 30 meet collectively every other month. They
20 use this time to brainstorm ways to promote membership.
21 Unit 252 District 23 created a membership committee. They
22 planned their year's activities and continued working
23 membership throughout the year. District 29 has a
24 membership tea and their membership chairman does a small
25 workshop at meetings to promote civility during meetings.

1 I would like to congratulate Debra Butler, Unit
2 496 District 19. Debra is our membership star, the
3 Department of California's only Silver Brigade winner.

4 (Applause.)

5 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: Thank you, Debra,
6 for your dedication. Please stand up.

7 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN COOLEY-DESMEULES:
8 She's not here, but there is a member from 496 here.

9 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: Congratulations to
10 Debra. And that's 25 new senior Auxiliary members.

11 (Applause.)

12 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: All districts and
13 units reported they actively work to renew, rejoin as well
14 as find new members. The Department of California will
15 continue to grow our membership by serving our veterans,
16 military, and their families throughout our programs.

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

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes, you may.

20 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: First Place District
21 Supplemental goes to District 25 Cyd Kinzer, Chairman.

22 (Applause.)

23 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: Okay. Thank you.
24 First Place Unit Supplemental goes to Unit 253 -- 252,
25 sorry, District 23 Jackie Robinson, Anita Biggs Chairman.

1 (Applause.)

2 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: And this report was
3 forwarded to National for further judging.

4 (Applause.)

5 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: Okay. Let me get
6 the awards out so I'll be ready. Everybody would have ---
7 what everything in our membership chairman -- membership
8 chairman actually, we had everything filled, all the
9 awards so that was fantastic. So that's exciting, but
10 that means we have a lot of them.

11 The Ethel Flynn award, a citation to the unit
12 with the greatest numerical gain over goal at the close of
13 books, the Ethel Flynn is presented to Unit 421 Highland,
14 District 25 Cyd Kinzer, Chairman.

15 (Applause.)

16 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: The Estella Hannell
17 Memorial Award, a citation presented each year to the
18 district with the largest numerical increase from the
19 previous year's close of books to the Book of Reports for
20 the current year, the Estella Hannell Memorial Award is
21 presented to District 12 Victoria Ferreira-Allen,
22 Chairman.

23 (Applause.)

24 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: And they were 35.
25 Okay. The Edward Elks Memorial Award is Ann, so I'm going

1 to let her present it along with her check.

2 AEF CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: The Edward Elks Memorial
3 Award is a citation for \$100 to be used to promote the
4 program of Education. To earn this award you must have
5 received a Department Membership citation, a unit activity
6 report must have been filed with the District President,
7 activity report must show participation in Americanism,
8 Children & Youth, Education, Legislation, Poppy and
9 Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation and unit must have
10 written a supplemental report which shows the activities
11 in each program, hours spent and dollars spent. In the
12 name of my late husband, the Edward Elks Memorial Award is
13 presented to Unit 277 Placentia, District 29, Pat Alvarez,
14 Chairman.

15 (Applause.)

16 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: Okay. We're going
17 to hand out the Josie Melgard Awards now. So where are
18 the Josie Melgard girls? Okay. They're all coming. Come
19 on girls.

20 (Applause.)

21 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: Okay. We're going
22 to do it in district order if you don't mind. So the
23 Josie Melgard Awards are given to the unit president goal
24 plus two. Our first award goes to Vernon Jewel Danley,
25 Unit 218 District 4. Okay. District 4 you need to come

1 up since you already got -- nobody is here from District
2 4?

3 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: I
4 don't think so.

5 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Yeah, here
6 she comes.

7 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: Okay. Our next
8 Josie Melgard Award goes to Laguna Elk Grove Unit 233,
9 District 6.

10 (Applause.)

11 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: I don't think that
12 San Francisco -- there's nobody here from District 1. I'm
13 sorry. Okay. So we're going to San Francisco Unit 1,
14 District 8. Okay. Next one, my unit, yeah, the
15 McFall-Grisham Unit 249, District 11.

16 (Applause.)

17 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: Next Josie Melgard
18 Unit 83, District 12 Merced.

19 (Applause.)

20 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: Oakhurst Unit 110,
21 District 14.

22 (Applause.)

23 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: Cecil Cox Unit 147,
24 District 14.

25 (Applause.)

1 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Kern River
2 Valley Unit 711, District 18.

3 (Applause.)

4 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: Duarte Unit 830,
5 District 18.

6 (Applause.)

7 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: City of
8 Paramount Unit 134, District 19.

9 (Applause.)

10 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: Clyde F. Hager
11 Unit 465, District 19.

12 (Applause.)

13 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: And Lakewood Unit
14 495, District 19. Mira Loma Unit 500, District 21. Owen
15 Coffman Unit 519, District 21. Larry E. Bennett Unit 255,
16 District 22.

17 (Applause.)

18 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: Palisades Unit 283,
19 District 24.

20 (Applause.)

21 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: Highland Unit 421,
22 District 25.

23 (Applause.)

24 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: San Benito Unit 69,
25 District 28.

1 (Applause.)

2 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: Monterey Cypress
3 Unit 694, District 28. Santa Ana Unit 131, District 29.

4 (Applause.)

5 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: And the last one,
6 Placentia Unit 277, District 29.

7 (Applause.)

8 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: Congratulations.
9 That's a lot of hard work, goal plus two. And you know we
10 had 2 percent greater so it was a lot. So congratulations
11 to all the unit and the District Chairmen and all the
12 membership that really worked to get those members in. We
13 appreciate it.

14 (Applause.)

15 JOSIE MELGARD'S DAUGHTER: I just want to say in
16 the spirit of membership, our family helped to promote a
17 new one that is now being signed up on. Doreen's
18 daughter, Maggie, just had a little girl a week ago
19 Wednesday and her name is Josie Leanne.

20 (Applause.)

21 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: Almost done.
22 District 4 -- I will just like to take a minute to
23 acknowledge and introduce our Department Membership Area
24 Support Team. Area 1 Terry Mikesell, Area 2 Dolly Rios,
25 Area 3 Toni Domondon, Area 4 Becky Bullard, and Area 5

1 Carol Fuqua.

2 (Applause.)

3 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: And something to
4 remember. They are here to support you. If you ever need
5 help, they're only an email or a call away. Oh, and Area
6 6, you're right. She's already moving to -- oh, Jeri
7 Adams. Jeri Adams.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CANNON: And you're
10 right here in my notes. Thank you, ladies, for your
11 support to me, our members and our department. The
12 area -- the Fifth Area has a special presentation they
13 would like to make. Cyd Kinzer will kick off the
14 presentation.

15 DISTRICT 25 1ST VICE PRESIDENT KINZER: Okay. As
16 she said, my name is Cyd Kinzer. This year I was
17 fortunate enough to be the 5th Area Membership
18 Coordinator, and we do have a presentation to make for
19 Madam Department President. I just want to recap on what
20 Joan said in her report, that this -- we started meeting
21 back in 1988 and 1989 and it was founded by Past
22 Department President Beverly Sparks when she was
23 Department First Vice President. And the reason I just
24 wanted to give you a really quick history is because in
25 hopes that maybe some other areas might follow this

1 concept since we were struggling with membership.

2 We meet with the Legionnaires as a family and
3 then we break off while they continue their meeting. We
4 also -- it's a low-key meeting. We have opportunity
5 drawings every meeting and we share ideas between our
6 districts of how each district promotes their membership
7 and try to carry it on throughout the Fifth Area.

8 At the end of the year, the district, we have a
9 little competition within our five districts, and the
10 district with the highest membership stats comes at the
11 year end and has the opportunity to designate where the
12 money will go. This year's first place winner was
13 District 21.

14 (Applause.)

15 DISTRICT 25 1ST VICE PRESIDENT KINZER: Cathy
16 McCoy, the District 21st President and its members chose
17 to donate the money raised to Madam Department President's
18 special project, Paws for Purple Hearts. So will the
19 members of this areas please stand. District 21, 22, 29
20 and 30. Madam Department President, may they approach
21 your station? They already are, but -- Madam Department
22 President, on behalf of District 21 and the rest of the
23 Fifth Area, we present to you \$450.

24 (Applause.)

25 DISTRICT 25 1ST VICE PRESIDENT KINZER: And the

1 monies that were included in that check, that was
2 presented to them yesterday, so there's your empty
3 envelope.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: We're so fast, it's
6 already deposited.

7 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: Okay. Last award.
8 My final monetary award is \$75 goes to the district that
9 had no units with zero members by March 17th. So we're
10 going to have Madam Department President Loretta choose
11 this winner. So if you don't win, we know who to blame.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: I hope there's no
13 rotten tomatoes out there.

14 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: And the winner is
15 District 20. District 20.

16 (Applause.)

17 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN CANNON: I have your check.
18 Madam Department President Loretta, this
19 concludes my report.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. Thank
21 you very much. And thank you for the contribution that
22 was given to our puppies yesterday.

23 Okay. We're going to move on with the Poppy
24 report and hopefully we can move as quickly as possible.
25 We're really crunched for time because in less than an

1 hour, we need to prepare to retire our colors because we
2 need to be out of this room by 3:00 o'clock. We've got to
3 hustle.

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5 POPPY CONVENTION REPORT

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7 DEPARTMENT POPPY CHAIRMAN DURON: Good afternoon,
8 Madam President. I'm going to -- I'm going to start with
9 our committee meeting report. The convention Poppy
10 committee met on Thursday, June 21st in the Terrace number
11 2 room of the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Sacramento, California
12 at 9:00 a.m. The statistical report of this chairman
13 appears on page 22 of the Book of Reports. Jan McCormick,
14 District 13, was appointed secretary. Lois Cornish, and I
15 don't have the district, offered prayer, and Jean Paxton,
16 District 25, was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of
17 24 district delegates answered roll call with seven
18 visitors.

19 The code was read and the following change was
20 agreed upon by the committee. The current number 11 code
21 reads: "The original unit poppy financial report, along
22 with the checks, shall be sent immediately to the
23 Department Office no later than June 1st. A copy shall be
24 sent to the Department Chairman and District Chairman.
25 Unit and district report deadlines will be determined

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

3 Now before I proceed, I have a slight question.
4 In our committee meeting we did not word the change
5 exactly like the financial committee did. Do I read it as
6 we presented it or with the same wording that the
7 financial committee had?

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: The way you did it
9 in committee.

10 DEPARTMENT POPPY CHAIRMAN DURON: Okay. "The
11 original unit Poppy financial report along with the check
12 or checks shall be sent immediately to the Department
13 Office by the first Friday in June. A copy shall be sent
14 to the Department Chairman and District Chairman. Unit
15 and district report deadlines will be determined annually
16 by the Department Chairman with enough time to adhere to
17 the National deadline."

18 I move the acceptance of this code change by
19 direction of the committee.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: The code per report
21 currently reads: "The original unit Poppy financial
22 report along with the checks shall be sent immediately to
23 the Department Office no later than June 1st. A copy
24 shall be sent to the Department Chairman and District
25 Chairman. Unit and district report deadlines will be

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

3 There will -- it's changed to: "The original
4 unit Poppy financial report along with the check or checks
5 shall be sent immediately to the Department Office by the
6 first Friday in June. A copy shall be sent to the
7 Department Chairman and District Chairman. Unit and
8 district report deadlines will be determined annually by
9 the Department Chairman with enough time to adhere to the
10 National deadline." It's pretty much saying the same
11 thing, it's just a little different wording.

12 So it's been moved that we change the Poppy code
13 to read according to the changes. Any discussion?

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor
16 please, say aye.

17 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT POPPY CHAIRMAN DURON: Thank you.
21 Second and third place winners for unit and district
22 supplementals and the Poppy poster contest certificates
23 were included in the unit packets. Information was
24 presented to the committee by this Chairman regarding the
25 Poppy poster contest. There was a lot of confusion as to

1 the due date for the posters. The Department Poppy poster
2 contest rules gives a date of June 18, while the National
3 Program Action Plan gives a due date of June 1st to the
4 division -- I lost my place. To the division chairman.
5 It is recommended by the committee that the Poppy Chairman
6 next year change the due date for the Poppy poster entry
7 to coincide with the end-of-year reports. This will
8 provide ample time for judging and forwarding to the
9 division chairman.

10 This Poppy Chairman reported receiving less than
11 one half of the unit Poppy financial reports. This would
12 indicate a loss of 10 percent of the Poppy income to the
13 Department of California unless you sent it to Department
14 and then send it to me. District Chairman were encouraged
15 to follow up with the units in their districts to ensure
16 all Poppy financial reports are sent in. All winners will
17 be posted in the Department Convention Office.

18 Madam President, may I proceed with my
19 supplemental and first place awards?

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes, you may.

21 DEPARTMENT POPPY CHAIRMAN DURON: Wow, what a
22 year it was and I can say it was a year. Oftentimes I
23 find myself -- I find I may be asked to do something it
24 and agree to do it before considering or realizing all
25 that is involved. This was definitely true with the Poppy

1 program.

2 For instance, I know we order Poppy each year and
3 they are made by disabled veterans. Poppy orders are sent
4 in and they are received at a later date by the units.
5 What I did not know is that every year at the beginning of
6 the year, the Poppy production managers commit their
7 facility to make a certain number of poppies. The number
8 is generally based on how many Poppy makers each facility
9 has. Well, sometimes Poppy makers go back to work. When
10 this happens, however happy we are for the veteran, it
11 does slow down the production of poppies. This year two
12 of our facilities lost half their makers to employment. I
13 must --

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT POPPY CHAIRMAN DURON: I must say
16 though that the three facilities worked together as a team
17 to fulfill -- to fill the Poppy orders. These ladies are
18 extremely hard workers and we at the department are
19 grateful to have them working for us. I have truly found
20 them to be competent, committed, and dedicated to our
21 veterans. They have my admiration and appreciation.

22 I would like to thank the districts and units who
23 sent in their year-end reports and for the several
24 supplementals received by this Chairman. The creativity
25 displayed by our members and chairmen in distributing and

1 using the Poppy is phenomenal. It was extremely rewarding
2 to read about the many houses of the poppies and the crazy
3 amount of monetary donations received by the units.

4 The Department of California completed the year
5 with 19 districts and 119 units reporting with eight
6 districts receiving 100 percent reporting certificates.
7 District 5, 8, 11, 14, 15, 16, 24, and 25 received
8 certificates for 100 percent reporting. Our Poppy Mice
9 used their Poppy powers to generate new means of
10 successfully educating and promoting poppies within their
11 community.

12 Five districts had units participate in Poppy
13 usage contests, Poppy poster contests, and Poppy window
14 display contests. Several units entered Poppy displays
15 for convention. The Poppy program was promoted by passing
16 out the Poppy story, Poppy bookmark and poppies at
17 Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies honoring those
18 who have sacrificed for our country.

19 Poppies and bookmarkers were also given out at
20 city council meetings when requesting proclamations from
21 the Mayor. Units published articles in local newspapers
22 and post family newsletters explaining the meaning of the
23 Poppy and the uses of monies earned from donations.

24 Units report sending poppies to their members,
25 Legionnaires, and the Legion Riders which is proven to be

1 a successful tool in increasing poppy revenue. They have
2 given poppies at parades, car shows, social events, at
3 patriotic events within their cities. Poppies have been
4 used in wreaths, as centerpieces for Girls State
5 luncheons, Honor Flight breakfasts, dinners,
6 installations, and as table decorations. Legion Riders
7 reportedly have poppies on their motorcycles during
8 funeral escorts.

9 One unit reports bouquets were made and put on
10 the grave sites of 48 Auxiliary members as well as placing
11 316 flags on veterans grave sites. Another unit reports
12 making centerpieces using snack soup cups that were given
13 to students to be used as gifts for their mothers on
14 Mother's Day. 72 of the same arrangements were made and
15 given to veterans in convalescent homes.

16 Units have put displays in their post homes
17 whenever holding functions as well as in libraries and
18 post offices. Included in the displays were the Poppy
19 story and Flanders Field poem and Moina Michaels story.
20 One unit used poppies in a local highway dedication.

21 New member installations included a Poppy and the
22 Poppy story. Corsages were made using poppies for unit
23 and district installations. Members placed poppies and
24 the Poppy stories in breakrooms at their places of
25 employment. Head wreaths were made and given to young

1 girls.

2 Units visited schools offering the Poppy story
3 and bookmarkers taking advantage of the opportunity to
4 promote the Poppy poster contents. Units also report
5 ordering 612 sheets of Poppy Seals.

6 Of the 260 units in California, 62 units
7 increased their orders, 76 units decreased their orders,
8 and 122 units ordered the same amount as last year. The
9 total amount of poppies ordered to date for the State of
10 California is 267,089 poppies. This is a decrease from
11 last year by 1,394 poppies. The states of New Mexico,
12 Texas, and Idaho combined ordered 80,000 poppies from the
13 Department of California. This makes a grand total of
14 347,089 with an income of \$34,709 to our veterans.
15 Granted a portion of the poppies were made last year, but
16 they were carried over from then.

17 Throughout California members have been educating
18 and promoting the Poppy program in the many creative ways
19 listed above. Veterans and military families have been
20 supportive with donations made to the VA&R fund, Patient
21 Remembrance Fund, and Department and District special
22 projects. Supporting veterans, military families and
23 their children has been and always will be a main
24 objective of the members of the Department of California.

25 Serving as the Department of California Poppy

1 Chairman has been a rewarding experience as well as an
2 educational one for me. I feel I have grown as an
3 Auxiliary member and have gained more knowledge as a
4 result of this experience.

5 Madam President Loretta, I would like to thank
6 your for this appointment and the opportunity to serve
7 you.

8 Now I have my list here. Before I give the
9 awards for the Poppy posters, I would like to explain
10 something to all of you. Due to the conflict in the dates
11 I had sent out my bulletin requesting the Poppy reports at
12 an early date than they normal were accepted. I know that
13 this caused an issue for you because you had your Poppy
14 program already planned, and I do apologize for that.
15 However, my intent was so that we could submit reports to
16 National for judging, and because of that, these first
17 place winners have all been sent to National and they will
18 be judged there.

19 This certificate of appreciation is greatly
20 presented to Daniella Korea, First Place Poppy Poster
21 Class I, second and third grades.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT POPPY CHAIRMAN DURON: First Place
24 Poppy Poster Class III, grades 4 and 5, Miranda Wilson.
25 Do you ladies know which are yours? I think I have a

1 list. Which one is yours?

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT POPPY CHAIRMAN DURON: I know I have a
4 list somewhere. Some of the districts weren't listed or
5 the units. Okay. We'll move right along. First Place
6 Poppy Poster Class IV, grades 8 and 9, Serenity Emery.
7 We'll give these out to the correct districts.

8 First Place Poppy Poster Class V, grades 10 to 12
9 goes to -- oh, wait. Miranda Wilson. Sorry. We got
10 that. I made several of these. I don't know why.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT POPPY CHAIRMAN DURON: I tell you I've
13 been running around making certificates all weekend. So
14 let's see what we have here. Okay. We'll move on to
15 First Place District Supplemental goes to Kathy Mullen,
16 District 21.

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT POPPY CHAIRMAN DURON: First Place
19 Unit Supplemental goes to Renee Raymond, District 21 Unit
20 79.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT POPPY CHAIRMAN DURON: I would like to
23 thank the judges for the Poppy -- judging the Poppy
24 display. They were Anita Biggs, Linda Fercho, Linda
25 Workman. Who else? Harriet Clendenin and there was one

1 more. Oh, Susie Tozier. Okay. Thank these ladies. They
2 judged the Poppy posters -- Poppy displays. I'm really
3 glad I didn't have to do it because it was difficult.

4 First Place Poppy Display President's Theme goes
5 to Jeannie Glasador, Unit 52 District 21.

6 (Applause.)

7 DEPARTMENT POPPY CHAIRMAN DURON: For Free Form
8 the entries that were there did not meet the Poppy rules
9 so there was no first, second, or third place winners.
10 Sorry about that.

11 President's Choice For the Poppy Display, Unit
12 751 District 25 Michelle Banks.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT POPPY CHAIRMAN DURON: That's my
15 district, so good job. Madam President, this concludes my
16 report.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Next I'm calling up
20 Leadership. Don't panic. She's promised me she'd be
21 short. Followed by the Convention Commission Anita Biggs.
22 Time permitting we'll go to VA&R depending on how long
23 they take. Good.

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25 LEADERSHIP CONVENTION REPORT

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LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Good afternoon, everyone. The Leadership preconvention meeting was held on June 21st, 2018 in room Terrace number 1 of the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The statistical report of this chairman appears on page 19 of the Book of Reports. Debbie Fletcher, District 25 was appointed secretary. LuAnn Capazzi offered prayer, and Tracy Varnell-Fercho, District 16 was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 19 district delegates answered roll call and there were three visitors present.

The committee agreed upon the following report:
Meeting was opened with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. The code was read with no code changes.

(Applause.)

LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Discussion was held on the responsibility of being a chairman. Main focus was on the end-of-year reporting and the importance if you are a District Chairman that you must send to department your first place unit supplemental in a timely fashion and attach just in case it wins, the National award cover sheet. It's very important that you do that. And even if you don't think the unit supplemental is going to win, but it's the best you have, send it in any way because you really don't know. It might and so we want to give

1 everybody the opportunity to have the opportunity to
2 report their information.

3 And also remember on written reports, and I do
4 apologize again to District 18 very, very much, I truly
5 do, I know how hard you worked on those prayer books and I
6 truly do apologize for that, but we all make mistakes and
7 the best thing to do is to just try to admit and then make
8 it right and I hope we have. But be sure to only send one
9 unit supplemental along with your district report. Awards
10 were distributed, prizes were handed out.

11 Madam Secretary, may I continue with my remarks
12 and first place awards? Did I say that wrong?

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: You asked Terry and
14 she's not up here.

15 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Sorry. Madam
16 President Lady Bug, the Leadership of the Department --
17 wait. I don't have my people up here. I sent notes out.
18 Are they here? Oh, I want you on stage. Hurry. Okay.

19 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: It's your
20 mother.

21 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Yes, child. Okay.
22 Madam President Lady Bug, the Leadership of the Department
23 of California is alive and well and in very good hands. I
24 couldn't be prouder of everyone that received Leadership
25 certification this year. We certified and recertified

1 over 149 leaders. We have several members that took the
2 senior leadership course, but only one, Millie, and I
3 can't pronounce your last name, Zylstra Unit 106, District
4 25, congratulations, you passed.

5 (Applause.)

6 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN FERCHO: You know, this year
7 we took our show on the road and your Leadership team held
8 nine department workshops and we had a great time. We
9 went up and down the coast and everything. And it's truly
10 my pleasure and honor to introduce to you if you did not
11 know them, your leadership this year, aka, the Three
12 Stooges. Now I was Mo, Tracy was Curlie, and Jeri Adams
13 was Larry. And if you had the opportunity to go to one of
14 our workshops, you'll know why.

15 I want to thank -- I want to say thank you to all
16 of those chairman that hosted the workshops. It's a big
17 job and it's greatly appreciated and I put an appreciation
18 certificate in each of the folders from the pre-convention
19 meeting. And I want to say thank you to all the District
20 Chairman that reported, and congratulations to all those
21 that submitted supplemental reports. Even if you did not
22 win a first place, try again. Please don't get
23 discouraged. You just did an amazing job.

24 Actually, in all of the supplementals, unit and
25 district, were judged by a group of professionals in my

1 office. I work for a financial advisor, and also in
2 Tracy's facility where she has some teachers and
3 professors in an assisted living. So I did not judge any
4 of these, and I want to have that real clear right now.

5 And I gave out the second and third place unit
6 and district supplemental awards in the pre-convention
7 meeting and I also gave out a list of the certified
8 leaders in each district.

9 Now that was in those folders, and please look
10 that list over and if you have a certified leader in your
11 district that's not on the list, please add that and
12 hopefully by the end of this convention you will have
13 brought it to my attention and I will change the list
14 online. It hadn't been updated for several years, so it's
15 probably not complete. So I'd like to get that completed
16 for the next year's chairman.

17 Madam President Lady Bug, please may I give out
18 my first place awards? And I would like to -- oh, and I
19 would like to take just a minute though to read three
20 things that were submitted by Pat Alvarez and her daughter
21 Stacy. They submitted these with their supplemental
22 reports and I feel they are great words of wisdom and we
23 should all live by them.

24 And that is the seven quick happiness tips: One,
25 don't listen to gossip. Two, ignore what people say about

1 you. Three, design your own life. Four, look for the
2 good in every situation. Five, develop an attitude of
3 gratitude. Six, laugh more. Seven, once it's passed, let
4 it go.

5 Patience is not the ability to wait, but the
6 ability to keep a good attitude while you're waiting.

7 When some things go wrong, take a moment to be
8 thankful for the things that go right.

9 At this time I would like to thank you very much
10 for the appointment. I had so much fun this year meeting
11 up with all the ladies again and going up and down and
12 having a great time.

13 And my first place awards. There's a gift for
14 you. The box is a little beat up, but, you know, it's not
15 what's always on the outside, everybody. It's what's
16 inside that counts. And the First Place District Award
17 goes to Tamara Duron. Thank you so much. You did a great
18 job.

19 (Applause.)

20 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN FERCHO: And they did an
21 amazing job. And I think they're \$10 if they have any and
22 I recommend highly that every district try to get one of
23 those in their district. It was amazing.

24 And the First Place Unit Supplemental for
25 Leadership and this has gone on to National is Tracy

1 Varnell-Fercho. That's why I couldn't judge them.

2 (Applause.)

3 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN FERCHO: Madam President,
4 thank you so much again and this concludes my report.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you, Linda. I
7 know I said we'd try to do the VA&R, but I think it runs a
8 little too long for what time we have, so I'm going to
9 switch it -- that's my prerogative. I'm going to switch
10 it to Public Relations next.

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12 CONVENTION COMMISSION CORPORATION CONVENTION REPORT

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14 CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Thank you,
15 Madam President. Anita Biggs, Convention Commission
16 report. As you know our chairman has resigned due to
17 family illness and we lost a very capable leader in Bev
18 Sparks.

19 The ALA Convention Commission has been operating
20 most of this year in the dark. Oh, also I may acknowledge
21 the other commission member which is Melanie Taylor.

22 She's here with us up front. Yeah, you can give her a
23 hand. She deserves a hand.

24 (Applause.)

25 NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Yeah,

1 come on.

2 CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BIGGS: The ALA
3 Convention Commission had been operating most of this year
4 in the dark not going much about what was going on with
5 the American Legion. Bev Sparks and I were appointed to
6 the American Legion Convention Corporation representing
7 two Auxiliary votes. However, it looked dismal because we
8 could not make any of the meetings since they were all
9 called with short notice. I suggested to the chairman
10 that we have conference call meetings, which were enacted.
11 Our future looks greater with this reestablishment of the
12 American Legion Convention Corporation for the Department
13 of California.

14 The American Legion Convention Corporation
15 committee members along with the Convention City Chair and
16 Vice Chair, the current and next year's Auxiliary
17 Convention Chairman have been meeting weekly for the past
18 several months. The corporation will present to the
19 Legion that all future convention city requests must be
20 made in the form of a resolution to the Department for
21 consideration. The resolution must be in the form of a
22 bid to these convention city standing committee for review
23 and approval to move to the floor for a vote. We are
24 accepting any valid city bids at this time. So if your
25 city is interested, you know, make sure we get that

1 information.

2 As you know or may not know, next year's 2019
3 convention will be held in Ontario. The chairman is Diane
4 DeLashmit.

5 (Applause.)

6 CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Don't show
7 us that -- what was that face? The location for 2020 is
8 possibly Bakersfield.

9 (Applause.)

10 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN BIGGS: However,
11 that has not been confirmed, so there's some light there.
12 2021 has interest from Hollywood. That's very
13 interesting, don't you think? However, the resolution
14 will be presented at the 2019 convention. The convention
15 corporation will meet at this convention on Wednesday,
16 June 20th to discuss upcoming action and clarification.
17 The corporation bylaws from 2013 were reviewed. These
18 bylaws will be written and submitted to the California
19 Secretary of State for approval.

20 The American Legion Convention City Standing
21 Committee met Thursday, June 21st at the McClellan
22 Convention Center and Vice Chair Karl Risinger reported
23 that all cities requesting consideration for a convention
24 must be placed in the form of a resolution to the
25 department convention. So that has been moved forward.

1 The Committee also resolves to change the policy
2 of hosting conventions in a north-south alternating
3 pattern and propose to have one city be the host for three
4 consecutive years. They will be investigating to
5 determine if this can be accomplished. So it's not a --
6 it's not done yet. It is a goal to have conventions
7 planned for a minimum of five years in advance.

8 The committee has planned the next meeting for
9 July the 12th to assess the Sacramento convention, to
10 learn from mistakes and successes. There will be more
11 information to follow about the new structure of the
12 convention corporation and as it relates to the Auxiliary
13 Convention Commission.

14 Madam President, this concludes my report and
15 thank you so much for appointing me to the Convention
16 Commission. It's been a true learning experience.

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you, Anita.
19 Okay. Kathy is ready for her Public Relations report. I
20 have a little sonic wave here while she's getting
21 prepared. Martha's phone was on the finance table.
22 Somebody borrowed it to take a picture and forgot to
23 return it. Will the individual who borrowed it please
24 return it? Thank you.

25 Kathy Smith.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS CONVENTION REPORT

PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN SMITH: While they're passing those out, I want to apologize to Diane DeLashmit because I have my capris on because I packed the wrong pair of pants. So I'm on the stage in capris and I should not be. And I couldn't get my shoes on this morning because my feet are too fat. Swollen. Swollen. Diane taught us the right way to dress.

Good afternoon, Madam President. I'm going to start with my preconvention meeting report. The Public Relations preconvention meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. in the Terrace 4 room -- Terrace room 4 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Sacramento, California. Upon consent of the delegates the following were appointed: Gail McCafferty was secretary, Elise Spleiss, chaplain, Rosemary Weber, sergeant-at-arms. A prayer was given and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken showing 14 delegates and two guests present.

The code was read and approved with no changes. Citations for 100 percent reporting were handed out to District 9, 10, 12, 14, and 27. Awards were handed out to the second and third place winners. Several delegates present were new members and asked for clarification on

1 the chain of command. We took time to provide information
2 on the flow of information from Unit to District to
3 Department and finally to National.

4 We had Nancy Heinisch, our Western Division
5 National Public Relations Chairman present which gave a
6 clear picture of the different levels of our organization.
7 The meeting was adjourned in prayer at 10:00 a.m.

8 Madam Department President, this concludes my
9 committee report. May I continue with my supplemental
10 report?

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes, you may.

12 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you.
13 Where are my Foxes? I expect to hear from you. Come on,
14 Foxes. Your theme of Real Heroes Wear Dog Tags has been
15 fun and exciting. The Public Relations Foxes have heard
16 the good news of our great organization and have told
17 everyone all about it. Our members have enjoyed spreading
18 goodwill and providing services to veterans, military
19 families, youth, and the community throughout the
20 2017-2018 year.

21 Actually all members are Public Relation Foxes.
22 When we show our pride for the ALA and share about our
23 work for veterans, we are doing PR. Districts and units
24 are focused on creating opportunities to build membership
25 and create momentum and preparation of the upcoming

1 centennial year. Training workshops are abundant in the
2 department and they enhance Public Relations by providing
3 information because information is power.

4 This Chairman is very impressed to see the great
5 social media presence on E-news, Facebook, and Instagram
6 throughout the department. The members that aren't so
7 technology savvy continue to stay connected with local
8 newspapers and radio, some even reported TV coverage of
9 some of their activities.

10 In addition to social media calendars, the use of
11 newspaper calendars for local events is a popular resource
12 for advertising local meetings and events. We have 200
13 units with websites, 223 that subscribe to E-news, and 141
14 newspaper articles published from the districts reporting.
15 PSA's were used to advertise Stand Downs, ALA teas to
16 build membership, complete with fancy hats, 4th of July
17 parades and picnics, Memorial Day celebrations, Poppy
18 distribution and Veterans Day parades.

19 One unit had an anniversary party for the
20 American Legion's first 99 years, complete with a cake
21 decorated with the American flag. The local newspaper
22 coverage showed our members decked out in red, white, and
23 blue Americana apparel. There was also a chairman who
24 provided anti-bullying programs to teachers in the local
25 school district.

1 The ALA branding element is the biggest way we
2 spread the news of our organization through our numerous
3 pins and apparel. Utilizing Emblem Sales to get our
4 favorite items representing significant elements of events
5 and programs is a great way to represent and spread
6 awareness. Items such as pins, patches, and hats are
7 great ice breaker conversations that allow us to provide
8 information to those we meet as we attend events or even
9 in daily activities.

10 One unit chairman describes their best Public
11 Relations as boots on the ground. Another chairman said
12 we have to get out of our comfort zone and be creative so
13 we can continue to grow. If you see Susie Morgan around
14 the convention, you should ask for her autograph. She is
15 a celebrity. She was quoted in the November 2017 ALA
16 magazine saying: "My favorite memories are taking our
17 veterans to the VA to apply for benefits that they never
18 knew they were entitled to, some after 50 years of
19 waiting, and seeing their smiles when they get their
20 benefit letters. And taking some of them to get their
21 percentages raised to 100 percent."

22 She didn't even know she was going PR when she
23 said it. This is what PR is all about. It is simple but
24 so very important. Show pride and spread goodwill. We
25 are so proud of you, Susie Morgan. She's going to kill me

1 for this.

2 Thank you, Madam President Loretta, for this
3 assignment. It has been an honor, a fun and fulfilling
4 year serving as your Department Public Relations Chairman.
5 May I continue with my first place awards?

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes, you may.

7 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you.
8 Okay. The First Place District Supplemental goes to
9 Connie Biggers, District 16.

10 (Applause.)

11 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you. And
12 it was all forwarded to National.

13 (Applause.)

14 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN SMITH: The First Place
15 Unit Supplemental goes to Rosemary Todd, Unit 457 District
16 27.

17 (Applause.)

18 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN SMITH: And also for
19 Rosemary Todd is the best overall Public Relations
20 program.

21 (Applause.)

22 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN SMITH:
23 Congratulations. Madam President, may I approach your
24 station for a presentation?

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes, you may. My

1 press book for 2017-'18.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you.

4 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN SMITH: This concludes
5 my report.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you, Kathy. I
7 bet you are wondering why I decided not to do VA&R. I
8 wanted to explain. At the end of it we introduce our reps
9 and depts, and I do not want to cut their time short
10 because they deserve all the accolades and honor. So at
11 this time we'll have -- we'll catch up, do a catch up
12 here. Earlier today I asked for the Editor's report and
13 then we got sidetracked and went on to something else, so
14 we'll catch up on that now.

15 And if the people that are going to retire the
16 colors, if you can very, very quietly assemble in the back
17 of the room.

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19 EDITOR CONVENTION REPORT

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21 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: For the past two years
22 this committee has looked into various options to continue
23 or not being part of the California Legionnaire. We have
24 looked into our own newspaper and we have looked into
25 being once again a part of the Legionnaire.

1 While the printing of the paper is minimal cost,
2 the biggest expense would be the mailing. At an estimate
3 of 25 percent of the membership requesting a hard copy of
4 any paper, we have found this not to be feasible.

5 We suggested an option of like the ALA National
6 has an E-bulletin, we do as well. This free service will
7 get information to the units quickly as we'll need a
8 committee to be successful. We recommend a committee to
9 include an editor, assistant editor, the web master, and
10 the secretary. If members in the units or districts
11 request a hard copy, we ask that the other members in the
12 units or districts print them and hand them out.

13 With this option we request that the chairman
14 send us current and pertinent information on a timely
15 manner. As units and districts are encouraged to submit
16 articles and pictures, we could have a page possibly
17 labeled around the department to showcase events that you
18 are welcome to submit. We suggest a bimonthly every other
19 month that the E-bulletin would be available. We
20 specially will encourage the committee that fall into
21 these two months to submit. For example, in the May issue
22 would be a ton of information regarding poppies. Are
23 there any questions?

24 (No response.)

25 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: Is that a no?

1 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: She's
2 moving to accept this recommendation; right?

3 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Madam
4 President, Nancy Brown-Park, Past National President. So
5 do I understand that this is a recommendation, not an
6 election?

7 DEPARTMENT EDITOR AVINA: Yes.

8 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: So to speak
9 to it, I think I spoke the other day about the importance
10 of getting out to our members and I think this is a really
11 good first step. So I would encourage our incoming or our
12 new Department President to form a committee as
13 recommended and then go from there. I think it's a
14 really, really good first step. Thank you, Madam
15 President.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: I think our
19 goal is and our objective is to get our brand out, to get
20 our message out what we do, why we're here, and why we
21 matter, and this is a really good first step to get
22 communication back into our unit members' hands.

23 (Applause.)

24 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: No motion.

25 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: We can make

1 a motion.

2 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: She can. Go
3 ahead.

4 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: If you
5 want to act on it, you make a motion. If it's a
6 recommendation --

7 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: We wanted to
8 start immediately.

9 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: Okay. So I move that
10 we accept this new committee.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: And move forward on
12 it.

13 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN AVINA: And move forward on
14 it.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. There's a
16 motion on the floor to accept the recommendation -- the
17 recommendation of the ad hoc committee and move forward on
18 it. Any discussion?

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor
21 of accepting this recommendation and moving forward,
22 please say aye.

23 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed?

25 (No response.)

1 (Applause.)

2 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CLENDENIN: Yay. Thank
3 you.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. That's
5 it? Okay. We have a few sonic waves. And if you haven't
6 gone to the back yet to retire colors, please make sure
7 you're back there.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Okay. If you
9 were one of Bonnie Cristner's Prom Princesses and would
10 like to donate, please send it to Linda Fercho on the
11 stage.

12 Linda Workman has the shirts. Those of who you
13 ordered shirts, you can pick them up in the back from
14 Linda Workman after she's done being Miss DG.

15 And once again there's a youth party at McClellan
16 Conference Center from 5:00 to 8:00 with game trucks,
17 shaved ice, and pizza. And as transportation, I'm not
18 touching that one again. Thank you.

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20 RECESSIONAL OF DISTRICT & UNIT COLORS

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22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Sergeant-at-Arms and
23 Marshal and Color Bearers, please retire the unit and
24 district colors. You might have to go single file.

25 (Processional.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: That didn't take as
2 long as I had planned on it taking. And we can't waste a
3 half hour, it's too precious.

4 Kathie, can you do your report in a half hour if
5 you have the ladies and all that? Let's go for it then.

6 (Applause.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you, ladies,
8 though. Thank you very much. I'm not complaining because
9 it was so quick.

10 Do you want your hospital and depts and reps to be
11 assembled?

12 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: I've already indicated
13 when I would like for them to come up for introductions.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: So reps and depts,
15 can you go to the back of the room there and be prepared
16 when Kathie calls for you. Thank you.

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18 VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION CONVENTION REPORT

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20 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Okay. Let me see if I
21 can get this microphone set right. Okay. Madam
22 President, the convention committee on Veterans Affairs &
23 Rehabilitation met on June 21st, 2018 in the Sycamore room
24 of the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Sacramento, California. The
25 statistical report of this chairman appears on page 24 of

1 the Book of Reports.

2 Norma Billings, District 23, was appointed
3 secretary, Becky Bullard, District 19, offered prayer, and
4 there was no sergeant-at-arms. A total of 23 district
5 delegates answered roll call. There were six visitors
6 present.

7 Meeting opened according to the ritual. The code
8 was read and the following changes were recommended: Code
9 10 currently reads: "The Department Secretary/Treasurer
10 shall notify the Department Chairman on an annual basis
11 the current cost of all pins available for VA&R program.
12 The cost shall include tax and handling expenses. The
13 Department Chairman shall post on the Department website
14 the updated forms for Hospital Certification and Veterans
15 Service Pin Certification. Copies will be mailed to
16 Hospital Representatives who do not have access to the
17 website. Only Hospital Representatives are authorized to
18 purchase hospital pins. New volunteers shall receive an
19 identification patch with her pin. Patches are supplied
20 free of charge by the Department. 2014."

21 Proposed change to read: "The Department
22 Secretary shall notify the Department Chairman on an
23 annual basis the current cost of all pins available for
24 VA&R program. The cost shall include tax and handling
25 expenses. The Department Chairman shall post on the

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

9 Madam President, by the direction of the
10 committee, I move the adoption of this change.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: There is a motion on
12 the floor to change code 10, and I won't read the whole
13 thing again because here again we're just separating the
14 Secretary/Treasurer and making it read Department
15 Secretary only. Is there any discussion?

16 (No response.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor
18 of this code change, please say aye.

19 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed no.

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: 8B currently
24 reads: "Representatives who don't receive any monies from
25 any source other than Department allowances will send a

1 letter to the Department Secretary/Treasurer and
2 Department VA&R Chairman stating no other funds are
3 received and it is not cost-effective for them to open a
4 bank account. 2011."

5 Recommended change: "Representatives who don't
6 receive any monies from any source other than department
7 allowances will send a letter to the Department Secretary
8 and Department VA&R Chairman stating no other funds are
9 received and it is not cost-effective for them to open a
10 bank account."

11 Madam President, by direction of the committee I
12 move the adoption of this change.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: There's a motion on
14 the floor to change the code 8B. And here again it's
15 simply to drop the Secretary/Treasurer and make it simply
16 say Department Secretary. Is there any discussion?

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: All those in favor
19 of this code change, please say aye.

20 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you. Motion
24 carried. Thank you.

25 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Madam President, there

1 were some housekeeping changes. Would you like me to read
2 them or just have them given to the Secretary for
3 correction into the code?

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Just read
5 through them. They don't need a vote, but just read
6 through them.

7 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Okay. Under Medical
8 Center Gift Shops/Patient Remembrance, we need to put a
9 space between "sent" and "will" on line 2.

10 In the Service to Veterans Code we need a space
11 between "Department" and "Direction."

12 In the Awards section, replace the word "and"
13 with a semicolon after "service" in line two.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay.

15 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Madam President, by
16 direction of the kitty -- committee. By direction of the
17 committee, I move the adoption of these code changes.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: We don't need to
19 make a motion for these housekeeping.

20 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Good because this kitty
21 is done.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: We don't want to
23 have you say that again.

24 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Thank you very much.
25 Okay. Where am I at? 100 percent reporting certificates

1 were presented to District 6, 7, 11, 13, 18 and 29.
2 Certificates of appreciation and/or participation were
3 presented to all districts reporting. Second and third
4 place awards were given in committee. This concludes my
5 committee report. May I continue with my supplemental and
6 first place awards?

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Yes.

8 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Thank you. Madam
9 President, as we recognize that Real Heroes Wear Dog Tags,
10 Not Capes, it was amazing to see and hear what the units
11 and districts accomplished this past year. The Ms.
12 Fantastics of this department put our superhero strength
13 into action for our veterans. We stretched our arms,
14 budget, time, energy, resources, and donations to ensure
15 that all of our veterans, activity duty military, and
16 their families were taken care of. Our hospital
17 representatives and deputies fully encompassed their role
18 as Busy Bees as they volunteered their time in our
19 hospitals, clinics, homes, and outpatient facilities.

20 Districts along with our units continued in the
21 caregiver support program by visiting skilled nursing
22 facilities where they sat with veteran patients on a
23 biweekly schedule. A day at the lake was provided by one
24 district. Many dinners, barbecues along with walk for
25 vets were held to support veterans and their families.

1 One unit discovered that dealing with a veteran
2 suffering from PTSD can be overwhelming for the family.
3 The unit implemented a PTSD care give support program to
4 help those dealing with this disorder understand and cope
5 with the many aspects of it. Another unit member has
6 taken it upon herself to be with a veteran 24/7 as he
7 fights stage IV lung cancer. Service to our veterans is
8 what we are, what we do, and how we believe.

9 One unit supported a family that was burned out
10 of their home not once, but twice. Food, meals, clothing,
11 and furniture were but some of the items donated to this
12 family. An adult foster care facility was forced to
13 closed down and they donated what they had to a Vietnam
14 veteran and his family to furnish a mobile home that they
15 had just received.

16 Boxes were sent to our servicemen and women
17 overseas containing such items as knitted helmet liners,
18 -- I had never heard that; that is awesome -- the front
19 and sports pages of the local newspapers along with the
20 necessary cookies and such. Many of our veterans have
21 gone back to or started college and our members make meals
22 for them on a regular basis.

23 A PTSD dog training program has been initiated by
24 one unit. This program trains a dog to assist the veteran
25 suffering with PTSD. These special dogs are trained for

1 approximately one year before they are introduced to the
2 veteran, then there is additional training to ensure that
3 the fit is right. Other units have taken on the task of
4 providing the homeless with comfort mats which are plastic
5 bags that are crocheted into mats for them to sit or lie
6 on. The bags are donated by various grocery retail
7 stores.

8 Quilts of Honors is the main project of one unit.
9 This past year 85 quilts were presented to the POWs of
10 Hanoi Hilton and their rescuers, the Son Tay Raiders at
11 the NAM POW conference in Texas. The Paralympics hosted
12 at a local VA facility showcased our handicapped veterans
13 in truly competitive contests. I'm telling you those
14 vets, they -- I wouldn't want to go up against them.

15 In addition, our members have donated and
16 volunteered to Fisher House, Habitat for Humanity,
17 Creative Arts and Support the Enlisted Program, STEP,
18 Texas flood relief, quilts and lab robes for nursing
19 homes, cards made and delivered by our Junior members to
20 the VA facilities. Our Legion family members have
21 volunteered for Meals on Wheels, sewing, crocheting,
22 ironing, doing laundry, wherever the need, our members are
23 there.

24 Units/districts organized and volunteered at
25 several Stand Downs, donating countless hours, supplies

1 and moral support for those in attendance. Clothing from
2 local casino lost and found lockers were donated to be
3 distributed at the Stand Downs by two districts.
4 Blankets, sleeping bags and other items of need, along
5 with food, toiletries and other personal items were also
6 donated and distributed as well.

7 Stand Downs are constantly changing. Lessons are
8 learned at each and every one and the needs of the
9 veterans in the community will always dictate what we need
10 to do to help. One district which has no local veterans
11 facility has organized a Stand Down committee that works
12 year-round collecting donations from local merchants to
13 assist in the Stand Down at a neighboring county's
14 veterans village for homeless women. Many units have
15 partnered with other local facilities to enable them to
16 have what is needed when it is needed. Donations for
17 victims of the local fires, enabling a veteran to send his
18 granddaughter to Girls State, supporting warming rooms
19 with sleeping bags, coffee, and hot chocolate. Gift cards
20 for groceries, rent assistance, toys, clothes, and gifts
21 for Christmas are among the many things our units have
22 accomplished so far this year.

23 To date the Department of California along with
24 our Legion Posts, Sons and Riders have volunteered over
25 312,000 hours with the force of 5,000 volunteers,

1 collected and donated \$147,000 and over \$452,000 of in
2 kind donations for our veterans. Temporary financial
3 assistance totaled over \$13,000 for our veterans in
4 desperate need.

5 The members of the Department of California truly
6 embrace our mission statement of service, not self in
7 supporting our veterans, active duty, reserve military.
8 We do what we do because of who we are and we will never
9 know the full extent of what we do for our veterans, their
10 families, and our communities.

11 Madam President, at this time I would like to
12 present the first place awards. First Place -- First
13 Place Unit Supplemental presented to Pat Alvarez, Chairman
14 Placentia Unit 277, District 29.

15 (Applause.)

16 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: First Place District
17 Supplemental presented to Judy Samples, District 25,
18 Chairman.

19 (Applause.)

20 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: And where did -- I
21 missed a list. I do have the list of the second and third
22 place winners which will be posted in the Department
23 Office. I did not bring it up here; I do apologize, Madam
24 President.

25 At this time with the assistance of the

1 Sergeant-at-Arms, Marshal, and Distinguished Guest
2 Chairman, may I ask that our Busy Bees be presented.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Sergeant-at-Arms and
4 Marshal, along with the Distinguished Guest Chairman,
5 please present the Busy Bees, our reps and depts.

6 (Processional.)

7 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Ladies, these Busy Bees
8 are awesome. The things that they do at the hospitals,
9 the clinics, the nursing homes is absolutely amazing.

10 (Applause.)

11 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: And I -- they are in no
12 particular order that I can see so when I -- because when
13 I read your name and if you're here, would you please step
14 forward? Fort Miley San Francisco, Lorraine Sylvan, rep.
15 Not here. June Jackson, not here. Tammy Manini I know is
16 not here. Kathleen Sullivan, not here. Okay. Yeah,
17 nobody from Fort Miley.

18 Okay. Sierra Foothills OPC. Bonnie Chavoya.
19 Bonnie's not here. I thought she was here earlier. Okay.
20 Next -- I know this one is here. From Mather, Wendy
21 O'Brien.

22 (Applause.)

23 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Redding OPC Barbara
24 Dailey. She's not here. Fairfield OPC Kelli Germeraad.
25 Okay. Fresno rep Sandy Dowell.

1 (Applause.)

2 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: I know Sandy is here.
3 Deputy Sandy Ann Raymond. Barbara Novack. Where did all
4 our Honorary -- Gloria Sinopoli. Where is Gloria
5 Sinopoli?

6 (Applause.)

7 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Tulare, are we here?
8 I'm going to announce it anyway. Marjorie Boyer. Palo
9 Alto Menlo Park Connie Raya, rep.

10 (Applause.)

11 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Sandy Jacob.

12 (Applause.)

13 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: I know I saw Sandy.
14 There she is. Pat Klang. No longer. Arlene. And
15 Michelle is -- Arlene? There she is.

16 (Applause.)

17 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Arlene Muller. I'm
18 sorry. Arlene Muller. I forgot we had two of them. Is
19 Michelle up here? She went home. Okay. Livermore Grace
20 Huston.

21 (Applause.)

22 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: And we are working on
23 getting Grace some help because she needs it.

24 HOSPITAL REP HUSTON: Thank you, thank you. In
25 lots of ways.

1 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: I'm not going to go
2 there. I -- San Diego Susie Tozier, rep.

3 (Applause.)

4 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Irma Manthei. Barbara
5 Love.

6 (Applause.)

7 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Were the deputies. And
8 we just lost our honorary rep Phyllis Holmberg.

9 (Applause.)

10 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Yeah, that was a hard
11 one to take. Our WAVE Clinic Lois Cornish, our Poppy
12 production manager.

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: I am the WAVE.

14 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: You are the WAVE. They
15 have you in San Diego. We got this. Loma Linda Mavis
16 Kanka, rep. Arlene Barton, deputy.

17 (Applause.)

18 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Take another bow,
19 Arlene, you deserve it. Long Beach Pat Alvarez, rep and
20 Poppy production manager.

21 (Applause.)

22 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Becky Bullard. I know
23 she's right here. Deputy. Busy, Busy Bee. Los Angeles
24 Earlean Paige, rep.

25 (Applause.)

1 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Susie Johansen and Vi
2 Walquist as deputies.

3 (Applause.)

4 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: West LA Ambulatory.
5 Diana is not here. We all have Kathy Harris Richardson in
6 our prayers at this point. East LA, Pat Jackson-Kelley is
7 not here. She's the rep out there. Also Pam Hicks, the
8 deputy at East LA, had surgery here recently and is
9 convalescing. Please let's send all of our prayers and
10 love to her as well. Also Mary Chaba is a rep out of East
11 LA -- or deputy also.

12 Sepulveda, Julie Strange. Is she -- no. Barbara
13 Goodlow, Bakersfield.

14 (Applause.)

15 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Dorothy Davis, Santa
16 Maria.

17 (Applause.)

18 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Cal Vets Homes. Angie
19 Acosta Barstow. Not here. I know this one is here. Lois
20 Cornish, Chula Vista.

21 (Applause.)

22 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Lancaster Linda Hayes.

23 (Applause.)

24 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Madeline Lee, Ventura.

25 (Applause.)

1 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: West LA Deloris Artis.

2 (Applause.)

3 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: And Marissa Naler Jones.

4 (Applause.)

5 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Yountville Peggy Grabski
6 and Melanie Taylor.

7 (Applause.)

8 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: I got Terry in Redding.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Well, I'm here.

10 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Okay. I did not forget
11 -- heaven forbid I forget Terry, let me tell you.

12 Ladies, I did my best to make sure this list was
13 accurate. I got some replies, didn't get others. Give
14 these wonderful ladies a standing round of applause.
15 Thank you. They deserve it.

16 (Applause.)

17 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Okay. Madam President,
18 Madam President, that concludes my report and thank you so
19 much for this wonderful opportunity. It has been an honor
20 and a pleasure to serve in this capacity.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Thank you.

22 Remain just a second and relinquish your microphone to
23 Pat.

24 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: I've been told again.

25 HOSPITAL REP ALVAREZ: As usual since midyear

1 we've taken up a collection between the reps and deps for
2 the VA&R Chairman, so you get this one. It's easy to
3 unwrap, just put your finger through.

4 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Put my Busy Bee through.
5 Oh, bags. I like bags until they're all taped together.
6 Oh, my. "Superhero rules: Protect others. Always wear a
7 cape. Set a good example. Be kind. Don't forget your
8 mask. Be brave and strong. Help others. Have no fear.
9 Be extraordinary."

10 (Applause.)

11 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: This is all of you. You
12 ladies are awesome. Thank you. Oh, thank you. I'm
13 hurrying. I'm hurrying. "Although" -- I can't read this.

14 DEPARTMENT PAGE CHANEY: "Although we're not
15 sisters from birth, we are sisters at heart."

16 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: "Although we're not
17 sisters from birth, we're sisters at heart."

18 (Applause.)

19 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: And that is very true
20 for everybody. Thank you. Home of the brave. It's an
21 eagle. I love eagles.

22 (Applause.)

23 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Okay. And I've been
24 told this is it, Madam President, so I can get off your
25 stage. This is a really nice place to get thrown out of,

1 let me tell you. I don't mind this place. Plastic. I
2 like plastic. Thanks for everything and this is from all
3 of the reps and depts with a shopping card.

4 (Applause.)

5 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Ladies, my love to you
6 all. Thank you for everything that you do.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Thank you, Pat.

8 VA&R CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Now I'm done.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Will the
10 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal and the Distinguished Guest
11 Chairman make her way to the stage and the
12 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal escort the ladies, please.
13 We're going to take it just a couple minutes out of the
14 way and then we'll be done.

15 (Processional.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Just a really
17 quick flash here and let Linda get her report out of the
18 way and then we'll be done for the day.

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20 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN CONVENTION REPORT

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22 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Madam
23 President and delegates, it has been super serving as your
24 Distinguished Guest Chairman this year. We started out
25 flying in your -- flying in at your installation where we

1 began another year of servicing our veterans in military
2 with super powers only Auxiliary members can. It was tons
3 of fun assisting you and the members and guests at the
4 National Convention in Reno, but your super powers did not
5 help me at the casino. What a great time we had with our
6 Western Division National Vice President Nancy Michalski.
7 I can never forget how to say her name now. Michalski.
8 She and her husband Ron fit in as they were old friends.
9 That and she was definitely a California girl when she
10 danced the night away with the best of us.

11 Our National President Diane's visit to
12 California was a whirlwind weekend. I want to thank those
13 members of Southern California for all their assistance in
14 acting as DG for me. Diane is also a longtime friend, so
15 her visit was like a weekend reunion. Thanks to the
16 districts for preparing lovely events for each of us
17 members to attend. You girls did a fabulous job. Thank
18 you very much.

19 That brings us here to Sacramento for our
20 outstanding convention. And a big thank you to the
21 convention committee for being so helpful with the opening
22 ceremonies and the banquet preparations for tonight.
23 Wendy, you and your crew have done a fabulous job.

24 (Applause.)

25 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: I'm -- I

1 know that this will bring back super memories for you,
2 Madam President.

3 And now it's time for Workman's thoughts to
4 ponder. Okay. So three drunks are standing on top of the
5 Empire State Building looking down at the street far
6 below. The first drunk says to the other two: You know,
7 it's a funny thing about the wind currents up here. A
8 person can jump off of this building and circle right
9 around and not even hit the ground. The wind will carry
10 you right back up here to the top of the building. The
11 second drunk says he doesn't believe him. He says: No
12 way; you're crazy.

13 But the first drunk says: I'm serious; watch.
14 So he jumps off the building, he floats through the air
15 and the wind carries him right back up to where he was on
16 the top of the building.

17 The second drunk is amazed and says: Wow, let me
18 try that. So he jumps off the building and he falls
19 helplessly to the street below and he lands with a
20 horrible noise and he's killed instantly. The third drunk
21 looks at the first one and says: You know, Superman, you
22 can really be a jerk when you're drunk.

23 That concludes my platform remarks.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: That's a good way to

1 end the day. Okay. We have a sonic message, supersonic
2 wave.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY MIKESELL: Okay. This sonic
4 wave -- listen up, ladies. Please pick up your trash and
5 belongings and exit quickly. We need to break down the
6 room. Glenda. Okay. Thank you.

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ADJOURNMENT

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10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARSH: Okay. Ladies, thank
11 you. This session is in recess until 8:00 o'clock
12 tomorrow morning. Unless we want to be here until 4:00
13 o'clock, we'll start at 8:00.

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(The American Legion Auxiliary Convention
was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.)

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1 STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
2) ss.
3 COUNTY OF STANISLAUS)
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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 99th Annual
9 Convention was taken Saturday, June 23, 2018, 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 99th 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 99th 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 15th day of July, 2018, at Modesto,
23 California.

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25 _____
Karen A. Aufdermaur, CSR No. 10919