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2 DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA

3 100th ANNUAL CONVENTION

4 FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2019; 9:05 A.M.

5 ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA

6  
7 CALL TO ORDER

8  
9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: This convention is  
10 now in session. I request everyone that has cell phones  
11 to turn them off or on vibrate. If your phone rings, you  
12 will be fined \$5 that will go to the Department  
13 President's Special Project. And I and the veterans thank  
14 you in advance for your generosity.

15 I am going to request the Sergeant-at-Arms shut  
16 the two doors to the right and left of this podium. The  
17 doors I would like everyone to use to enter is my far  
18 right, the far right by the Ways & Means. That's the door  
19 that we will use to come in and out. And please leave  
20 these doors closed to not disrupt any speakers. So I  
21 appreciate that. Thank you very much.

22 Our Department Chaplain Donna will offer  
23 invocation.

24  
25 INVOCATION

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1 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN SMITH: Let us pray. Dear  
2 Lord, struggling for solutions amidst different  
3 personalities can seem impossible. Thankfully we are not  
4 expected to be perfect. So as we sit here today, let us  
5 release the bind of blame in exchange for accord. Help us  
6 to enjoy disagreement and strive with kindness and love.  
7 Grant us peace and remember we are pursuing the same goal  
8 as family. And we thank you for your servicemen and women  
9 and we ask that you protect them as they protect us. We  
10 thank you for our members assembled here and pray you will  
11 bless their many works. Be with us we pray. Amen.

12 DELEGATES: Amen.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: May we observe a  
14 moment of silence in honor of our loved ones and those  
15 gone to be with their heavenly father.

16 (Moment of silence.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Our Department  
18 Secretary Harriet Clendenin will call the roll call.

19  
20 ROLL CALL

21  
22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Good morning,  
23 everybody.

24 DELEGATES: Good morning.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: President Joan

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1 Cannon.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Present.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Vice President

4 Kathie Martinez.

5 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Good

6 morning.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Good morning.

8 Secretary Harriet, not here. Treasurer Ruby Kapsalis.

9 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Here.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: NEC Loretta

11 Marsh.

12 NEC WOMAN MARSH: Here.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Chaplain Donna

14 Smith.

15 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN SMITH: Amen.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Historian Jean

17 Cooley-Desmeules.

18 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: Good

19 morning.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Good morning.

21 Sergeant-at-Arms Rosemary Weber.

22 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS WEBER: Present.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: I'm sorry.

24 Parliamentarian Diane DeLashmit.

25 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: The Aster is here. A

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1 little droopy, but I'm here.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Assistant  
3 Sergeant-At-Arms Cece Harvey.

4 ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS HARVEY: Present. I'm  
5 here.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Good morning.  
7 Finance Committee Chairman Brenda Preston.

8 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PRESTON: Here.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Finance  
10 Committee One Year Martha Romano.

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE 1Y ROMANO: I'm here.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Finance  
13 Committee Two Year Kae Orcutt.

14 FINANCE COMMITTEE 2Y ORCUTT: Present.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Advisory  
16 Committee Chairman Anita Biggs.

17 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Good morning,  
18 Harriet.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Good morning,  
20 Anita. Committee Member Linda Fercho.

21 COMMITTEE MEMBER FERCHO: Good morning.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Good morning.  
23 Committee Member Terry Mikesell.

24 COMMITTEE MEMBER MIKESELL: She's here.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Americanism Tami

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1 Bell.

2 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: Here.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: AEF Linda Hayes.

4 Excused. Children & Youth Gloria Williams.

5 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Here.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Sorry. Gloria?

7 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Here.

8 Present.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Community  
10 Service Glenda Schultz.

11 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Here.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Constitution &  
13 Bylaws Kim Vincent. Constitution & --

14 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Present.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.  
16 Convention Commission Anita Biggs.

17 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN BIGGS: Good  
18 morning again, Harriet.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Two Year Member  
20 Wendy O'Brien.

21 CONVENTION COMMISSION 2Y MEMBER O'BRIEN: Hello.  
22 Good morning. Over here in the boonies.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Three Year  
24 Member Linda Fercho.

25 CONVENTION COMMISSION 3Y MEMBER FERCHO: Good

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1 morning again.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Okay.

3 Credentials Sharon Moore.

4 CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN MOORE: Present.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Distinguished  
6 Guest Chairman Linda Workman. Does that mean she's here?  
7 Linda? She's here. Editor Geni Lefler.

8 EDITOR CHAIRMAN LEFLER: Present.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Education Tamra  
10 Duron. She's here. Elections Rachel Carnelison-Baltad.

11 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN CARNELISON-BALTAD: Present.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.

13 Girls State Chairman Tammy Sollazzo.

14 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN SOLLAZZO: Here.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Girls State  
16 Director Elissa Kirkland. She's excused. Junior  
17 Activities Maureen O'Brien-Sacco.

18 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN O'BRIEN-SACCO:  
19 Present.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Junior  
21 Conference Director Mindy Sinclair. Absent. Leadership  
22 LuAnn Capazzi.

23 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: Here.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Legislative  
25 Loretta Marsh.

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1           LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MARSH: Here.

2           DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Membership  
3 Kathie Martinez.

4           MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Here.

5           DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Support Area 1  
6 Terry Mikesell. She's here. Support Area 2 Dolly Rios.

7           SUPPORT AREA 2 RIOS: Here.

8           DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Support Area 3  
9 Deborah Straight.

10          SUPPORT AREA 3 STRAIGHT: Here.

11          DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Support Area 4  
12 Becky Bullard.

13          SUPPORT AREA 4 BULLARD: Here.

14          DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Support Area 5  
15 Debbie Fletcher.

16          SUPPORT AREA 5 FLETCHER: Here.

17          DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Support Area 6  
18 Geri Adams. Music Nancy Heinisch.

19          MUSIC CHAIRMAN HEINISCH: Present.

20          DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: National  
21 Security Ann Philcox.

22          NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: That's me.

23          DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you. Past  
24 Presidents Parley Susie Tozier.

25          PPP CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Present.

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1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Poppy Tracy  
2 Varnell-Fercho.

3 POPPY CHAIRMAN VARNELL-FERCHO: We're not done  
4 booming. The purple poppy is in the house.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Resolutions  
6 Melanie Taylor.

7 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: The flower girl is  
8 here.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Rules Donna  
10 Scott.

11 RULES CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Here.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: VA&R Dee Ann  
13 Graham.

14 VA&R CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Here.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Ways & Means  
16 Marion Rocha-Carlos.

17 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN ROCHA-CARLOS: Present.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Committee Member  
19 Jeri Johnson.

20 COMMITTEE MEMBER JOHNSON: We're still working.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Committee Member  
22 Leslie Vondra.

23 COMMITTEE MEMBER VONDRA: We are still working  
24 for our veterans.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Personal Page

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1 Marcia Munroe.

2 PERSONAL PAGE MUNROE: Present.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Personal Page  
4 Grace Huston.

5 PERSONAL PAGE HUSTON: Here.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District  
7 Presidents. District 1, Alison Robbins is excused.  
8 District 2, Judy Henderson is excused. District 3, Lola  
9 Ramey.

10 DISTRICT 3 PRESIDENT RAMEY: Here.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 4, Jean  
12 Edson.

13 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT EDSON: Yes. Here.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.  
15 District 5, Lynn Jewell.

16 DISTRICT 5 PRESIDENT JEWELL: Present.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 6,  
18 Glenda Schultz.

19 DISTRICT 6: Good morning, Madam President. You  
20 are my sunshine, my only sunshine. You make me happy when  
21 skies are gray. You'll never know, dear, how much I love  
22 you. Please don't take my sunshine away.

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: So I take it  
25 you're here. District 7, Joanne Shope.

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1 DISTRICT 7: Good morning, Madam President. We  
2 look for a cause, not for applause.

3 (Applause.)

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 8,  
5 Teresa Canonizado.

6 DISTRICT 8 SECOND VICE PRESIDENT CANONIZADO:  
7 [Inaudible].

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 9,  
9 Dolly Rios.

10 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: Here.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 10, Liz  
12 Parshall.

13 DISTRICT 10: Good morning, Madam President. You  
14 are the sunshine that makes us grow.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 11  
17 Deborah Straight.

18 DISTRICT 11: We're District 11 and we're here to  
19 say: Joan's our president all the way.

20 (Applause.)

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 12,  
22 Victoria Ferreira-Allen.

23 DISTRICT 12: Good morning, Madam President.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 13,  
25 Cece Harvey.

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1 DISTRICT 13: Good day, Madam President.  
2 District 13 is well groomed and all our flowers are in  
3 bloom.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 14,  
6 Geni Lefler.

7 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT LEFLER: We are very  
8 present and in full bloom and we'll continue to grow.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 15, Dee  
10 Ann Graham.

11 DISTRICT 15 PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Good morning,  
12 Madam President. [Inaudible] gave me the shirt off their  
13 back and promised to be here tomorrow.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 16,  
15 Glenda Powell.

16 DISTRICT 16: [Inaudible] is here for the  
17 blooming convention.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 17,  
20 Yvonne Sarcedo.

21 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT SARCEDO: Good morning,  
22 Madam President.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 18,  
24 Patricia Martinez.

25 DISTRICT 18: Good morning, Madam President. The

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1 18th District is here.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 19,  
3 Jean Cooley-Desmeules.

4 DISTRICT 19: Good morning, Madam President.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 20,  
6 Mahala Beery.

7 DISTRICT 20: Good morning. The District 20 is  
8 here and our veterans are happy and served well. Freedom  
9 blooms all around.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 21,  
11 Cathy McCoy.

12 DISTRICT 21: Good morning, Madam President.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 22,  
14 Susie Tozier.

15 DISTRICT 22: Our flowers are blooming.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 23,  
17 Valerie Hill.

18 DISTRICT 23: Good morning, Madam President. The  
19 flowers are blooming.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 24,  
21 Deloris Artis.

22 DISTRICT 24: Good morning, Madam President. The  
23 24th Department wishes you an awesome convention.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 25, Cyd  
25 Kintzer.

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1           DISTRICT 25: [Inaudible] and then our awesome  
2 our hearts were filled with pride to see our Auxiliary  
3 members all working side by side. Good morning, Madam  
4 President.

5           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you.

6           (Applause.)

7           DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 26 is  
8 excused. Oh, District 26, Peggy Toye.

9           DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE: She is absent. She's  
10 doing a battle on the George Washington mural project.

11          DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.

12 District 27, Norma Billings. Is District 27 --

13          PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAPAZZI: Yeah, they're  
14 over there in the corner.

15          DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 28,  
16 Molly Smith.

17          DISTRICT 28 PRESENT: Tiptoe through the poppies,  
18 through the poppies, District 28 will tiptoe through the  
19 poppies with you.

20          (Applause.)

21          DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 29,  
22 Carol Borgman.

23          DISTRICT 29: We love Joan. Oh, yes, we do. And  
24 now you're leaving us and we are blue. Our flowers are  
25 growing now, thank you. To our Joan, we'll miss you.

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1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 30, Kim  
3 Vincent.

4 DISTRICT 30: Good morning to you. Good morning  
5 to you. We're all in our places with smiles on our faces.  
6 Good morning to you. Good morning to you.

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Reps and deps.  
9 Fresno VA, Sandra Dowell.

10 VA REP DOWELL: Good morning.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Livermore, Grace  
12 Huston.

13 VA REP HUSTON: Here.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Loma Linda,  
15 Mavis Kanka. Long Beach, Pat Alvarez.

16 VA REP ALVAREZ: Here.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Los Angeles,  
18 Earlean Paige.

19 VA REP PAIGE: Present.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.  
21 Nevada, Bonnie Chavoya. Mather, Jennifer Turner.

22 VA REP TURNER: Good morning.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Good morning.  
24 Palo Alto, Connie Raya.

25 VA REP RAYA: Present.

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1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: San Diego, Susie  
2 Tozier.

3 VA REP TOZIER: Present.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Fort Miley,  
5 Laurie Sullivan is excused. The Cal Vet Homes. Barstow,  
6 Angie Acosta.

7 VA REP ACOSTA: Present.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Fresno, Rosalie  
9 Taylor.

10 VA REP TAYLOR: Good morning, Ms. Harriet.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Good morning.  
12 Lancaster, Linda Hayes. Excused. She's excused. I  
13 remember. Redding, Terry Mikesell. She's here.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: She's here.

15 VA REP MIKESELL: I'm here.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Ventura,  
17 Madeline Lee. West LA, Deloris Artis. Yountville, Peggy  
18 Grabski. In Chula Vista, Lois Cornish.

19 VA REP CORNISH: I'm here.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.  
21 Madam President, that concludes your roll call.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you. We are  
23 going to have a little change in our program. We are  
24 delighted to be able to have some Girls State  
25 presentations today, so next we're going to have Tammy

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1 Sollazzo, our Girls State Chairman will do a report.

2  
3 GIRLS STATE CONVENTION REPORT  
4

5 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Good morning,  
6 ladies. Madam President, I've forgotten my committee  
7 report so I'm going to wing it. The Convention Committee  
8 on Girls State called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. on  
9 June 27th in the Juniper Room of the Ontario Airport  
10 Hotel. The statistical report of this Chairman appears on  
11 page 21 of the Book of Reports. Lori Comrada, District 22  
12 was appointed secretary. Stella Detrich, District 18  
13 offered prayer, and Janet Haynes, District 6 was appointed  
14 Sergeant-at-Arms. There were 20 district delegates and  
15 four visitors present.

16 The committee agreed upon the following reports.  
17 We read the code and code was -- there was a motion moved  
18 by PPD to accept those changes, a second by Gloria Jean  
19 Sinopoli. It was passed in committee. There were no  
20 resolutions, no recommendations, and awards were  
21 presented.

22 Madam President, that concludes my committee  
23 report. May I now read my convention? Oh, Madam  
24 President, I'm sorry. May I now present the committee's  
25 proposed code changes, please?

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: You may. Thank  
2 you.

3 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN SOLLAZZO: Thank you. I am  
4 not going to read the whole code. I am going to read our  
5 proposed changes. So here is our first one. It's No. 10  
6 of the code change: "The Department Chairman's expenses  
7 shall be adopted in the annual budget. 1993." That is  
8 what we currently have.

9 What is proposed is: "The Department Chairman  
10 and Director's expenses shall be as adopted in the annual  
11 budget. 2019."

12 No. 11. The Girls State funds --

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Tammy, you have to  
14 move to accept that.

15 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN SOLLAZZO: Oh, so after  
16 every one?

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes.

18 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN SOLLAZZO: All right. All  
19 right. So I make a motion that we accept the proposed  
20 change. Do I have to read it again?

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: No.

22 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN SOLLAZZO: Okay.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Is there a second?

24 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Second.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: It has been moved

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1 and seconded to change Code 10 of the Girls State code:  
2 "The Department Chairman's expenses shall be as adopted in  
3 the annual budget. 1993."

4 The proposed change: "The Department Chairman's  
5 and Director's expenses shall be as adopted in the annual  
6 budget. 2019." Any discussion?

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those  
9 in favor say aye.

10 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Those opposed say  
12 no.

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion carried.

15 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN SOLLAZZO: Okay. No. 11.  
16 This is simple. "The Girls State funds shall be  
17 administered by the Department Secretary/Treasurer.  
18 1993."

19 Proposed: We remove "Secretary." I move we  
20 accept the proposed change.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: It has been moved  
22 that Code 11 of the Girls State code: "The Girls State  
23 funds shall be administered by the Department  
24 Secretary/Treasurer. 1993."

25 Proposed change: We are removing "Secretary" to

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1 be the "Treasurer." Any discussion?

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those  
4 in favor say aye.

5 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Those opposed say  
7 no.

8 (No response.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion carried.

10 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN SOLLAZZO: Thank you. Okay.  
11 No. 12. This currently reads: "Upon completion of the  
12 project by the Girls State Committee for the ensuing year,  
13 said budget shall be sent to the Department  
14 Secretary/Treasurer and Finance Committee for review and  
15 approval of the Finance Committee not later than October  
16 10th. The budget shall be recorded on the form provided  
17 by the Finance Committee. Said budget to be approved by  
18 the Mid Year Department Executive Committee. 2012."

19 We propose that we remove "Secretary." "Upon  
20 completion of the project by the Girls State Committee for  
21 the ensuing year, said budget shall be sent to the  
22 Department Treasurer and Finance Committee for review and  
23 approval of the Finance Committee not later than October  
24 10th. The budget shall be recorded on the form provided  
25 by the Finance Committee. Said budget to be approved by

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1 the Mid Year Department Executive Committee. 2019."

2 I move we accept the proposed changes.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: It has been  
4 moved that we change Code 12 of Girls State code. The  
5 current code: "Upon completion of the project by the  
6 Girls State Committee for the ensuing year, said budget  
7 shall be sent to the Department Secretary/Treasurer and  
8 Finance Committee for review and approval of the Finance  
9 Committee not later than October 10th. The budget shall  
10 be recorded on the form provided by the Finance Committee.  
11 Said budget to be approved by the Mid Year Department  
12 Executive Committee. 2012."

13 Proposed change. And we're removing "Secretary"  
14 again so it will just be "Treasurer." "Upon completion of  
15 the project by the Girls State Committee for the ensuing  
16 year, said budget shall be sent to the Department  
17 Treasurer and Finance Committee for review and approval of  
18 the Finance Committee not later than October 10th. The  
19 budget shall be recorded on the form provided by the  
20 Finance Committee. Said budget to be approved by the Mid  
21 Year Department Executive Committee. 2019."

22 Any discussion?

23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those  
25 in favor say aye.

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1 ALL PRESENT: Aye

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion carried.

3 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Okay. Thank you.

4 13: "Authorization for purchases shall be requested by  
5 the Girls State Director through the use of voucher  
6 requests for purchases. The request shall be sent to the  
7 Department Secretary/Treasurer for approval of available  
8 funds. If funds are available, the Secretary/Treasurer  
9 shall approve the request and purchase may be made by the  
10 director. 2016."

11 And we propose to remove the word "Secretary."  
12 Move we accept the proposed change.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Code 13 of Girls  
14 State budget current reading: "Authorization for  
15 purchases shall be requested by the Girls State Director  
16 through the use of voucher requests for purchases. The  
17 request shall be sent to the Department  
18 Secretary/Treasurer for approval of available funds. If  
19 funds are available, the Secretary/Treasurer shall approve  
20 the request and purchase may be made by the director.  
21 2016."

22 The proposed change will remove the word  
23 "Secretary." Any discussion?

24 (No response.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those

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1 in favor say aye.

2 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Those opposed say  
4 no.

5 (No response.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion carried.

7 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Thank you.

8 Number 14: "Itemized bills and receipts shall be  
9 submitted to the director and then sent to the Department  
10 Secretary/Treasurer for payment. 2005."

11 Proposed: Remove "Secretary." I move we accept  
12 the proposed changes.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Girls State Code 14  
14 currently reads: "Itemized bills and receipts shall be  
15 submitted to the director and then sent to the Department  
16 Secretary/Treasurer for payment. 2005."

17 The proposed change is to remove the word  
18 "Secretary" and just leave "Treasurer." Any discussion?

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those  
21 in favor say aye.

22 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Those opposed say  
24 no.

25 (No response.)

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: The motion carries.

2 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Number 15. It  
3 currently reads: "Every effort is to be made by the  
4 Director and Chairman to have all receipts filed in the  
5 Department Office so that bills can be paid prior to the  
6 annual audit. All expenses for the current year shall be  
7 submitted within 45 days following the close of the  
8 current session. Store inventory and office supply  
9 inventory must be submitted at this time. 2016."

10 And it's proposed: "Every effort is to be made  
11 by the Director and Chairman to have all receipts filed in  
12 the Department Office so that bills can be paid prior to  
13 the annual audit. All expenses for the current year shall  
14 be submitted within 45 days following the close of the  
15 current session. Store inventory and office supply  
16 inventory must be submitted at this time. 2019." I'm  
17 sorry. It should be "office inventory."

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Instead of "store  
19 inventory"?

20 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Yes. It had a  
21 typo. Sorry.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. Code number  
23 15 --

24 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: I didn't move  
25 that.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Sorry.

2 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: I move we accept  
3 the proposed change.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. Code 15 of  
5 Girls State Code: "Every effort is to be made by the  
6 Director and Chairman to have all receipts filed in the  
7 Department Office so that bills can be paid prior to the  
8 annual audit. All expenses for the current year shall be  
9 submitted within 45 days following the close of the  
10 current session. Store inventory and office supply  
11 inventory must be submitted at this time. 2016."

12 The proposed change: "Every effort is to be made  
13 by the Director and Chairman to have all receipts filed in  
14 the Department Office so that bills can be paid prior to  
15 the annual audit. All expenses for the current year shall  
16 be submitted within 45 days following the close of the  
17 current session. Office inventory must be submitted at  
18 this time." Any discussion?

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, all  
21 those in favor say aye.

22 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

24 (No response.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion passes.

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1           GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Number 16: "All  
2 accrued funds with balances shall remain in the funds  
3 account. The Chairman's allowance is a direct charge  
4 against the Girls State account. 1993."

5           It is proposed: "All accrued funds with balances  
6 shall remain in the funds account. The Chairman and  
7 Director's allowances are a direct charge against the  
8 Girls State account. 2019."

9           I move we accept the proposed change.

10          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Girls State Code  
11 18 -- 16. It currently reads: "All accrued funds with  
12 balances shall remain in the funds account. The  
13 Chairman's allowance is a direct charge against the Girls  
14 State account. 1993."

15          Proposed change: "All accrued funds with  
16 balances shall remain in the funds account. The Chairman  
17 and Director's allowances are a direct charge against the  
18 Girls State account. 2019." Any discussion?

19          (No response.)

20          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those  
21 in favor say aye.

22          ALL PRESENT: Aye.

23          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

24          (No response.)

25          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion carried.

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1           GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Okay. Number 17:  
2 "In the event there is a deficit in the operation period,  
3 the amount of the deficit will be transferred from the  
4 General Fund until the time funds are available from the  
5 Girls State Reserve Funds to repay General Fund with  
6 written approval of the Department President, the  
7 Department Secretary/Treasurer, and the Finance Committee.  
8 2000."

9           And for ease, all we are doing is removing the  
10 word "Secretary." I move we accept the proposed changed.

11           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Girls State Code 17  
12 currently reads: "In the event there is a deficit in the  
13 operation period, the amount of the deficit will be  
14 transferred from the General Fund until the time funds are  
15 available from the Girls State Reserve Funds to repay  
16 General Fund with written approval of the Department  
17 President, the Department Secretary/Treasurer, and the  
18 Finance Committee. 2000."

19           The proposed change is to remove the word  
20 "Secretary" and leave just "Treasurer." Any discussion?

21           (No response.)

22           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those  
23 in favor say aye.

24           ALL PRESENT: Aye.

25           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

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1 (No response.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion carried.

3 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Okay. Number 18:  
4 "Create new General Ledger income account in the Girls  
5 State program entitled Donate Enrollment Fees. These fees  
6 are not for girls already enrolled by Units, but are  
7 donated funds from outside sources for Units to use who  
8 may have girls to go but no funds to send them. The  
9 General Ledger Account shall be restricted funds. The  
10 recipient of these grants shall be selected by the Girls  
11 State Director and Girls State Chairman with the  
12 concurrence of the Department President. 2008."

13 We now propose: "The General Ledger income  
14 account in the Girls State program entitled Donate  
15 Enrollment Fees shall be restricted funds. These fees are  
16 not for girls already enrolled by Units, but are donated  
17 funds from outside sources. If Units do not have  
18 sufficient funds to send a delegate they may apply for a  
19 Girls State Enrollment Fee Grant. The recipient of these  
20 grants shall be selected by the Girls State Director and  
21 Girls State Chairman with the concurrence of the  
22 Department President. 2019."

23 I move we accept that proposed change.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Girls State Code 18  
25 currently reads: "Create new General Ledger income

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1 account in the Girls State program entitled Donate  
2 Enrollment Fees. These fees are not for girls already  
3 enrolled by Units, but are donated funds from outside  
4 courses for Units to use who may have girls to go but no  
5 funds to send them. The General Ledger Account shall be  
6 restricted funds. The recipient of these funds direct  
7 shall be selected by the Girls State Director and Girls  
8 State Chairman with the concurrence of the Department  
9 President. 2008."

10 Code change: "The General Ledger income account  
11 in the Girls State program entitled Donate Enrollment Fees  
12 shall be restricted funds. These fees are not for girls  
13 already enrolled by Units, but are donated funds from  
14 outside sources. If Units do not have sufficient funds to  
15 send a delegate they may apply for a Girls State  
16 Enrollment Fee Grant. The recipient of these grants shall  
17 be selected by the Girls State Director and Girls State  
18 Chairman with the concurrence of the Department President.  
19 2019." Any discussion?

20 (No response.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those  
22 in favor say aye.

23 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

25 (No response.)

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion carried.

2 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Okay. Number 20:  
3 "Final selection of representatives to Girls Nation will  
4 be made by the Girls State Committee upon recommendations  
5 of the Counselors and Staff members. All Citizens to be  
6 considered. Representatives to Girls Nation will submit a  
7 written report to the Girls State Director. 1995."

8 We propose: "Final selection of representative  
9 to Girls Nation will be made by the Girls State Committee  
10 upon recommendations of the Counselors and Staff members.  
11 All citizens to be considered. Upon their return, Girls  
12 Nation Senators will submit a written report to the Girls  
13 State Director. 2019."

14 I move we accept the proposed changes.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Girls State Code 20  
16 currently reads: "Final selection of representatives to  
17 Girls Nation will be made by the Girls State Committee  
18 upon recommendations of the Counselors and Staff members.  
19 All Citizens to be considered. Representatives to Girls  
20 Nation will submit a written report to the Girls State  
21 Director. 1995."

22 The proposed change: "Final selection of  
23 representative to Girls Nation will be made by the Girls  
24 State Committee upon recommendations of the Counselors and  
25 Staff members. All citizens to be considered. Upon their

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1 return, Girls Nation Senators will submit a written report  
2 to the Girls State Director. 2019." Any discussion?

3 (No response.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those  
5 in favor say aye.

6 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

8 (No response.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion carried.

10 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Thank you.

11 Number 21: "The Girls State Chairman, in consultation  
12 with the Department President, shall call a meeting of the  
13 Girls State Committee to be held as soon as possible but  
14 no later than October 1. The Secretary/Treasurer shall  
15 attend the Girls State Committee Meeting."

16 We propose: "The Girls State Chairman, in  
17 consultation with the Department President, shall call a  
18 meeting of the Girls State Committee to be held as soon as  
19 possible but no later than October 15."

20 I move we accept the proposed change.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Girls State Code 21  
22 currently reads: "The Girls State Chairman, in  
23 consultation with the Department President, shall call a  
24 meeting of the Girls State Committee to be held as soon as  
25 possible but no later than October 1. The

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1 Secretary/Treasurer shall attend the Girls State Committee  
2 Meeting."

3 The proposed change: "The Girls State Chairman,  
4 in consultation with the Department President, shall call  
5 a meeting of the Girls State Committee to be held as soon  
6 as possible but no later than October 15." Any  
7 discussion?

8 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madam Department  
9 President, I believe somewhere else in the code it states  
10 that the Secretary/Treasurer oversees the budget of the  
11 Girls State Committee, therefore I think it's a mistake to  
12 take the "Treasurer" out of this code. I think we should  
13 leave the Treasurer in.

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: What about the  
15 Secretary?

16 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: The Secretary  
17 doesn't need to be in.

18 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Is this for the  
19 committee meeting? For the committee meeting, that's the  
20 Secretary -- I mean the Treasurer needs to be there?

21 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yes. I amend the  
22 Code No. 21 to include the Secretary -- the Treasurer  
23 shall attend the Girls State Committee Meeting.

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Second.  
25 Second.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: It has been moved  
2 and seconded to change Girls State Code 21 in the original  
3 Girls State -- okay. Just a minute. We're amending the  
4 first motion to read: "The Girls State Chairman, in  
5 consultation with the Department President, shall call a  
6 meeting of the Girls State Committee to be held as soon as  
7 possible but no later than October 15. The Treasurer  
8 shall attend the Girls State Committee Meeting." Any  
9 discussion?

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those  
12 in favor say aye.

13 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Those in favor say  
15 no.

16 (No response.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Now we're going to  
18 vote on the -- Tammy's motion. The original code: "The  
19 Girls State Chairman, in consultation with the Department  
20 President, shall call a meeting of the Girls State  
21 Committee to be held as soon as possible but no later than  
22 October 1. The Secretary/Treasurer shall attend the Girls  
23 State Committee Meeting."

24 The proposed change: "The Girls State Chairman,  
25 in consultation with the Department President, shall call

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1 a meeting of the Girls State Committee to be held as soon  
2 as possible but no later than October 15. The Treasurer  
3 shall attend the Girls State Committee Meeting." Any  
4 discussion?

5 (No response.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those  
7 in favor say aye.

8 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion carried.

12 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Thank you. Okay.

13 22: "The Department Chairman may accept or reject any  
14 applicant if applications are not complete. 2009."

15 We propose: "The Department Chairman will review  
16 Girls State delegates' online uploaded information to be  
17 sure all information is complete. The Department Chairman  
18 may accept or reject any applicant if applications are not  
19 complete. 2019."

20 I move we accept the proposed change.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Girls State Code  
22 No. 22 currently reads: "The Department Chairman may  
23 accept or reject any applicant if applications are not  
24 complete. 2009."

25 The proposed change: "The Department Chairman

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1 will review Girls State delegates' online uploaded  
2 information to be sure all information is complete. The  
3 Department Chairman may accept or reject any applicant if  
4 applications are not complete. 2019." Any discussion?

5 (No response.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those  
7 in favor say aye.

8 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion carried.

12 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Thank you. Okay.

13 Number 24: "Unit procedures for Selection of Candidates:  
14 All materials and necessary information relative to the  
15 qualifications and methods of selection shall be presented  
16 to the school representative by the Unit Chairman or her  
17 substitute. The recommendation of candidates and  
18 alternates shall be made by the school faculty and  
19 provided to the sponsoring unit. Only the Unit shall have  
20 final approval of the recommendations, subject to any  
21 acceptance by the Department Chairman. Last year's Girls  
22 State Citizen may provide guidance in selection of the  
23 current candidate and may be included as part of the  
24 committee when interviews are scheduled. When the Unit  
25 has chosen the candidate, the fee and supporting documents

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1 shall be forwarded not later than March 31st as provided  
2 in the instructions. Publicity may be released indicating  
3 that the candidate has been chosen. If selected delegate  
4 and alternate, due to circumstances beyond their control,  
5 cannot attend the Girls State Session, a second alternate  
6 selected in the same manner shall attend to prevent  
7 forfeit of the Unit fee."

8 Proposed: "Unit procedures for Selection of  
9 Candidates: All materials and necessary information  
10 relative to the qualifications and methods of selection  
11 shall be presented to the school representative by the  
12 Unit Chairman or her substitute. The recommendation of  
13 candidates and alternates shall be made by the school  
14 faculty and provided to the sponsoring Unit. Only the  
15 Unit shall have final approval of the recommendations,  
16 subject to acceptance by the Department Chairman. When  
17 the Unit has chosen the candidate, the fee and transmittal  
18 form shall be forwarded to Department Office not later  
19 than March 31st as provided in the instructions.  
20 Publicity with parent/guardian consent may be released  
21 indicating that the candidate has been chosen. If  
22 selected delegate and alternate, due to circumstances  
23 beyond control, cannot attend the Girls State Session, a  
24 second alternate selected in the same manner shall attend  
25 to prevent forfeit of the Unit fee. 2019."

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1 I move we accept the proposed changes.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Girls State Code 24  
3 current reading: "Unit procedures for Selection of  
4 Candidates: All materials and necessary information  
5 relative to the qualifications and methods of selection  
6 shall be presented to the school representative by the  
7 Unit Chairman or her substitute. The recommendation of  
8 candidates and alternates shall be made by the school  
9 faculty and provided to the sponsoring unit. Only the  
10 Unit shall have final approval of the recommendations,  
11 subject to any acceptance by the Department Chairman.  
12 Last year's Girls State Citizen may provide guidance in  
13 selection of the current candidate and may be included as  
14 part of the committee when interviews are scheduled. When  
15 the Unit has chosen the candidate, the fee and supporting  
16 documents shall be forwarded not later than March 31st as  
17 provided in the instructions. Publicity may be released  
18 indicating that the candidate has been chosen. If  
19 selected delegate and alternate, due to circumstances  
20 beyond their control, cannot attend the Girls State  
21 Session, a second alternate selected in the same manner  
22 shall attend to prevent forfeit of the Unit fee."

23 Proposed change: "Unit procedures for Selection  
24 of Candidates: All materials and necessary information  
25 relative to the qualifications and methods of selection

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1 shall be presented to the school representative by the  
2 Unit Chairman or her substitute. The recommendation of  
3 candidates and alternates shall be made by the school  
4 faculty and provided to the sponsoring Unit. Only the  
5 Unit shall have final approval of the recommendations,  
6 subject to acceptance by the Department Chairman. When  
7 the Unit has chosen the candidate, the fee and transmittal  
8 form shall be forwarded to Department Office not later  
9 than March 31st as provided in the instructions.  
10 Publicity with parent/guardian consent may be released  
11 indicating that the candidate has been chosen. If  
12 selected delegate and alternate, due to circumstances  
13 beyond control, cannot attend the Girls State Session, a  
14 second alternate selected in the same manner shall attend  
15 to prevent forfeit of the Unit fee. 2019."

16 Is there any discussion?

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those  
19 in favor say aye.

20 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion carried.

24 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Okay. Just a few  
25 more. Number 25: "The signature page must be signed by

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1 the candidate and the Unit Chairman. When two or more  
2 units sponsor one candidate, only one signature page shall  
3 be forwarded. The unit responsibility for processing the  
4 signature page shall sign the form and the co-sponsoring  
5 unit or student shall attach their name, number, and  
6 signature on a separate sheet so that proper recognition  
7 may be given. 2016."

8 And we propose: "The signature page must be  
9 signed by the candidate and parent/guardian. 2019." I  
10 move we accept the proposed change.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Code 25 of Girls  
12 State current reads: "The signature page must be signed  
13 by the candidate and the Unit Chairman. When two or more  
14 units sponsor one candidate, only one signature page shall  
15 be forwarded. The unit responsibility for processing the  
16 signature page shall sign the form and the co-sponsoring  
17 unit or student shall attach their name, number, and  
18 signature on a separate sheet so that proper recognition  
19 may be given. 2016."

20 The proposed change: "The signature page must be  
21 signed by the candidate and the parent/guardian. 2019."

22 Any discussion?

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: I have a  
24 question, Joan. My question is very simple. Terry  
25 Mikesell, District 2. My question is why are you taking

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1 the unit out of this?

2 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Because  
3 everything is online. All the application process has  
4 been put online.

5 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay. Thank  
6 you.

7 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: So the  
8 information does not need to go back to the unit. It's a  
9 privacy issue.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Anything further?

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those  
13 in favor say aye.

14 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

16 (No response.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay.

18 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN SOLLAZZO: Twenty-six. And  
19 this is the heading of it: "Unit/Sponsors must adhere to  
20 the following instructions." And we have A through F.  
21 Here is E: "Has the responsibility of carefully checking  
22 the signature page to ensure that all the required  
23 signatures have been obtained by receiving the signature  
24 page from the candidate before forwarding the signature  
25 page to the Department Chairman. 2016."

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1           We propose to delete that section, Code 26e. I'm  
2 sorry. I move we accept the proposed change.

3           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: 26e: "Has the  
4 responsibility of carefully checking the signature page to  
5 ensure that all the required signatures have been obtained  
6 by receiving the signature page from the candidate before  
7 forwarding the signature page to the Department Chairman.  
8 2016." The proposed change, delete section E entirely.  
9 Any discussion?

10           (No response.)

11           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those  
12 in favor say aye.

13           ALL PRESENT: Aye.

14           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

15           (No response.)

16           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: The motion carried.

17           GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Awesome. Okay.  
18 So in light of that, the next proposal is to move F to E.  
19 So it's a housekeeping change. So I move to accept the  
20 proposed change.

21           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I didn't hear what  
22 you said.

23           GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: So because we  
24 deleted E, F will now become E.

25           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay.

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1 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: So I move that we  
2 accept that proposed change.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: All right. Girls  
4 State No. 26, we have to move F to E so then it will be A  
5 through E. Okay. Any discussion?

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Those in favor say  
8 aye.

9 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

11 (No response.)

12 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Okay. The next  
13 one is under "Director's Responsibilities." There is A  
14 through D. We would like to propose to add E to say:  
15 "Other duties as addressed in the Director's procedure  
16 book. 2019." I move we accept the proposed changes.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. Girls State  
18 Code 27 Director's Responsibilities, add E that states:  
19 "Other duties as addressed in the Director's procedure  
20 book. 2019."

21 Any discussion?

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those  
24 in favor say aye.

25 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Passes.

4 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Okay. There's a  
5 few more. This is number 28, and under 28 we have A, B,  
6 C, and D and we have -- this is D: "After arrival" --  
7 this is under "Delegate's Eligibility Responsibilities."  
8 Listen carefully, ladies. "After arrival at the session  
9 if the delegate is not willing to comply with the rules  
10 and requirements previously agreed upon, or if a situation  
11 arises which would be counterproductive to the session,  
12 the Director, at her discretion, shall have the right to  
13 return the delegate to her home immediately. The Director  
14 shall be required to notify the Unit of a returned  
15 delegate in writing within ten days after the close of  
16 session, providing complete details of the above  
17 situation. 2014."

18 We now propose: "After arrival at the session if  
19 the delegate is not willing to comply with the rules and  
20 requirements previously agreed upon, or if a situation  
21 arises which would be counterproductive to the session,  
22 the Director, at her discretion, shall have the right to  
23 return the delegate to her home immediately. The Director  
24 shall be required to notify the Unit of a returned  
25 delegate in writing within ten days after the close of

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1 session, providing complete details of the above  
2 situation. The Director will also provide the Unit with  
3 the delegates' parent/guardian signature page so the Unit  
4 may try to seek reimbursement of the Delegate fees paid by  
5 the Unit. 2019."

6 I move we accept the proposed change.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Girls State Code  
8 28: "Delegates Eligibility Responsibilities: D. After  
9 arrival at the session if the delegate is not willing to  
10 comply with the rules and requirements previously agreed  
11 upon, or if a situation arises which would be  
12 counterproductive to the session, the Director, at her  
13 discretion, shall have the right to return the delegate to  
14 her home immediately. The Director shall be required to  
15 notify the Unit of a returned delegate in writing within  
16 ten days after the close of session, providing complete  
17 details of the above situation. 2014."

18 Proposed change: "After arrival at the session  
19 if the delegate is not willing to comply with the rules  
20 and requirements previously agreed upon, or if a situation  
21 arises which would be counterproductive to the session,  
22 the Director, at her discretion, shall have the right to  
23 return the delegate to her home immediately. The Director  
24 shall be required to notify the Unit of a returned  
25 delegate in writing within ten days after the close of

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1 session, providing complete details of the above  
2 situation. The director will also provide the Unit with  
3 the delegates' parent/guardian signature page so the Unit  
4 may try to seek reimbursement of the Delegate fees paid by  
5 the Unit. 2019."

6 Any discussion?

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those  
9 in favor say aye.

10 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion carried.

14 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Okay. Ladies,  
15 last one.

16 (Applause.)

17 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Okay. These are  
18 the School Faculty Guidelines, and this is E: "Candidates  
19 and delegates who are married, pregnant or have children  
20 shall not be considered because family needs would  
21 naturally be a priority over attending the conference. As  
22 a result, the conference would likely not to be completed  
23 or would be disrupted and the resources and benefits of  
24 the conference would be wasted when other students could  
25 have attended. 2011."

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1           It is now proceed: "Candidates and Delegates who  
2 are pregnant shall not be considered due to health issue  
3 liabilities. 2019." I move we accept the proposed  
4 change.

5           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Girls State School  
6 Faculty Guidelines E currently reads: "Candidates and  
7 delegates who are married, pregnant or have children shall  
8 not be considered because family needs would naturally be  
9 a priority over attending the conference. As a result,  
10 the conference would likely not to be completed or would  
11 be disrupted and the resources and benefits of the  
12 conference would be wasted when other students could have  
13 attended. 2011."

14           The proposed change: "Candidates and Delegates  
15 who are pregnant shall not be considered due to health  
16 issue liabilities. 2019." Any discussion?

17           (No response.)

18           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those  
19 in favor say aye.

20           ALL PRESENT: Aye.

21           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Those opposed?

22           (No response.)

23           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion carried.

24           (Applause.)

25           GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Thank you. Madam

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1 President, may I continue with my convention report?

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I'm already half an  
3 hour late to the Legion so I'm going to have to leave. So  
4 I'm asking our Department Vice President Kathie Martinez  
5 to assume the station.

6 (ProceSSIONAL.)

7 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: I will now  
8 continue with my report. Hello from Girls State  
9 literally. This Chairman has had an exciting year. We  
10 had our Girls State committee meeting in October. All  
11 committee members including Director, Chief Counselor,  
12 Department American Legion Auxiliary President, Department  
13 ALA President Elect, and our Girls State Advisor were in  
14 attendance. Our Girls State code was reviewed and changes  
15 were made and presented to the membership. Our budget was  
16 reviewed, recommendations were made and it was approved at  
17 our midyear conference in January. The committee  
18 discussed and we reviewed duties for our  
19 chairman/director, chief counselor, and each of our  
20 committee members. I would like to thank our amazing  
21 committee members. And I would ask them to stand, but  
22 they're all at Girls State.

23 This year it was decided that that we would  
24 further automate our Girls State process, the starting  
25 point at the application process. To go along with the

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1 automation, the Girls State counseling staff created a  
2 ten-minute video about a day in the life of a Girls State  
3 citizen. The video was included at the beginning of the  
4 application process so that the delegates/alternates would  
5 have to watch it prior to completing their application.

6 We had a few issues, as with any new process, but  
7 we quickly resolved when needed. It was very exciting to  
8 have everything come to this Chairman in one place with  
9 all necessary signed forms and pictures with completed  
10 biographies of each applicant. The delegate/alternate and  
11 unit chairmen received automated confirmation emails when  
12 the application was completed. This eliminated the need  
13 for the unit chairman to wait on mail confirmations from  
14 the applicants so they could send paperwork to this  
15 Chairman.

16 By the end of the process it was clear that we  
17 had created a more rounded automated process and  
18 eliminated a lot of unnecessary paperwork being sent back  
19 and forth between applications/unit chairmen and the  
20 Department Chairman.

21 Department of California units are always  
22 thinking about membership when it comes to their new and  
23 experienced delegates and families. 155 of our 160 units  
24 that sponsored delegates to Girls State promoted the  
25 Auxiliary and its membership as a way to pay it forward.

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1 Many of our units actually educate the girls during the  
2 interview process about the American Legion Family.  
3 Twenty delegates actually joined units prior to Girls  
4 State session.

5 One of the commonalities of the unit reports and  
6 district reports was how difficult the selection process  
7 becomes each year. This year's candidates are gifted,  
8 hardworking, and most have achieved a minimum -- achieved  
9 a 4.0 GPA. This year's girls are involved in some type of  
10 community service or missions work and have received  
11 honors for academic excellence. The units are excited to  
12 have the girls come back to their meetings to report on  
13 their experiences and to see how it has enhanced their  
14 goals for the future.

15 Every district reported having some type of  
16 orientation for the delegates and their families. Some  
17 had teas, some had luncheons, and one district even had a  
18 smorgasbord. Each district reported inviting past Girls  
19 State citizens and Girls State committee members to speak  
20 to the girls and answer any questions. This Chairman went  
21 to several orientation luncheons and was honored to see a  
22 Girls State alumni from 2008 speak to the girls and their  
23 families. There were several other Girls State alumni who  
24 spoke regarding their career paths and how the Girls State  
25 experience influenced what they are currently doing. They

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1 were amazing events as the girls and their families were  
2 introduced, fed, and even given certificates from the  
3 local town council. 144 units participated in these  
4 district orientations.

5 Another big event was the 100th anniversary of  
6 our American Legion. It was so exciting to find out that  
7 the American Legion was hosting a float in the 2018 Rose  
8 Bowl Parade. The Girls State Alumnae Foundation worked  
9 with the American Legion to sponsor a Girls State/Boys  
10 State Decorate the Float Day. The 75th session citizens  
11 and Girls State staff/alumni were invited to participate  
12 on the first day of float decorations and were given  
13 T-shirts that were purchased by the Girls State Alumnae  
14 Foundation. It was a great day with all of the citizens  
15 coming together once again to participate in this great  
16 event.

17 The Department of California has 529 girls  
18 attending our 76th session. This year there was 100  
19 percent reporting from our districts. Seven districts  
20 submitted year-end reports and six unit reports were  
21 submitted for first place from districts. 160 units  
22 sponsored delegates, an increase of six units from 2018.  
23 Eleven units sponsored a delegate for the first time ever.  
24 There were 20 requests for schools looking for sponsorship  
25 of units for girls this year or for next year's session.

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1           Eighty units had Girls State delegates  
2 participate in service projects. Our service project at  
3 the 76th session this year is collecting miniature  
4 toiletries and socks for homeless female veterans, also  
5 our Department President's Special Project this year.

6           Units hosted many different types of events:  
7 breakfasts, 50/50 raffles, quartermanias, and tea socials.  
8 However, units are reporting that it is getting harder and  
9 harder to raise the funds needed to send the delegates to  
10 Girls State. 56 units reached out to businesses or  
11 outside organizations to get necessary funding. Some Girl  
12 State Alumni personally support a girl from their own alma  
13 mater. Six units applied for grants through the Girls  
14 State Alumnae Foundation and received a total of \$4,000 to  
15 help them fund their delegates.

16           Thirty-eight units reached out and networked with  
17 schools that do not have active units in their area.  
18 Forty-three units prepared newspaper articles and  
19 submitted them regarding their Girls State delegates.  
20 Ninety-nine units reached out to prior years' delegates to  
21 help assist with the 2019 program, for example, helping to  
22 educate the current applicants or by speaking at a  
23 tea/orientation. 109 units promoted the American Legion  
24 Samsung Scholarship in their ALA Girls State packets that  
25 were sent to the schools. Eighty-six delegates applied

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1 for the scholarship. Fifty-four units that did not  
2 sponsor delegates gave donations totaling \$2,181 and were  
3 given certificates of appreciation.

4 On a sad note, a long time Department Girls State  
5 Director passed away this year. Her name was Gerri  
6 Cadwalader. She had requested that her estate make a  
7 donation to ALA Girls State, therefore we received a check  
8 for the amount of \$2500 for our General Fund. Thank you,  
9 Gerri, for your generous donation.

10 This has been an exciting year for me as the  
11 Girls State Chairman and I have enjoyed every part of it.  
12 There has been issues this year that we have had to adapt  
13 to. For example, the measles scare throughout the Golden  
14 State. Through it all working with the citizens-to-be and  
15 their parents has been rewarding and always makes me  
16 excited to attend Girls State.

17 I am extremely proud to be part of a program that  
18 has such a strong foundation to encourage, guide, and  
19 teach the fundamentals of our government. It has been a  
20 privilege and an honor to be Department Chairman with the  
21 support and help of each of the Unit and District  
22 Chairmen, the Girls State committee, and the Girls State  
23 support.

24 (Applause.)

25 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Madam President,

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1 may I now present my first place and district and unit  
2 awards?

3 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

4 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: I don't see my  
5 first award. My First Place Best Unit Supplemental goes  
6 to Unit 166, District 12 Kathy Vasquez.

7 (Applause.)

8 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Okay. And this  
9 is the first time this has been done, but my committee was  
10 adamant that this happens. The First Place for District  
11 Supplemental, District 12, Chairman Kathy Vasquez.

12 (Applause.)

13 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: And now, Madam  
14 President, may I please make a special presentation?

15 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

16 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: I promise I'll be  
17 done soon, ladies. So I would like to ask Anita Biggs to  
18 come to the podium.

19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes.

20 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: I'm so small  
21 compared to her. So I want to make a special presentation  
22 to the Jackie Robinson Unit 252 Color Guard and give them  
23 a certificate and some Girls State chachee. That's Anita  
24 Biggs, captain; Sharon Moore; Renee Alexander; Cheryl  
25 Jefferson; and Star Denny. If you're in the audience,

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1 please come up.

2 (Applause.)

3 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: And let me tell  
4 you why. They came to Girls State for the first time  
5 ever, and on our opening ceremony they were the color  
6 guard. And they are spiffed out and they are precise. So  
7 Anita and 252 Color Guard, we have a certificate of  
8 appreciation for you.

9 (Applause.)

10 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: And this is just  
11 for you.

12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. I  
13 love these pajamas.

14 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: So they get a  
15 Girls State logo mug. Sharon Moore is co-captain.

16 (Applause.)

17 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: And last night --  
18 oh, one more presentation, Madam President. Thank you,  
19 Madam President.

20 Okay. Last night we had a wonderful speaker come  
21 to speak to the girls, and her name is Blanca Rubio. She  
22 was from or is from -- he's an assemblywomen from the 48th  
23 District. She flew all the way down from Sacramento just  
24 to speak to the girls. She was inspiring. And honestly I  
25 was sitting on the stage when she spoke and at the

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1 beginning the girls were all like hunching, and by the end  
2 of her speech, they were all sitting up straight. You  
3 could see the emotions in their faces. They had changed.  
4 And she presented to Girls State a lovely certificate that  
5 I would like to present to Madam President. It says:  
6 Assembly Certificate of Recognition presented to the  
7 American Legion Auxiliary California Girls State in  
8 appreciation of your dedication to providing an important  
9 educational opportunity, for encouraging young leaders.  
10 Best wishes for continued success. Blanca Rubio.

11 (Applause.)

12 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Two more things.  
13 I would just like to say very quickly thank you for the  
14 opportunity to be Department Girls State Chairman. I have  
15 learned so much and I have a -- our new chairman who  
16 will -- our chairman-elect here, our chairman appointee on  
17 stage. I just want to have her stand up and introduce  
18 her. Her name is Allyn Kau.

19 (Applause.)

20 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: And she's -- she  
21 went to Girls State and she's been part of the program for  
22 -- since she was two years old I think. Okay. Fifteen,  
23 but still forever. And she is the one that actually  
24 helped automate the process. And I'm really excited  
25 because we worked really well together and I'm super

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1 excited about next year.

2 And now, ladies, for my final and I promise I  
3 will get off the stage. I have a special introduction to  
4 make. Ladies, from District 9, Unit 161, the new Girls  
5 State Governor is from Monte Vista High School in  
6 Danville. Her high school activities include debate,  
7 public speaking, dance, other clubs and community service.  
8 Her short-term goals are to fundraise enough money to  
9 purchase 20 GED books to distribute throughout California  
10 prisons, running an undecided candidates 2020 campaign,  
11 and volunteering for Global Youth Justice. She wants to  
12 become a policymaker to address the growing concerns of  
13 public education and healthcare, climate change, and  
14 criminal justice reform. Ladies, please give a warm, warm  
15 welcome to Amber Xu.

16 (Applause.)

17 GIRLS STATE GOVERNOR XU: Madam President,  
18 Distinguished Guests, and the American Legion Auxiliary,  
19 thank you for the warm welcome this morning. I'm very  
20 excited to be here to speak with you all today. I want to  
21 begin by telling you a little bit about my journey  
22 throughout this week. I was sponsored by District 9, Unit  
23 161 from San Ramon. In order to be selected, I wrote and  
24 prepared a draft answering questions about myself that  
25 ranged from my volunteer work with the assemblywoman and

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1 the local debate program to help others, which is how my  
2 advanced English teacher would describe me. Then I had an  
3 interview where I was asked about the state of U.S.  
4 politics and what I would change about my school. A few  
5 weeks later I got an email that I had been selected to  
6 attend Girls State. I was elated and in a blur, it was  
7 the final tests of the school year. Before I knew it, it  
8 was time to leave for Girls State. Honestly the night  
9 before I was a little stressed. I felt like I didn't know  
10 the ins and outs of the programs such as what does it even  
11 mean to run for governor for a 17 year old. Well, here I  
12 am.

13           The first few days of Girls State were jam packed  
14 with activities from electing our city officials to the  
15 city government. When I first arrived, I was exhausted.  
16 I had just returned from the longest debate tournament I  
17 had ever been to and it seemed that there were things to  
18 do every single minute. Until the first part of the  
19 election. There I was energized by the sincere passion  
20 and genuine desire to make this country better that I felt  
21 from all the phenomenal girls around me. I was inspired  
22 to take action. Not only did I learn about the girls  
23 around me, but I learned what it truly means to be an  
24 American and what it truly means for the privilege above  
25 self. To be Americans means participating in dialogue

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1 when the actions of the government is lacking behind. To  
2 be American means accepting the brazing diversity of  
3 people and us all. To be an American means honoring our  
4 veterans and their sacrifices like we did this last week  
5 at Girls State. We made sock hops with basic necessities  
6 and toiletries for homeless women veterans, which to  
7 repeat what someone said from that day are three words  
8 that should never be heard together.

9 To be an American means doing the incredible work  
10 that -- to be an American means to do incredible work that  
11 the American Legion Auxiliary does to inspire civic duty  
12 and service. To be an American is to be at Girls State.

13 Lastly, I want to thank Department President Joan  
14 Cannon and all the members of the American Legion  
15 Auxiliary, all the unit and district chairs, the  
16 Department Girls State Chair Tammy Sollazzo, and all the  
17 volunteers who have developed, promoted, and provided the  
18 American Legion Auxiliary's California Girls State  
19 program.

20 I had amazing opportunities to meet girls from  
21 all over the state, develop my leadership skills and  
22 strengthen my knowledge of debating and to share what I  
23 have learned from my school and my community with young  
24 women throughout California. It is all of you who have  
25 made this experience possible for me and the other 522

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1 delegates.

2 I must now return to Claremont to conduct the  
3 governor's visit of the 76th session of the American  
4 Legion Auxiliary California's Girls State. On behalf of  
5 the 522 young women leaders who are citizens of ALA Girls  
6 State, I thank you again for giving us this wonderful  
7 experience.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: On behalf of  
10 the American Legion Auxiliary, the Department of  
11 California, our President Joan Cannon had to step away,  
12 but would like for you to have her pin for this year. You  
13 are an amazing young lady. And this is our future,  
14 ladies. Thank you for your service.

15 (Applause.)

16 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: Madam President,  
17 that concludes my report.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you,  
20 Tammy. That's an awesome job. You have done a wonderful  
21 job over there. You guys need to leave?

22 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR SOLLAZZO: We need to go  
23 back to session.

24 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you.

25 (Applause.)

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1 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: At this time  
2 I would like to call Terry Mikesell.

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay.  
4 Ladies, 2012-2013 I was Department President. National  
5 gave to the State of California several stupendous people  
6 an award. We didn't get it then, so now they are here.  
7 Okay. Robert Allen Romo Unit 422 Innovative Public  
8 Relations, District 25.

9 (Applause.)

10 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Hawthorne  
11 Unit 314, Innovative Public Relations, District 19.

12 (Applause.)

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: We needed to  
14 stay in order. Okay. Santa Clara Unit 419, Innovative  
15 Public Relations, District 13.

16 (Applause.)

17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Newport  
18 Harbor Unit 291, Innovative Public Relations, District 29.

19 (Applause.)

20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay. Susie  
21 Tozier, Children & Youth Most Outstanding Western  
22 Division, District 6.

23 (Applause.)

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay. Let's  
25 see here. Penny Lacks-Reynolds, Children & Youth Best

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1 Western Division Unit 716, District 29.

2 (Applause.)

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay.

4 Harriet Clendenin, Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

5 Western District Best Report, District 15, Unit 221.

6 (Applause.)

7 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay.

8 California Children & Youth, Susie Tozier, Most

9 Outstanding Western Division.

10 (Applause.)

11 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Ruth Briggs,

12 Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service Meeting Perfect

13 Attendance, District 11, Unit 172.

14 (Applause.)

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Cynthia

16 Simmons Veterans Affairs Volunteer Service Meeting, Unit

17 422, District 25.

18 (Applause.)

19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Linda

20 Fercho, Most Outstanding Legislative Western Division.

21 She's from District 16.

22 (Applause.)

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: And then I

24 have one more award that it will have to wait until our

25 Department President comes back. Thank you very much.

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1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you,  
3 Terry. At this time I would like to call on Donna Scott  
4 for the Rules. Here she comes.

5  
6 READING OF CONVENTION RULES

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8 CONVENTION RULES CHAIRMAN SCOTT: If you would  
9 like to follow along, it's on pages 13 through 15. These  
10 are the Department of California 2019 Convention rules.

11 Number 1: All meetings of the convention shall  
12 be called to order at the designated time or as soon  
13 thereafter as a quorum is present.

14 Number 2: A quorum shall exist when one-third of  
15 the units in good standing are partially or wholly  
16 represented by duly elected delegates or alternate.  
17 Article IV, Section 7 of the Department Constitution.

18 Number 3: The audience shall remain seated  
19 during the business of the convention. The Department  
20 President shall designate certain doors to accommodate the  
21 delegates who find it necessary to enter or leave the  
22 convention hall during the reports of the committee or  
23 when a speaker has the floor. Cell phones must be turned  
24 off or in vibrate mode. And she earlier designated the  
25 door to my right and your left.

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1           Number 4: The Chairman may deviate from the  
2 printed program when necessary or expedient.

3           Number 5: The Credentials Chairman shall report  
4 registration as directed by the Chair.

5           Number 6: The registration of delegates and  
6 alternates shall close at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, June 29th,  
7 2019.

8           Number 7: Only qualified delegates shall have  
9 voice and vote.

10          Number 8: It shall be the responsibility of each  
11 District Presidents to see that only accredited delegates  
12 and alternates serving as delegates are seated in her  
13 district delegation during the business meeting of the  
14 convention.

15          Number 9: If a delegate expects to be absent  
16 from the convention, except for the purpose of attending a  
17 committee meeting, she shall relinquish her delegate's  
18 card to her alternate. The alternate shall then take her  
19 seat in the voting section. In the event the delegate  
20 does not have the opportunity of reporting to the District  
21 President -- reporting to the District President, it shall  
22 become the duty of the chairman of the unit delegation to  
23 report to the District President the absence of the  
24 delegate and the presence of the alternate or the absence  
25 of both the delegate and the alternate.

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1           Number 10: A delegate wishing the privilege of  
2 the floor shall rise, address the Chair as Madame  
3 President, give her name, unit, district numbers, pause,  
4 and wait to be recognized by the Chair.

5           Number 11: A member speaking in debate on a  
6 question shall be limited to three minutes. No one shall  
7 speak more than twice on the same question without consent  
8 of the assembly.

9           Number 12: Delegates attending called committee  
10 meetings shall be notified what the convention is  
11 considering and voting upon adoption of any change in  
12 policy or matters affecting finance.

13           Number 13: Reports of committees which do not  
14 appear to be controversial in nature may be adopted by  
15 general consent if there is no objection. If there is  
16 objection, a vote shall be taken. Following the  
17 acceptance of a report of a committee, recommendation or  
18 resolution may be presented for consideration and  
19 adoption.

20           Number 14: Any committee whose proposed changes  
21 in the policy might conflict with that of the American  
22 Legion shall confer with the American Legion before  
23 presenting said -- said change to the convention.

24           Number 15: A committee recommending an  
25 appropriation of funds for any purpose shall consult with

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1 the Department Finance Committee before presenting the  
2 recommendation or resolution to the convention.

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

5 Number 17: Committees may amend resolutions and  
6 recommendation referring to them before favorable  
7 reporting the same. Resolutions or recommendations  
8 rejected by a committee shall be marked rejected, signed  
9 by the chairman of the committee, and returned to the  
10 department resolutions chairman immediately following the  
11 committee meeting.

12 Number 18: A unit, district, or member  
13 presenting a resolution or recommendation shall have the  
14 privilege of explaining the same to the committee to which  
15 it was referred.

16 Number 19: Committee shall report to the  
17 convention all resolutions properly submitted and accepted  
18 by a majority of the convention committee.

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

21 Number 21: Emergency resolutions which may arise  
22 during the convention or after the date for submitting  
23 resolution may be presented no later than noon of second  
24 day of the convention. Under the Section 4b, Department  
25 Constitution.

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1           Number 22: Nomination of Officers, Junior Member  
2 of Finance, Department Delegates and Alternates to the  
3 National Convention shall be held Friday afternoon, June  
4 28th, 2019.

5           Number 23: Endorsement of candidates for  
6 National Office shall follow the nominations.

7           Number 24: Nomination speeches shall be limited  
8 to three minutes. There shall be no seconding speeches.

9           Number 25: Election -- Number 25: Election of  
10 Department Officers, Junior Member of Finance, National  
11 Candidate, department delegates, and alternates to the  
12 National Convention shall be held on Saturday morning,  
13 June 29th, 2019.

14           Number 26: The doors of the convention hall  
15 shall be closed during the entire election procedure and  
16 no one shall leave or enter the hall until the Chair  
17 states the election is concluded. The exception to this  
18 shall be that in an emergency, a member may leave, and if  
19 her absence changes the voting strength, the district  
20 president shall immediately notify the presiding officer.

21           Number 27: When there is but one nominee for all  
22 Department Officers and but one nominee for Junior Member  
23 of Finance, the nominees shall be elected viva voce. And  
24 that's the Department Convention Committees #2G, Standing  
25 Rules. Upon roll call, the district president shall

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1 report the number of units partially or wholly represented  
2 by duly elected delegates or alternates present in the  
3 delegation at the time of roll call. This is to determine  
4 that there is a quorum of units present at the time of the  
5 election.

6           Number 28: When there is more than one nominee  
7 for the Department Offices, Junior Member of Finance, or  
8 Endorsement for National Office, election shall be by  
9 written ballot. The District President shall, when they  
10 are instructed by the Chair, take a roll call of their  
11 respective delegations to ascertain the total voting  
12 strength of their district for the election reporting the  
13 same to the Chair.

14           Number 29: When there are three or more nominees  
15 for the office Junior Member of Finance or endorsement of  
16 National Office, unless one nominee receives a majority  
17 note on the first ballot, the nominee receiving the lowest  
18 number of votes shall be automatically dropped before  
19 proceeding with the next ballot.

20           Number 30: All members seeking National office  
21 shall be endorsed at a Department Convention by a majority  
22 vote not more than three years prior to the date they are  
23 to be a candidate for office. Vote shall be by viva voce  
24 unless there is more than one candidate, then a majority  
25 vote shall be by ballot. That's the Department Convention

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1 Committees 2J, Department Standing Rules.

2 Number 31: Each District President shall -- each  
3 District President and District Member of Elections  
4 committee shall distribute and collect the votes cast by  
5 the district delegation and deliver them to the Department  
6 Chairman of Elections.

7 Number 32: Department Officers, Chairmen,  
8 Committee Members and Past Department Presidents shall  
9 vote with their respective district.

10 Number 33: Each delegate shall be entitled to  
11 one vote. The vote of -- the vote an absent unit is not  
12 represented by the alternate shall be casted by the  
13 majority of the delegate from the unit. When two  
14 delegates represent three votes, the chairman of the unit  
15 delegation shall cast the third vote.

16 And number 34: A majority of the votes cast  
17 shall elect, expect that in the election of national  
18 delegates and alternates, a plurality shall elect.

19 Number 35: These convention rules may be amended  
20 during the convention by two-thirds vote.

21 Number 36: Robert's Rules of Order, Newly  
22 Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority on all  
23 points not covered by these rules, the department  
24 constitution and bylaws, and the convention mandates.

25 Madam President, that concludes my reading of the

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1 rules and I move to adopt them as read.

2 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: It's -- it  
3 has been moved and seconded to accept the 2019 Convention  
4 Rules in ceratian, or I don't know how to pronounce that,  
5 thank you, which is point by point. Any discussion?

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Hearing  
8 none, all of those in favor say aye.

9 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

10 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Motion  
13 carried. Thank you very much, Donna. We appreciate that.

14 CONVENTION RULES CHAIRMAN SCOTT: Thank you,  
15 Madam President.

16 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: At this time  
17 we do have a visitor in the house. If I could ask the  
18 Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms to escort  
19 Ed Grimsley from the American Legion who is the incoming  
20 Department Commander.

21 (Processional.)

22 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: And he knows  
23 how to use a gavel.

24 AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER ELECT GRIMSLEY: Good  
25 morning. How are you doing? It's good to see everyone.

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1 Well, thank you. My name is Ed Grimsley and I am the  
2 Legion candidate for the Department Commander 2019-2020.

3 (Applause.)

4 AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER ELECT GRIMSLEY: And I  
5 just wanted to stop by and just say a couple words to you  
6 ladies to let you know that I am one big fan of yours.

7 (Applause.)

8 AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER ELECT GRIMSLEY: And I  
9 have always been a fan of the Auxiliary and I've always  
10 taken up with the Auxiliary. District 22, I love those  
11 ladies. I love all of you all too, but they're some hard  
12 workers. And the motto that I have for this year is you  
13 lead, you motivate, and you inspire. If we have all those  
14 three things, we can make it. And I'm also a family man.  
15 We go around, we walk around, we'll say that we're a  
16 Legionnaire Family. Let's do it.

17 (Applause.)

18 AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER ELECT GRIMSLEY: Let's  
19 start. Let's do it. Because next year I am working hard  
20 to bring us all together. And I hope I can do this. The  
21 convention is going to be in Visalia and the headquarters  
22 is working hard to make sure that Sons, the Auxiliary, and  
23 the Legionnaires is all together at one time.

24 (Applause.)

25 AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER ELECT GRIMSLEY: This

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1 is stuff I'm working on and I hope I can pull it through.  
2 I've been talking about this for years. Because I never  
3 did want to see us apart. I didn't like traveling over  
4 here because I figured we should have been right down the  
5 hall.

6 (Applause.)

7 AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER ELECT GRIMSLEY: And  
8 that's what separates us. If we're going to be a family,  
9 let's be one family.

10 (Applause.)

11 AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER ELECT GRIMSLEY: This  
12 afternoon in the Double Tree Hotel, 1157 -- some of them  
13 already know -- there will be a hospitality meet and  
14 greet. Please if you're in the area, please stop by and  
15 say hi, get a bite to eat, do some camaraderie, get to  
16 know each other.

17 You know, this morning I got up, I made every  
18 Legionnaire stand up. I asked them, not made them. I  
19 asked them to stand up and face each other and say, "God  
20 bless America." Okay. Because this is where we live. We  
21 all have our differences and that's a good thing because I  
22 don't want to be the same as everybody else. I want to be  
23 able to look different, but one thing about it at the end,  
24 you must respect yourself and you must respect each other.  
25 So that's all I ask.

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1 Ladies, thank you very much and have a tremendous  
2 time. And I hope you all have a good convention. And I  
3 hope next year I be able to work with you. And my one  
4 last thing is if you need to call me, okay, I don't work;  
5 I'm a retiree. I have 45 years of government service, so  
6 all I do is cook for my wife.

7 (Applause.)

8 AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER ELECT GRIMSLEY: I do  
9 laundry.

10 (Applause.)

11 AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER ELECT GRIMSLEY: I mow  
12 the lawn. I don't have a dog. And I wash the cars. And  
13 when I cook, I take food out to the needy.

14 (Applause.)

15 AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER ELECT GRIMSLEY: So  
16 that's all that I'm about. All right? Thank you, ladies,  
17 and God bless you.

18 (Processional.)

19 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: All right.  
20 Is there anything else that we need to -- or should we get  
21 back to the program here? Awesome. Okay. The schedule,  
22 so to speak. At this time I am going to proceed on the  
23 matters that we have. We will start with our reports. I  
24 will call up first our Secretary, Treasurer, and then  
25 Chaplain. Oh, I'm sorry. I apologize, I apologize.

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1 Credentials first. We need to know what's going on.

2 Chair Sharon Moore, our Credentials Chairman.

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4 CREDENTIALS CONVENTION REPORT

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6 CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN MOORE: Thank you, Madam  
7 President. This is the Credentials report 2018-2019.  
8 Madam President Kathie Martinez, as of 6:00 p.m., June  
9 27th, 2019 there are 122 units registered for this  
10 convention and you do have a quorum.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you,  
13 Sharon. Okay. Now we'll get to our Chairman reports. We  
14 will hear from our Secretary, followed by the Treasurer,  
15 and then the Chaplain until Madam President returns.

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17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CONVENTION REPORT

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19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Good morning,  
20 Madam President. They say time flies if you're having  
21 fun. I can attest to that fact. It is a week shy of a  
22 year since I first stepped into the office in San  
23 Francisco and, wow, here I am a year later. I am sure --  
24 I can truly say I am much smarter today than I was a year  
25 ago and I have learned an awful lot.

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1 I am pleased to report that we have now signage  
2 in the foyer to our room and all the directories have our  
3 name correct. The directories used to say "American  
4 Legion Department of California Auxiliary." Now they say,  
5 "American Legion Auxiliary Department of California." I  
6 know some people roll their eyes about that, but it is all  
7 about branding and we should have our correct name  
8 throughout the building.

9 For an update on the Department Office, Mel is  
10 still counting and depositing your checks and Alex is  
11 getting the hang of membership. Alex did ask me to please  
12 reiterate the importance of filling out membership forms  
13 completely and correctly. At the present time she has  
14 several pending and several she is trying to connect with  
15 the unit. The pending are units that are on ALAMIS and  
16 have been patiently waiting for -- and patient -- and have  
17 been in the ALAMIS pending list for a while now.

18 There are also the problems of waiting on  
19 entering transmittals due to missing applications, not  
20 enough money, or unclear whether they need to be entered  
21 this year or not. The good news is most units are on top  
22 of it, and if they sent in a transmittal and their  
23 membership number has not increased, we hear from them.  
24 Sadly though there are many that do not keep track. Since  
25 membership is so very important, please talk to your Unit

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1 Chairmen and help them if they are not computer savvy or  
2 just need little nudges to be reminded to check the  
3 website regularly.

4           There are various aspects to my job such as  
5 collecting paperwork. I had a goal of 100 percent units  
6 turning in member data forms. I put on the form an early  
7 due date because I knew I would be chasing them. Thank  
8 you to the District Presidents or Officers who helped me  
9 because I did accomplish that goal. With an increase in  
10 dues to the department for both seniors and juniors, this  
11 was absolutely imperative. After all were in, I was then  
12 able to send the rates to National. I will be honest, I  
13 was a little nervous about hitting the send button, but  
14 after three sets of eyes compared the list, I finally did.  
15 And, whew, what a relief.

16           After that was done I was still collecting  
17 paperwork from the units and districts. You know which  
18 ones, those pesky end-of-year forms, Certificate of  
19 Officers and Delegate forms, both unit and district. I  
20 wonder if the units and for that matter the districts know  
21 how important those forms are. Not only are they legal  
22 documents for our non-profit status, but they are our link  
23 between the units and the office. Does your unit want to  
24 get all the beginning-of-the-year forms online? Does the  
25 unit president even know what all the beginning-of-the

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1 -ear forms are? Or would they rather get them already  
2 printed and all you have to do is fill in the blanks?

3 What is very important to me is who gets the  
4 mail. I do not want to assume they go to the Unit  
5 President or the Post address. Suppose the Post address  
6 is a building that does not get mail. There are some out  
7 there. So when I say I am chasing paperwork, I am only  
8 looking out for the best interest of the units and its  
9 members.

10 Speaking of forms, I am sure every one of you  
11 read every word of the forms this year; right? You may  
12 have noticed that they have all been updated, not just the  
13 year, but with the citing of the Constitution, Bylaws or  
14 Standing Rule that relates to that form. With the major  
15 overhaul of the Constitution & Bylaws last year, all forms  
16 needed to be updated. Thank you, Melanie Taylor, for  
17 finding those illusive changes I couldn't find.

18 There are many congratulations we will celebrate  
19 this weekend, including five new charters plus one name  
20 change. I love that part. I have learned that when the  
21 District President actively works with the new unit, the  
22 paperwork goes smoothly and the unit has a better chance  
23 of success. I congratulate the babies we have here now.

24 In order for me to stand here and say I have  
25 survived my first year as your Department Secretary, there

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1 are several people I have to thank for holding my hand  
2 this year. Madam President Joan, we made it through,  
3 almost anyways. Thank you for letting me vent, keeping me  
4 in the loop, and just being the good friend you have  
5 become.

6 Ruby and Terry, thank you very much for finding  
7 those old forms so I didn't have to reinvent the wheel.  
8 And, Ruby, thank you for finding some of my catastrophic  
9 mistakes. Thank goodness everything was fixable.

10 Diane, thank you for helping me when I have  
11 questions about procedure when I wasn't 100 percent sure.

12 Many thanks to Glenda and Susie who came to San  
13 Francisco to help me with the Book of Reports.

14 To Wendy and District 6 for the donation of the  
15 binding machine. It will be well used. To District 8  
16 Dara and Teresa who helped me in many ways get ready for  
17 convention. Linda Workman, taco Tuesday? And if I may,  
18 thank you to to the District Presidents who helped me get  
19 the job done.

20 So here we are celebrating the accomplishments of  
21 this year. So while all of you get to learn new jobs next  
22 year, guess what, I start all over again. But it is my  
23 pleasure and I know it will be easier.

24 At this time I would like to welcome Karen, our  
25 court reporter, who has come back. And this is her tenth

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1 year with us.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Madam President,  
4 thank you. It has been a pleasure.

5 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you,  
6 Harriet. Awesome jobs, ladies.

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8 DEPARTMENT TREASURER CONVENTION REPORT

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10 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Is it still  
11 morning yet? Oh, that's a dirty look.

12 Madam President, there are only three items I'd  
13 like to address today. The first is to remind Units and  
14 Districts that all are mandated to file the 199N  
15 E-postcard with the Franchise Tax Board and the 990N  
16 postcard with the IRS. Once you've established logon  
17 these entities, it should only take you no more than 20  
18 minutes to file both of these forms. If a Unit Or  
19 District does not file for three years, their tax exempt  
20 status will be revoked and it will cost you \$400 to get  
21 reinstated. So save yourself some money and just every  
22 November on the 15th day of the -- the 11th month, make  
23 sure you file those taxes.

24 The second item I'd like to address is donations  
25 to Department. I redid the donation form and put all the

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1 welfare donations on one side of the form and the general  
2 fund donations on the other side of the form. So that  
3 when donations are made, Units and Districts would write  
4 two checks, one for each side of the donation form. We  
5 are going to after our committee meeting, finance  
6 committee meeting, I will be adding TFA -- VA&R TFA as an  
7 additional donation on that form.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Please, please,  
10 please save me a lot of work and when you are making  
11 donations to Department, write one check for each side of  
12 the donation form, i.e. general fund donations one check,  
13 and when you turn the page, make out a second check.

14 And the last item is the Auxiliary is sending a  
15 lot of credit memos which most can be avoided in most  
16 cases simply by double checking the members being  
17 transmitted against the check dollar amount and making  
18 sure they agree. Units are asked to double check -- units  
19 are used to double checking transmittals and making sure  
20 the dollar amount is correct for the number of senior and  
21 junior members you are transmitting.

22 Please also check the age of junior members to  
23 make sure whether they are still a junior or a senior  
24 member and transmit senior dues for the ones who graduated  
25 to be a senior. Use the dues chart when figuring the

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1 correct amount of money to be sent. Chart is online under  
2 membership tab, but needs to be updated this year to  
3 reflect the change voted on last year.

4 Madam President, it has been a pleasure serving  
5 as one of your officers and both Imelda, the bookkeeper,  
6 and I extend our very best wishes for you for a most  
7 productive and memorable convention. And this concludes  
8 my report.

9 (Applause.)

10 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you,  
11 Ruby. Chaplain Donna.

12 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN SMITH: Long walk.

13 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: That's  
14 right. Don't tire yourself out.

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16 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN CONVENTION REPORT

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18 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN SMITH: The convention  
19 committee on Chaplain met on July 27th in Room Syran. The  
20 statistical report of the Chaplain appears at page 17 of  
21 the Book of Reports. Madeline Lee was appointed  
22 secretary, Sylvia Alcantar offered prayer, and Jean Howard  
23 was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 26 delegates  
24 answered roll call and there were four visitors president.

25 Madam President, by direct of the preconvention

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1 Chaplain meeting I present the following: The department  
2 code was read and approved. A lively discussion followed  
3 on many subjects such as prayer, membership forms. There  
4 was no second and third place winners. A recommendation  
5 was made to increase the Chaplain budget due to the  
6 increased expenses. The procedure was reviewed for the  
7 memorial service, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00  
8 a.m.

9 May I give my supplemental and first place  
10 winners?

11 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Yes.

12 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN SMITH: I find that as  
13 Chaplains we need to be good listeners. Sometimes it's  
14 better to be kind than to be right. Listening is a very  
15 active and extremely alert form of caring.

16 Districts in California participated in the  
17 following programs and holidays: Veterans Day Parades,  
18 Memorial Day Services at local and national cemeteries,  
19 Wreaths Across America, POW/MIA, Pearl Harbor Day, 9/11,  
20 and Martin Luther King.

21 Districts in California also made visits to the  
22 following: VA Hospitals, Stand Down, Wounded War Project.  
23 They also made donations to In Loving Tribute, Chapel of  
24 Four Chaplains.

25 One District Chaplain instructed lessons to third

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1 graders and on 9/11 the Chaplain joined 100 third graders  
2 and their teachers at a local fire station for an annual  
3 memorial. 9/11 survivors and first responders spoke of  
4 their experience. At the end of the service, students  
5 sang a patriotic song for all those in attendance and  
6 presented the firefighters with an American flag.  
7 Chaplains sent many cards, flowers, plants, and blessings  
8 throughout the State of California.

9 Deceased members July 1st, 2018 to June 24th,  
10 2019 total 241 which included two Past Department  
11 Presidents. This Chaplain truly enjoyed her year of  
12 spiritual leadership. And for the awards. First Place  
13 for Most Outstanding District Prayer Book, District 28  
14 Connie Raya.

15 (Applause.)

16 DISTRICT 28 CHAPLAIN RAYA: I want to thank  
17 District 28. Without your units, this wouldn't be here.  
18 Thank you.

19 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN SMITH: And First Place for  
20 the Most Outstanding District Supplement is awarded to  
21 Jean Howard, District 27.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN SMITH: First Place for the  
24 Unit Prayer Book goes to Unit 277, Gloria Bobeck.

25 (Applause.)

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1 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN SMITH: Madam President, this  
2 concludes my remarks.

3 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Thank you,  
4 Donna. You did a wonderful job. Thank you very much. Up  
5 next we will have the report from the Parliamentarian.  
6 She's back.

7 (Processional.)

8 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Awesome.  
9 Madam President, it's all yours again. We just finished  
10 Chaplain report. We have not done any of that, so --

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. So since  
12 we're at a good spot, I got a metal.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: From the Sons for  
15 their 81st Convention. They say hello.

16 Okay. So we'll have our Parliamentarian Diane  
17 DeLashmit.

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19 PARLIMENTARIAN CONVENTION REPORT

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21 PARLIMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Thank you, Mother  
22 Nature. As the Aster in your flower garden, I was asked  
23 many questions this year, and one of the things that comes  
24 to mind is that we need to do a better job of informing  
25 and training our members. Most answers to their questions

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1 can be found in our governing documents or other resource  
2 information. They just need to know how to look for it.

3 We have to remember that our members are  
4 volunteers and that we cannot demand them to give as  
5 though they were an employee. When making a beautiful  
6 garden, we need many varieties of color, size, and  
7 fragrance. So it is in our units and our districts. Our  
8 members have different talents, need to be cultivated and  
9 respected for who they are. They need to be pruned and  
10 weeded as well as enriched with good soil.

11 Sometimes we don't know how we come across when  
12 interacting with them. Every once in a while a little too  
13 much fertilizer is thrown and feelings are hurt. Yes, and  
14 sometimes I will have someone who gets on my last nerve  
15 too.

16 I visited three gardens or units this year that  
17 needed cultivating and many others needed a little weeding  
18 through either email or phone. In this time of  
19 technology, we need to take stock of what we are doing.  
20 Be careful of social media. This is a great tool, but can  
21 also be very dangerous. Watch what you are putting on  
22 Facebook and even email as you do not always know where  
23 your message is going.

24 So many of the problems could be solved by proper  
25 training. I know it is difficult to get members to a

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1 leadership workshop, and those that need it the most are  
2 the ones that don't attend.

3 Madam President, it's been a pleasure to serve  
4 you and the Department of California for many years. Now  
5 I am going to pick up a book I have been wanting to read  
6 for a long time, sit on my patio in my swing and gaze at  
7 the beautiful flowers in my neighborhood. I hope you will  
8 be able to do the same. Madam President, this concludes  
9 my report.

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you, Diane.

12 Terry Mikesell, would you like to come back to  
13 the podium.

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: This award  
15 is also from the 2013 year. Outstanding Public Relations  
16 Program awarded to Joan Cannon, Department of California  
17 for the Most Outstanding Overall Public Relations Program  
18 in the Western Division. Congratulations.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: And I'm sorry I  
21 wasn't here to hear all the other winners. You'll have to  
22 tell me later those of who you got 2013 awards. More  
23 stuff for your wall. We'll have our Historian, and after  
24 the Historian, our Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant  
25 Sergeant-at-Arms.



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1 Madam President, the Convention Committee on this program  
2 Historian met on June 27th, 2019 in the Riesling Room of  
3 the Ontario Airport Convention Center. The statistical  
4 report of this chairman appears on page 22 of the Book of  
5 Reports. Geni Lefler from District 14 was appointed  
6 secretary, Gigi Manno, District 22, offered prayer, and  
7 Megan Edwards from District 14 was appointed  
8 Sergeant-at-Arms. There was a total of 14 district  
9 delegates that answered roll call and we had five  
10 visitors.

11 The committee agreed upon the following report:  
12 The Historian code was read and the following was agreed  
13 upon: Code 3 now reads: "The Department Historian shall  
14 compose a history of the accomplishments of the Units,  
15 Districts, and Department for the Department Office. The  
16 History shall conform with National's requirements.  
17 1996."

18 This is only a housekeeping change by inserting a  
19 space between "of" and "the" at the end of the first  
20 sentence. I so move we accept.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Housekeeping you  
22 don't need a motion.

23 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: Awesome.  
24 It was discussed about the judging at the District level  
25 of written histories. A District may judge if their

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1 District sponsors a contest. Otherwise there is no  
2 judging at the District level for history books. They  
3 come to the convention to be judged equally. All  
4 submissions should be brought to the convention by the  
5 stated date and time. It was reported that all picture  
6 books that were submitted were disqualified. I have to  
7 correct that. There was one winning picture book, but  
8 there were -- there was a new form in -- with an  
9 explanation for disqualification this year. So there was  
10 a form from the judges slipped into the books to tell you  
11 what it was that disqualified your book so next year you  
12 don't do the same thing. One thing is follow the rules.

13 Madam President, this concludes our committee  
14 report. May I have your permission to continue on to my  
15 supplemental report?

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: You may.

17 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: Okay. I  
18 know we cannot forget what happened on New Year's Day. We  
19 all saw the dedicated and hard work on the 100th  
20 Anniversary American Legion float float down Colorado  
21 Boulevard in Pasadena. The publicity that it received was  
22 so outstanding that it made the front page of the LA  
23 Times. I know, it took my breath away. Did it take  
24 yours? I would like to thank those that have sent me  
25 thousands of beautiful pictures of the production crew

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1 that it took to make that awesome float. I'm still  
2 receiving pictures.

3 (Applause.)

4 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: Thank  
5 you. February brings the month of love with Valentine's  
6 Day. It was reported that many units made Valentine's Day  
7 cards and passed them out at VA Medical Centers, to the  
8 homeless veterans at the shelters, and to the homebound  
9 veterans too, making each one receive a bit of love from  
10 the members. Along with the cards they made sugarless  
11 cookies to give out at the same time. But we can't forget  
12 all of the presidents' birthdays during the month of  
13 February either. There were parties to celebrate those  
14 too. February also brings Superbowl weekend. Lots of  
15 chili cookoffs were held at posts where even Auxiliary  
16 members joined in and entered their favorite recipes too.  
17 It was reported at one post the Auxiliary took first,  
18 second, and third places.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: March  
21 brings us a bit of luck with St. Patrick's Day and units  
22 having corned beef and cabbage dinners. Several even  
23 cooked up dinners and took them to homeless shelters so  
24 they could enjoy them too.

25 April brings us Easter, Good Friday, and the

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1 beginning of Passover. Units along with their posts made  
2 dinners and brought them to the local VA medical centers  
3 for the hospitalized veterans. They had their Juniors  
4 serve dinners, which some members sat and just talked to  
5 the veterans. It takes only just a small gesture of  
6 kindness to put a smile on someone's face. The Juniors  
7 colored eggs and made up small baskets of sugar-free  
8 candies and the colored eggs to give to each of the  
9 patients.

10 May brings us Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day and  
11 Memorial Day. It was reported that posts invited all moms  
12 to a free breakfast to celebrate them. Fathers were kind  
13 of left out. On Armed Forces Day, there were parades  
14 honoring our military. Units rode in classic cars, again  
15 with signs on the doors, letting everyone know who we are  
16 and what we do. On Memorial Day, Posts and Units  
17 remembered our members who have gone on to Post & Unit  
18 Everlasting. It's a day to remember and bless each one.  
19 Wreaths and flags were placed in most all veteran  
20 cemeteries and a few local cemeteries that have veterans  
21 laid to rest.

22 And now we're into the month of June with Flag  
23 Day, Father's Day and our end-of-year convention. Flag  
24 Day there were retirement ceremonies which gave blessings  
25 to the old tattered flags that have served our country

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1 flying high with pride. We also celebrated our fathers on  
2 their special day. Then comes to convention where we all  
3 attend meetings to learn what we have accomplished  
4 throughout the year.

5 This year has been a busy one and knowing that it  
6 will be another great year again. This year have --  
7 excuse me. I lost my place. One other thing that is fun  
8 at convention is you get to see your friends from other  
9 parts of California that you usually don't get to see  
10 except at convention.

11 Now I know Auxiliary year ends on June 30th, but  
12 I know for myself our work as Auxiliary members serving  
13 our vets, their families, and also looking after homeless  
14 veterans is never accomplished. We will always be there  
15 when they need -- they need us and we will also be there  
16 to help.

17 As I close out my report, Madam President, I  
18 would like to say that it has been an honor to serve you  
19 this year. With the flower theme it has brightened our  
20 beautiful year. Madam President, may I have your  
21 permission to give out the first place awards?

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes, you may.

23 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: Oh,  
24 they're here. Yeah, I was looking for them. Okay. First  
25 Place Unit Supplemental goes to Debbie Embleton, Chairman,

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1 District 22, Unit 258.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: And I did  
4 receive one Junior Supplemental and I'm so happy about  
5 that. The Junior Best Supplement goes to District 18,  
6 Unit 13 Pasadena, Brenna Sacco.

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: First  
9 Place District Supplemental goes to Gigi Manno, Chairman,  
10 District 22.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: First  
13 Place Written History Unit goes to Susie Morgan, Chairman,  
14 Unit 280 East Pasadena, District 18.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: First  
17 Place District Written History goes to Julie Taing,  
18 Chairman, District 18.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: First  
21 Place Best District Picture Book, and this lady deserves  
22 it because she emailed me and texted me and copied  
23 everything and asked questions. Julie Taing, Chairman,  
24 District 18.

25 (Applause.)

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1 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: Now if I  
2 could have -- I forgot your book. It's back there.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: That's okay.

4 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN COOLEY-DESMEULES: I will  
5 present that to you as soon as I get that out of my buggy.  
6 And this is only Volume I. Okay? Keep sending me your  
7 pictures, please. Tag me if you're going to be posting  
8 anything from this convention and I will include it in the  
9 volumes that she'll be getting at Clovis. Okay. Thank  
10 you very much for all your help and support and giving me  
11 your wonderful pictures. I received two flash drives at  
12 convention that I'm going to have to download when I get  
13 home. And then just keep them coming. Thank you.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: And if the Vice  
17 President Kathie Martinez will take over the podium while  
18 I give my report.

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20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CONVENTION REPORT

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22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: The second half of  
23 my year started with my own District 11's official visit.  
24 It was a pleasure to be back home with our District ALA  
25 members that have supported me over the years. District

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1 28's visit followed in Seaside where District President  
2 Molly Smith and district members had some of the best  
3 decorations of my year. I wish you could have seen them.  
4 It was awesome.

5 The next day I attend a meeting at the Veterans  
6 Training Center followed by a lovely lunch at the Old  
7 Officer's Club. The month of January ended with Mission  
8 Training in Las Vegas. Department of California was well  
9 represented and the training was well worth the long  
10 drive.

11 February was a fun-filled month packed full of  
12 official visits and events. District 12 started the  
13 month, followed by a visit to District 20 and a visit to  
14 California Veterans Home Lancaster with representative  
15 Linda Hayes. Cal Vet Home Lancaster has a great staff,  
16 group of volunteers, and a happy group of veterans.

17 We headed to the desert to visit District 27 and  
18 I had one of the best rib eye steaks ever made by the  
19 Legion and the Auxiliary. Thank you Past Department  
20 President LuAnn for hosting me and my group to dinner.

21 Out of the desert and into Pasadena for a fun  
22 night of singing, music, and jokes at the USO show hosted  
23 by District 18. Rodi and Susie, thank you for the  
24 wonderful dinner your volunteers supplied. A talented  
25 group, especially Angel Quiniones on his nine-string harp.

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1 Wonderful.

2 Official visits of District 18 and 17 followed  
3 with a wonderful turnout. With a day to rest we were  
4 hosted by District 19, another great turnout. And we made  
5 it back to the hotel just getting a little lost in the  
6 rain. A visit with our Department Secretary to support a  
7 mailout broke up my officials visits.

8 American Legion Department Commander Larry and I  
9 had a meet and greet at Post and Unit 16 Karl Ross  
10 District 11. A wonderful opportunity to meet and speak  
11 with our Legion Family.

12 Back to the Department Headquarters to be a judge  
13 for the Creative Arts Festival at Fort Miley. My co-judge  
14 Ann from the DAR and I had a hard time choosing the first,  
15 second, and third place winner. What talent. I am hoping  
16 we have a California win at National, but best of all was  
17 the meet and greet with the artists. Speaking with the  
18 artists as they explained the meaning behind their art was  
19 priceless. To see the surprise on their faces as they  
20 received their winning ribbon is why we do what we do. I  
21 highly recommend the Creative Arts Festival. Try it and  
22 you will love it.

23 Month of March began with District 15 and  
24 visiting lots of old friends. One of the most beautiful  
25 drives was the visit to District 5 in Clearlake. Straight

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1 to the Department Headquarters to meet with District 8 and  
2 then home to rest.

3 April started off with my official visit to VA  
4 Hospital Menlo Park which was made special by VA Palo Alto  
5 representative Connie Raya and every deputy at both  
6 locations attending. District 9, 10, 13, and 26 official  
7 visits followed with a lovely meeting and a beautiful  
8 lunch. Past Department President Linda Workman, our  
9 Distinguished Guest Chairman, took very good care of me.  
10 After saying goodbye, I went to load the car and to my  
11 surprise, it was already loaded. Linda found my keys and  
12 packed me up as I visited. A true Department treasure and  
13 mentor to all and the best joke teller. And we'll hear  
14 that later on, I'm sure.

15 Homecoming was next. The food and the music was  
16 great. And a special thank you to all that came to share  
17 the night with me, my unit, my district, family and  
18 friends. The month was closed with Junior Conference in  
19 Wonder Valley. A great job by our senior members  
20 mentoring our juniors, counselors. Director Mindy and  
21 Chairman Maureen, everybody had a great time. A job well  
22 done.

23 May found me in District 7. One of our new  
24 units, 264 James E. Fowler, hosted the meeting. It was  
25 great. Here we are in June at our 100th year convention.

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1 I have learned so many things. The most important, how  
2 valuable our members are, their dedication to our mission.  
3 Do we always agree with each other, no. Can we work  
4 together, yes. Thank you all, but especially members that  
5 took the time to attend official visits and functions and  
6 to share your stories with me. I thank you for the good  
7 wishes, kindness, gifts and courtesies to me this past  
8 year.

9 I leave you with this. Never forget who you are.  
10 You are a member of the oldest women's patriotic  
11 organization who turns 100 years old this November 10th,  
12 2019. You volunteer, serve others, love our country, love  
13 our veterans, and show up to do the work. I thank you  
14 from the bottom of my heart. I wish you continued joy in  
15 our great organization as we move into the next 100 years  
16 of service. God bless you all and thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you all. Our  
19 Department Vice President is going to go next.

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21 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CONVENTION REPORT

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23 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Okay. I'll  
24 hurry. Good afternoon, ladies. Good morning, ladies.  
25 Madam President, this Vice President thanks you very much

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1 for making this year very simple. As the Sunshine for the  
2 Department of California, it was a pleasure to assist  
3 Mother Nature in watching her gardens grow.

4 In the first six months as Vice President I had  
5 the privilege of accompanying you on your tour of Long  
6 Beach VA Hospital and attending the Girls State budget  
7 meeting. The second half of the year found us together  
8 once again at Junior Conference where I saw firsthand the  
9 future of our organization. What an amazing group of  
10 young ladies. I had the privilege of installing our new  
11 Honorary Junior Officers for the 2019-2020 year.

12 To the Reps and Deps at Long Beach VA, the  
13 members of the Girls State Committee, and the Junior  
14 Conference Junior Activities Committee, thank you very  
15 much for your kindness and hospitality. It was deeply  
16 appreciated.

17 Madam President, your theme of, "Freedom blooms  
18 when veterans are served," was truly evident as we watched  
19 the gardens of the Department of California bloom and grow  
20 in service to our veterans. Thank you, Madam President.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you, Kathie.  
23 Next we'll hear from our Legislative Chairman Loretta.  
24 NEC. I'm sorry. NEC.

25 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCILWOMAN MARSH: That's

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1 the one I grabbed first.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: She's going to do  
3 her NEC report.

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5 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONVENTION REPORT

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7 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN MARSH: Thank  
8 you. On behalf of the Department of California, I  
9 attended the National Pre-Convention and Post-Convention  
10 NEC meetings in Minneapolis at the 2018 National  
11 Convention as well as a February NEC meeting in  
12 Indianapolis. I also joined their two meetings by  
13 conference calls.

14 There were several items on the agenda. The  
15 first was a proposal to return the Auxiliary's  
16 participation in the Washington D.C. conference which had  
17 been eliminated for budget reasons. Another item  
18 discussed was the elimination of approximately 40  
19 committee members on the National level. Since we don't  
20 have committees, only a chairman for most of our programs,  
21 this shouldn't have an impact on our procedures.

22 Other program changes were to have a Unit Member  
23 of the Year come under the Leadership program and a  
24 Service Woman of the Year under the National Security  
25 rather than the current Past Presidents Parley.

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1           A couple of things have come up under membership.  
2 One is a proposed change to Standing Rule X.3 which  
3 addresses transfers between units. It has been clarified  
4 by adding the sentence: "Transfer is final upon  
5 verification of paid membership and acceptance of the  
6 transferee by the new unit." This is meant to clear up  
7 the confusion over whether or not you must accept a  
8 transfer.

9           Another membership item on the horizon is to  
10 change the American Legion NEC as proposed in their  
11 membership requirements for the Auxiliary. This change  
12 would be only one word. They would be changing the word  
13 "wife" to "spouse." This was deemed to be necessary in  
14 today's need for inclusion and the fact that 27 states  
15 have already passed antidiscrimination laws and others are  
16 poised to do so.

17           Another consideration was the number of women  
18 veterans now in the American Legion. We are all aware of  
19 the changes that have come about in our world in the 100  
20 years since our inception, so it is inevitable that our  
21 organization adjusts accordingly. These are some things  
22 that will come up during Legion Department and National  
23 Convention, so I'm just giving you a heads up.

24           As I'm sure you are all aware of, but a reminder,  
25 that the updated unit handbook is now available. Madam

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1 President, this concludes the NEC report.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you. Do you  
4 want to do your Legislative report?

5 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: I have a  
6 question for the NEC person. What's the definition of  
7 "spouse"? Because I'm going to get asked that question.

8 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN MARSH: Male or  
9 female.

10 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Okay. That's  
11 what I wanted. So it means male or female. Thank you. I  
12 want to check. I'm Susie Tozier, District 22.

13 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEWOMAN MARSH: Yes, a  
14 spouse would be a married partner, and that means  
15 something different now than it did 100 years ago as we  
16 all know.

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18 LEGISLATIVE CONVENTION REPORT

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20 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MARSH: The convention  
21 committee for Legislative met on June 27th in the Sycamore  
22 Room of the Ontario Airport Hotel. The statistical report  
23 of this Chairman appears on page 23 of the Book of  
24 Reports. Kim Vincent served as secretary, Laurie Richards  
25 from District 26 offered prayer, and Kim pitched in and

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1 took over for Sergeant-at-Arms also. We had 17 district  
2 delegates and four visitors. And no changes were  
3 proposed.

4 We had quite a spirited discussion. By  
5 "spirited," I mean during the course of our discussion we  
6 covered that the HR Bill 299, which is known as the Blue  
7 Water Navy, was passed and signed.

8 (Applause.)

9 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MARSH: So that caused a lot  
10 of excitement because our ladies were wanting that one.  
11 That concludes the committee report. May I continue with  
12 my supplemental?

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes, you may.

14 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MARSH: Okay. The  
15 Department of California not only got busy with contacts  
16 to the government officials to promote legislation of  
17 importance to the wellbeing of our veterans and their  
18 families, they also went to work and made things happen.  
19 One district and unit in Southern California worked  
20 diligently contacting officials and succeeded in getting a  
21 bill, the Transportation ACR-37 if you want to be  
22 technical, passed and awaiting the Governor's signature to  
23 have a bridge named the Marine Corporal Erik H. Silva  
24 Memorial Bridge. They held fundraisers to help pay for  
25 the new highway signs. They had the support of and worked

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1 very closely with the city council and mayor.

2 Another district and unit in Northern California  
3 campaigned to have a French Legion of Honor World War II  
4 Medalist honored with an assembly resolution and to have  
5 him in Sacramento's Hall of Fame. The legislative  
6 chairman for the district sent me so many copies of all of  
7 her transactions concerning various bills, and the packet  
8 is much too large for me to pass on all that they did.  
9 She attended Legislative Day in Sacramento with the  
10 American Legion in full support for the legislation they  
11 were supporting.

12 Another unit attended city council meetings where  
13 veterans were being honored for their service. The city  
14 honors six different veterans every six months with  
15 proclamations and personal banners posted near a memorial  
16 park for six months.

17 Women veteran issues were given high priority  
18 among many units. Blue Star and Gold Star mothers were  
19 also honored in many units and districts.

20 One item in the American Legion has asked for our  
21 support for was the bill to close the loopholes in the  
22 eligibility for veterans to join the American Legion. The  
23 bill would make any veteran that has served since World  
24 War II with an honorable discharge eligible for a  
25 membership. This bill would affect Auxiliary membership

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1 as well. This bill has passed the Senate with an  
2 unanimous vote and is headed to the House as of the  
3 writing of this report.

4 (Applause.)

5 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MARSH: You can find all the  
6 statistics for this program in your Book of Reports on  
7 page 23. This concludes my report. May I continue with  
8 my awards?

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes, you may.

10 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MARSH: Thank you. Okay.  
11 I'm really, really sad to say I didn't receive a lot of  
12 them back, very few supplemental reports. I heard some  
13 great, great things, but it wasn't necessarily written in  
14 a report form for competition. So that being said, I am  
15 giving First Place award Unit Supplemental to Unit 422,  
16 District 25, Patricia Galatioto, Chairman.

17 (Applause.)

18 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MARSH: And Patricia is also  
19 receiving First Place For District Supplemental Report.

20 (Applause.)

21 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MARSH: She was the one that  
22 got so excited yesterday when she heard the passage of the  
23 one bill. Okay. Because I got so few reports but I heard  
24 so many things, I wanted this year, since I couldn't do  
25 reports, is to recognize two people that did outstanding

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1 work in Legislative programs this year. And one of those  
2 people was Kim Vincent, Unit 138 District 30.

3 (Applause.)

4 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MARSH: She worked very  
5 hard. She's the one that worked on getting that bridge  
6 named for a veteran.

7 (Applause.)

8 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MARSH: Another member that  
9 worked very hard in Legislative, the one I received the  
10 whole stack of communication from was Candace Hamilton  
11 from Unit 383, District 6.

12 (Applause.)

13 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MARSH: Yes, it was a big  
14 stack. This concludes my remarks.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you, Loretta.  
16 And we will now have a report of our Honorary Junior  
17 Member Tyra Haynes.

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19 HONORARY JUNIOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CONVENTION REPORT  
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21 HONORARY JUNIOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT HAYNES:

22 Good morning, everyone. My name is -- oh, sorry. My name  
23 is Tyra Haynes from District 24 Unit 23 and I am honored  
24 to be the Junior Department President of California.

25 (Applause.)

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1 HONORARY JUNIOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT HAYNES: I  
2 have been given an amazing opportunity this year and it  
3 has pushed me to grow in ways that I have only dreamed of.  
4 At the convention last year I attended Girls State and it  
5 was amazing. I met so many incredible girls.

6 Every third Sunday I rode with other Juniors and  
7 awarded every veteran with at least five books each. I  
8 held my first Junior meeting with three other Juniors and  
9 I elected my unit vice president, secretary, and chaplain.  
10 On Halloween two other Juniors and I passed out pretzels  
11 to the veterans at the West Los Angeles Cal Vet Home.

12 On Christmas along with many members from my unit  
13 and other guests, we gave Christmas -- we made Christmas  
14 bags that included socks and other toiletries. This year  
15 I have attended the DEC conference where I was able to  
16 report activities so far in the year.

17 In December District 18 went to a VA hospital and  
18 decorated two Christmas trees with ornaments. Afterwards  
19 they made baggies of -- what happened? They made Baggies  
20 of Love with the National President. These bags included  
21 toothbrush, toothpaste, body wash, et cetera. After they  
22 helped sell raffle tickets and 50/50 tickets during the  
23 National President's visit there, we decorated pots and  
24 planted flowers in them to give to women veterans and  
25 helped decorated the Rose Bowl float.

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1           District 23 Unit 252 held a fundraiser of sending  
2 clothing and other goods to help in Haiti for a church  
3 project that involved with the National President's visit  
4 to the Norwalk post.

5           During Junior Conference I had an amazing time  
6 with the Juniors. During one of our workshops we made  
7 baggies for the homeless veterans, both male and female.  
8 We also left treats for those who have dogs. It was -- it  
9 was great welcoming the new Honorary Junior Officers of  
10 2019-2020. This has been one amazing year improving my  
11 leadership skills, meeting and getting closer to many  
12 different people. As I volunteer in my community more,  
13 attend more meetings and meeting new people, I am learning  
14 more about this organization that I can pass to encourage  
15 more people to join.

16           I would like to thank Madam President Joan  
17 Cannon, the Legion, the Auxiliary, my Post, my District,  
18 Mindy and Maureen. I would like to put out a special  
19 thanks to all the Juniors for believing in me. I would  
20 -- -- I wouldn't have -- okay. I'm sorry. I would like  
21 to put out a special thanks to all the Juniors for  
22 believing in me. I wouldn't have had an amazing year  
23 without them. Thank you.

24           (Applause.)

25           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: We will have --

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1 HONORARY JUNIOR DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT HAYNES: May  
2 I approach?

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes. And while  
4 we're doing that, Susie. Thank you.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you very  
7 much. Okay. Will the Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal get  
8 our guests together? Since it's so close to lunch, I'm  
9 just going to introduce our guests. I would like to  
10 introduce our guests. We have first our Unit Member of  
11 the Year Carmen Candelario Haren, Camarillo Unit 741,  
12 District 16.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Salute to Active  
15 Duty Servicewomen, Amanda K. Baldwin and Evita Yniquez-De  
16 La Cruz.

17 (Processional.)

18 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Carmen,  
19 will you stand at the Department President's podium,  
20 please?

21 (Applause.)

22 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN TOZIER: And,  
23 ladies, I would like to introduce you to two of our Salute  
24 to Active Duty Servicewomen. We have Amanda Baldwin. She  
25 was sponsored from District 30. She's in the Navy.

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1 (Applause.)

2 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN TOZIER: And  
3 Evita Yniguez-De La Cruz. She's in the Air Force. She  
4 was sponsored District 25. We will talk more about them  
5 and give their history at the luncheon today. I just  
6 wanted to introduce you to them.

7 Also I have our scholarship winner which is  
8 Kathryn Fimbres. I don't know how to say her last name.  
9 She's from District 28. She was not able to make it today  
10 because she's in school. She's our nursing scholarship  
11 winner for \$4,000. Susan Baker is here to accept it for  
12 her.

13 (Applause.)

14 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN TOZIER: I will  
15 finish my report after lunch since it's so close.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you.  
17 Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-At-Arms along with  
18 the Distinguished Guest Chairman, please escort our  
19 guests.

20 (Processional.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: We're now adjourned  
22 for lunch. We will adjourn and return at 1:30. 1:30.  
23 Thank you.

24 (Lunch recess taken: 12:21 p.m.)

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1 AFTERNOON SESSION - 1:39 P.M.

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3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Will the  
4 Sergeant-at-Arms please close the door that we're not  
5 using, the one to my right. Or the Assistant  
6 Sergeant-At-Arms. I would like to make an announcement.

7 (Singing.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. That's one.  
9 Hopefully it will be the only one. If you are nominating  
10 someone for our Department Office Or National, please be  
11 on stage now because we will be going right after the PPP  
12 report.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Everyone wants  
14 me to remind the delegates to pick up their packets and to  
15 pick up a special gift if you haven't already.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. The PPP  
17 Chairman Susie Tozier.

18 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN TOZIER: First of  
19 all, I want to read what we said about the women today  
20 because those in the back had a hard time listening. But  
21 this is what we had. Okay. Carmen Candelario Haren, Unit  
22 741 is our Member of the Year. She is very active in her  
23 unit. She started the Baggies for Love. She asks: Have  
24 you ever been sitting at a stoplight or waiting at a line  
25 and seen a homeless person? It might be a veteran or just

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1 someone down on their luck. She wanted to help. She  
2 started doing the Baggies of Love filled with comfort  
3 items. She collected items and spare change to fill these  
4 bags. She even started -- she also started doggie treats  
5 for veterans. Each baggy has the VA hotline label and she  
6 distributes them as she sees a homeless person. This  
7 program has received local, state, and national attention.  
8 She believes small acts of kindness could be adopted to  
9 help the homeless in our community.

10 Our next was the \$4,000 scholarship winner, but  
11 she's not here. She was sponsor by Monterey Cypress Unit  
12 694, District 28. She is currently in Maurine -- I think  
13 I spelled it wrong -- Church Coburn School of Nursing.  
14 She will receive an AA degree in 2020 but plans to enroll  
15 in a collaborative bachelor of science in nursing pathway.  
16 In the future she will pursue her master's degree. She is  
17 a single mother with a young daughter. Because of the  
18 demands of the nursing program, she has reduced her work  
19 schedule to three to four days a week. She is the sole  
20 provider for the family. Kathryn Fimbres was unable to  
21 attend this luncheon because she is at school today so she  
22 was unable to attend.

23 The honorees for the Active Duty Servicewomen of  
24 the Year, we have Colonel Jennifer Shaar. She is USMC.  
25 She is on her way to her next duty station in Washington

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1 D.C. Colonel Shaar is a native of Indianapolis, Indiana.  
2 She attended Annapolis and the Naval Postgraduate School  
3 where she earned a MA in management. And she also  
4 attended U.S. War College for MA in strategic studies.  
5 She has served as finance -- I have to laugh because I  
6 spelled "as" A-S-S. Yeah. She has -- I have to put my  
7 glasses on. Let's see. Where did I leave off?

8 Financial management officer in operational and  
9 support commands. She has served at the headquarters of  
10 the Marine Corps Department of the Navy financial  
11 management and budget, director, comptroller division of  
12 the Marine Corps. She has also served as a Congressional  
13 Fellow representing the Marine Corps on Capitol Hill. And  
14 I will be giving the certificate to her.

15 Amanda K. Baldwin is an E4 in the U.S. Navy at  
16 the Navy Munitions Command Pacific Conus West Division  
17 Detachment. She deals with ordnance. She is a team  
18 leader for the safe assembly and disassembly and breakout  
19 and issue of 438 tons of ordnance in support of 23 Navy  
20 Marine Corps and Allied Forces squadrons. She was  
21 sponsored by Bradley Cooper Unit 138, District 30.

22 Colonel Shaar was sponsored by National City Unit  
23 255, District 22.

24 Evita Yniguez-De La Cruz is a Technical Sergeant  
25 E6 for the U.S. Air Force. She is an Iraq veteran and

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1 Gold Star Wife who lost her husband, Sergeant James De La  
2 Cruz, to suicide on January 13th, 2013. She started the  
3 Veteran Suicide Awareness Project in honor of her husband.  
4 She is stationed at the 452nd aeromedical staging facility  
5 at March Air Reserve Base in Riverside where she works for  
6 -- she is a nurse also. She is the mother of two  
7 children, Marc and Lily. She is also the post commander  
8 of Victor Valley Post 725, what used to be Hisperia, and  
9 she has started a suicide program. And it's very good and  
10 you hear about they walk 20 miles, and she will be doing  
11 that tomorrow again.

### 12 13 PAST PRESIDENT PARLEY CONVENTION REPORT

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15 PAST PRESIDENT PARLEY CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Okay.  
16 The convention committee on Past President Parley met on  
17 June 27, 2019 in Room Syran. The statistical report -- I  
18 have to fanagle this one because I couldn't get it to  
19 work. I had to move it. It will be found in your Book of  
20 Reports. Brenda Wardrip was secretary. Joann Shope, Unit  
21 795, District 7 was chaplain. Sergeant-at-Arms was Jackie  
22 Cleveland, U578, District 23.

23 The code was read. The following housekeeping  
24 changes needs to be made. Code 5, page 54, end of line 2.  
25 Add a space between "of" and "the," the last two words of

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1 that line. In line -- code -- line 5 of that same  
2 paragraph, we're going to delete the word "were." "They  
3 are to be reverted back to the funds from which they  
4 originated." Before it said "were originated." So we're  
5 deleting the "were."

6 And also on the last line, we're deleting the  
7 word "were," W-E-R-E. "Are reverted back to where they  
8 originated."

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Housekeeping  
10 changes don't need to be read, so we're good.

11 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: I was just  
12 making sure. Code 18, last line read: "She can contact  
13 the nominee regarding the Department function that she  
14 will be." Change that to: "She can contact the nominee  
15 regarding the Department function that" -- I don't  
16 remember why I wrote that on there.

17 AUDIENCE MEMBER: We're changing "that" to  
18 "were."

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: That's another  
20 grammatical housekeeping.

21 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Yeah,  
22 we're taking the word "that" and it was "were" before. So  
23 we're just correcting the words so it makes grammatical  
24 sense.

25 100 percent unit donations to Past Presidents

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1 Parley were given to Districts 6, 7, 9, 20, 24, and 27.  
2 It was very disheartening to see that units are not  
3 supporting the program for the scholarships. If you don't  
4 give money, we don't have scholarships. So we need you to  
5 -- 100 percent donation from your units. 100 percent  
6 awards were given to District 6, 7, 9, 11, 14, 19, 23, 24,  
7 25, and 29. Second and third places awards were presented  
8 in committee. May I continue with the supplemental?

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes.

10 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN TOZIER: I know  
11 this is backwards, ladies, the statistical. This year it  
12 was stressed that the Past Presidents Parley should be  
13 mentors for the members. We should be sharing what we  
14 have learned from our training and experience with the  
15 organization. This should be done with charm and not  
16 bullying.

17 It was encouraged that members try to complete  
18 all five courses of the ALA Academy. This was difficult.  
19 I had technical problems, my computer wouldn't accept it.  
20 The courses were not compatible with certain operating  
21 systems. It is hopeful that this has been made more user  
22 friendly.

23 Members honored veteran women with special  
24 programs. Some new members are given membership to the  
25 American Legion Auxiliary. This year it was noticed that

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1 units are not donating to the Past Presidents Parley.  
2 Without your donations we will not be able to award nurses  
3 scholarships in the future. Only you can make this  
4 possible. May I make my first place?

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes, you may.

6 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Okay.  
7 Highest Number of Member -- oops. I promised \$25. I have  
8 it right here. It's been close to my heart. Highest  
9 Number of Members for Unit Completing the ALA Academy 5  
10 Courses is Carl R. Meairs Unit 289, District 21. It's the  
11 \$25 I promised you.

12 (Applause.)

13 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Highest  
14 Number of Members Completing ALA Academy 5 Courses for a  
15 district, District 21.

16 (Applause.)

17 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Best  
18 District Report, District 25.

19 (Applause.)

20 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Best  
21 Unit Report, Cecil M. Anderson, Unit 589 District 28.

22 (Applause.)

23 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN TOZIER: This  
24 concludes my report.

25 (Applause.)

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you.

2 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN TOZIER: And I  
3 want to thank everyone for being at the luncheon today.  
4 Thank you.

5

6 NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS 2019-2020

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8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: At this time we're  
9 going to proceed with the nominations for Department  
10 Officers, Junior Member of Finance, the National Office  
11 and Delegates to National Convention. If there's no  
12 objection, the Chair will close nominations.

13 Nominations are now open for the office of  
14 Department President. The Chair recognizes Past  
15 Department President Anita Biggs.

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Kathie Martinez  
17 has been an Auxiliary Member for 41 years. Her  
18 eligibility is through her father, Johnny W. Vaughn, a  
19 World War II and Korean War Veteran and her brother, Eddie  
20 A. Vaughn, Vietnam veteran. Kathie has two sons, two  
21 daughters, two grandsons, and three granddaughters, all of  
22 whom are members of the American Legion Family.

23 Kathie is currently serving Community Unit 46 as  
24 Secretary/Treasurer. Since transfer to this unit she has  
25 served as President three times and has worked to

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1 revitalize the unit over the past two years including  
2 reaching goal this past year by National Convention.  
3 Kathie has served District 23 on all levels and  
4 Chairmanships and as District President 1999-2000.

5 On Department level she has served as  
6 Sergeant-at-Arms, Marshal, Junior Conference Committee  
7 Member, Junior Conference Director, served three years  
8 through the Chairs of the Finance Committee, Leadership,  
9 Poppy, Children & Youth, Veterans Affairs &  
10 Rehabilitation, currently serving as the Membership  
11 Chairman.

12 Kathie has worked for the past 20 years as an  
13 administrative assistant for a national auto and  
14 heavy-duty truck distribution center and is currently the  
15 regional administrative assistant. Her responsibilities  
16 include, but are not limited to, accounts payable,  
17 accounts receivable, invoicing, auditing, and daily  
18 reconciliation of cash sales for the West Coast  
19 operations. In her spare time or leisure time, which is  
20 few given all of this, she enjoys volunteering at her  
21 church, reading, crocheting, sewing, fishing, and spending  
22 as much time as she can with her family.

23 On behalf of Community Unit 46 and District 23, I  
24 am proud to nominate Heather Martinez's mother -- she  
25 couldn't be here to do this special nomination so I'll do

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1 this with honor -- I nominate Kathie Martinez for the  
2 office of the President of the Department of California  
3 American Legion Auxiliary for the year 2019-2020.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Are there any other  
6 nominations for the Department President?

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none,  
9 nominations for the Department President are now closed.

10 Nominations are now open for the office of  
11 Department Vice President. The Chair recognizes Harriet  
12 Clendenin from District 15.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Dee Ann Graham  
14 joined the American Legion Auxiliary in two thousand --  
15 oh, am I supposed to talk into this? Silly me.

16 Dee Ann Graham joined the American Legion  
17 Auxiliary in 2009. Her eligibility is through her  
18 husband, David Graham, a U.S. Army Vietnam era veteran.  
19 She is very proud of her family's service. Brother Larry  
20 Jones is the U.S. Army in Korea and son-in-law John  
21 Kennedy, U.S. Marines Desert Storm.

22 Dee Ann has held various chairmanships and  
23 offices on the unit and district level, serving twice as  
24 President in her unit and at district level. This year  
25 Dee Ann is serving as President in her Unit and District.

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1 She has completed the National Leadership course as well  
2 as being a PUFL.

3 She has served as a Department Chairman for  
4 National Security, Community Service, Children & Youth and  
5 currently Chairman for Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation  
6 program.

7 Dee Ann volunteers at Bakersfield Post 26 Legion  
8 offices doing general office work and bookkeeping. Dee  
9 Ann worked 25 years in the Southern California aerospace  
10 industry. She started her career as a junior draftsman  
11 and retired as an engineer service supervisor for a  
12 government contractor who designed and manufactured  
13 portable and stationary test stands for the FA 18s and FA  
14 16s. She attained an AS in vocational science from  
15 College of the Canyons in Valencia.

16 Dee Ann has two children and twin grandsons.

17 Bakersfield Unit 26 and District 15 are proud to  
18 endorse Dee Ann Graham. I am proud to nominate Dee Ann  
19 Graham for the office of Vice President for the 2019-2020  
20 year.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Are there any  
23 further nominations for the office of Vice President?

24 (No response.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none,

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1 nominations for Department Vice President are now closed.

2 Nominations now are open for the office of the  
3 Department Junior Member of Finance. The Chair recognizes  
4 Kathy Newlen from District 21.

5 DISTRICT 21 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT NEWLEN: Thank  
6 you. I was told I had to do something very brief, give a  
7 little information that I do know about Cathy McCoy.  
8 Cathy McCoy is running for Junior Member of Finance.  
9 She's been in the accounting field pretty much all her  
10 life in various -- I guess more than one company. She has  
11 several grandchildren I know and children. I don't know  
12 how many personally.

13 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT McCOY: Thirty-two.

14 DISTRICT 21 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT NEWLEN: How  
15 many?

16 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT McCOY: Thirty-two  
17 grandchildren and great grandchildren.

18 DISTRICT 21 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT NEWLEN:  
19 Thirty-two grandchildren and great grandchildren. She's  
20 been a member of Unit 53, District 21. She's been -- held  
21 very many and numerous offices, been numerous offices.  
22 She's worked her way up through the ranks at her unit  
23 level and district level and a little bit at department  
24 level. So I know she's looking forward to being -- as  
25 this nomination for Junior Member of Finance and for her

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1 next three-year term if she gets that, that would be  
2 great. Sorry.

3 (Applause.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Kathy, Kathy, don't  
5 leave. Come back up. Careful. Don't trip. Come back to  
6 the microphone.

7 DISTRICT 21 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT NEWLEN: Oh, I'm  
8 sorry.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: You have to say, "I  
10 nominate."

11 DISTRICT 21 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT NEWLEN: I  
12 nominate Cathy McCoy to the position of Junior Member of  
13 Finance for the Department of California.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you.

15 DISTRICT 21 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT NEWLEN: You're  
16 welcome.

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Are there any  
19 further nominations for the Junior Member of Finance?

20 (No response.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, the  
22 nominations for the Junior Member of Finance are now  
23 closed.

24 Are there any nominations for National Executive  
25 Committeewoman? The Chair recognizes Past National

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1 President and Past Department of California President  
2 Nancy Brown-Park.

3 PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: There's a  
4 whole lot of other stuff too. Madam President, I am  
5 honored to present Linda Workman as a candidate for  
6 National Executive Committeewoman 2019-2021. She is a  
7 member of Unit 161, District 9.

8 Linda is eligible through the service of her  
9 father Joe Engstrom, a World War II veteran. She has been  
10 a member for 69 years and has been active almost as many.  
11 Her family was very active in the American Legion Family  
12 and passed on to her the importance of service, not self.

13 Linda has served all major chairmanships and  
14 offices at the unit and district level and continues to be  
15 involved in helping her new unit and district. Before she  
16 moved to her new unit, she was the glue that kept Unit 472  
17 and District 26 together.

18 She was elected Department President in 1998  
19 after serving just about every chairmanship on the  
20 Department level. Linda's theme "Workmen" has inspired us  
21 all to roll up our sleeves for veterans and their  
22 families. Since serving as Department President she has  
23 been very active on the National level serving on several  
24 committees. In 2015-2016 Linda was elected to the office  
25 of Western Division National Vice President. If that is

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1 not enough, she also served as my campaign manager and  
2 personal page. Now that was a task.

3 We are getting ready to celebrate our 100th  
4 anniversary and we need strong leadership on our national  
5 executive board. Linda is the right person at the right  
6 time who will represent our department and make the right  
7 decisions for the entire organization as we move into the  
8 next century.

9 She is married to her husband, Lyle, and they  
10 have three children, seven grandchildren, and four great  
11 grandchildren, all members of the American Legion Family.  
12 She recently retired after working 45 years in the  
13 mortgage banking industry. She is also involved with the  
14 Lion's Club, serving as Chapter President for Beth Sigma  
15 Phi and Area Council Treasurer. Linda also served as  
16 Departmental Capeau 2011-2012 and is currently serving on  
17 the National level.

18 As Past National President I am honored to  
19 nominate my very special friend Linda Workman as National  
20 Executive Committeewoman for the two-year term of  
21 2019-2021.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Are there any other  
24 further nominations for National Executive Committeewoman?

25 (No response.)

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, the  
2 nominations for National Executive Committeewoman are now  
3 closed.

4 Are there any nominations for Alternate National  
5 Executive Committee Member? The Chair recognizes Deborah  
6 Straight, District 11.

7 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT STRAIGHT: Joan Cannon has  
8 been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary  
9 McFall-Grisham Unit 249, District 11 for 35 years. She  
10 qualified for membership in the ALA from her father, JW  
11 Holloway, a World War II, Korean and Vietnam Veteran and  
12 retired Chief Petty Officer for the U.S. Navy and her son,  
13 David Cannon, a Desert Storm veteran having served in the  
14 U.S. Navy as a submariner.

15 Hold on a second. Let me get my breath here.

16 Joan's son David and grandchildren Alyssa and  
17 Giselle all belong to McFall-Grisham Post and Auxiliary.

18 Joan is retired from the Defense Logistics Agency  
19 after serving 30 years at Defense Distribution Center San  
20 Joaquin and Defense Distribution Center New Cumberland,  
21 Pennsylvania. Joan held numerous positions during her 30  
22 years of service as one of the first women Branch Chiefs  
23 over the hazardous branch, packaging specialists, and  
24 supply system analyst. Joan received many awards during  
25 her career to include the Meritorious Civilian Service

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1 Award for serving as the project manager for the  
2 successful implementation of the Distribution Standard  
3 System at Navy Base, Corpus Christi, Texas and assistant  
4 project manager at Naval Base Yokosuka, Japan, as well as  
5 awards for superior performance.

6 Joan was one of the assigned analyst at military  
7 bases west of the Mississippi, Hawaii, and Japan. Joan  
8 completed the Tench Francis School of Business given at  
9 the Naval Supply Corps School, Athens, Georgia, receiving  
10 a certificate of completion in the advanced management  
11 program.

12 Joan served as president of her unit and  
13 district. She's held most chairmanships and is the tax  
14 point of contact for both unit and district. For  
15 Department of California Joan has held the following  
16 chairmanships: Elections, Public Relations, Community  
17 Service, Children & Youth, Veterans Affairs &  
18 Rehabilitation, and Membership. Joan has served as Vice  
19 President and is currently serving as our current  
20 President of the Department of California.

21 McFall-Grisham Unit 249 and District 11 along  
22 with her family and friends are happy to nominate Joan  
23 Cannon for Alternate NEC National Executive Committeewoman  
24 for the Department of California.

25 (Applause.)

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Are there any other  
2 nominations for the office of Alternate NEC?

3 (No response.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, the  
5 all nominations are closed.

6 Thank you all. Congratulations to all of the  
7 nominees. And now we will proceed with the nominations  
8 for the delegates. And these are for the nominees.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Delegates in  
10 their own right are Nancy Brown-Park and Loretta Marsh.  
11 Delegates by our Constitution & Bylaws, Joan Cannon.

12 Okay. Delegates in their right are Nancy  
13 Brown-Park and Loretta Marsh. Delegates by our  
14 Constitution & Bylaws are Joan Cannon, Kathie Martinez,  
15 Harriet Clendenin, and Melanie Taylor.

16 Delegate District 1, I have nothing. Delegate  
17 District 2, pass. Delegate District 3, no paperwork.  
18 Delegate District 4, Jean Edson. Delegate District 5,  
19 pass. Delegate District 6, Glenda Schultz. Delegate  
20 District 7, Bonnie Bradbury. Delegate District 8, pass.  
21 Delegate District 9, Linda Workman. Delegate District 10,  
22 no paperwork. Delegate District 11, Grace Huston.  
23 Delegate District 12, Nancy -- excuse me. Sandy  
24 Tollefson. Delegate District 13, Sandy Jacob. Delegate  
25 District 14, Gloria Jean Sinopoli. District 15, Dee Ann

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1 Graham. District 16, Linda Fercho. District 17, no  
2 paperwork. District 18, Maureen O'Brien-Sacco. District  
3 19, Jean Cooley-Desmeules. District 20, Linda Hayes.  
4 District 21, Ellen Fedorski. District 22, Susie Tozier.  
5 District 23, Anita Biggs. District 24, Deloris Artis.  
6 District 25, Diane DeLashmit. District 26, no paper.  
7 District 27, LuAnn Capazzi. District 28, pass. District  
8 29, Carol Borgman. And District 30, pass.

9 Okay. Ladies, because of the membership we are  
10 allowed 18 delegates. And for that are Joan Cannon,  
11 Kathie Martinez, Harriet Clendenin, and Melanie Taylor.  
12 We will have 18 that I called so far.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: So we have four  
14 over what we're allowed to go and that means we're going  
15 to have a vote. And so what we're asking you is if your  
16 name was called, are you truly going. So if you're not  
17 going and you'd like to pass, come to the microphone. The  
18 Chair recognizes --

19 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT McCOY: District 21, pass.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you. Okay.  
21 So now we're three over.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: I will have  
23 openings for alternates.

24 DISTRICT 12 DELEGATE TOLLEFSON: Sandy Tollefson,  
25 District 12. I will go for an alternate position.

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1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Okay. So you  
2 will pass at this time.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Chair recognizes  
6 Jean.

7 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT EDSON: Jean Edson, 4. I  
8 pass.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you, Jean.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: We need one  
11 more.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. So we're  
13 down to just one person, so --

14 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT COOLEY-DESMEULES: District  
15 19, Jean Cooley-Desmeules. I will pass as a delegate and  
16 go as alternate.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. Thank you.  
18 I would like to thank all of you who passed. Thank you  
19 very much.

20 (Applause.)

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: I do want to --  
22 are we good?

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We're good.

24 UNIDENTIFIED DELEGATE: I have a question. I had  
25 information from the president who is not here

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1 unfortunately saying that the information had been  
2 submitted for a delegate for District 26 and an alternate  
3 as well. So I realize that puts us over, but I just want  
4 to clarify.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: No, I appreciate  
6 that. I appreciate that. But I just want to -- I wanted  
7 to -- could you help me, Diane, please in the count? We  
8 still have too many. I apologize. Okay. We are still  
9 four over.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: We're still four  
11 over?

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Yes.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Is that with  
14 District 26 added? So would you go through them one more  
15 time?

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 1, no  
17 name. District 2, pass. District 3, pass. District 4,  
18 they pass. District 5, pass. District 6, Glenda Schultz.  
19 District 7, Bonnie Bradbury. District 8, pass. District  
20 9, Linda Workman. District 10, no name. District 11,  
21 Grace Huston. District 12, pass. Thank you, Sandy.  
22 District 13, Sandy Jacob. District 14, Gloria Jean  
23 Sinopoli. District 15, Dee Ann Graham. District 16,  
24 Linda Fercho. District 17, no name. District 18, Maureen  
25 O'Brien-Sacco. District 19, thank you, Jean, pass.

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1 District 20, Linda Hayes. District 21, thank you for the  
2 pass. District 22, Susie Tozier. District 23, Anita  
3 Biggs. District 24, Deloris Artis. District 25, Diane  
4 DeLashmit. District 26, Dee Brunner. District 27, LuAnn  
5 Capazzi. District 28, pass. District 29, Carol Borgman.  
6 And District 30, pass.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I have 17.

8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I have 17.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: We all have 17  
10 now.

11 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: District 29  
12 passes.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you very  
14 much, Carol.

15 DISTRICT 18 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT O'BRIEN-SACCO:  
16 District 18 passes.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you,  
18 Maureen. One more.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. So it looks  
20 like we probably still have to vote. There's one over, so  
21 we'll go --

22 DELEGATE DISTRICT 26: District 26, we will pass.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you very  
24 much. Okay. So we have our 18 delegates.

25 (Applause.)

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1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you,  
2 ladies.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I would just like  
4 to thank all of you who passed and went to an alternate.  
5 We all appreciate it. Thank you very much. And now we're  
6 onto the alternates.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: For alternates  
8 we do have 18 spots for alternates. So District 1, no  
9 number -- no name. District 2, pass. District 3, no  
10 name. District 4, no name, pass. District 5, pass.  
11 District 6, Ann Sanchez. District 7, pass. District 8,  
12 pass. District 9, pass. District 10, no name. District  
13 11, Marcia Munro. District 12, pass. District 13, pass.  
14 District 14, Debbie Hurado. District 15, Karen Herrera,  
15 District 16, Madeline Lee. District 17, no name.  
16 District 18, Patricia Martinez. District 19, Tamara Bell.  
17 District 20, Nancy Heinisch. District 21, Judy Bandezala.  
18 Thank you. District 22, Donna Smith. District 23,  
19 Valerie Hill. District 24, Melissa Card. District 25,  
20 Donna Scott.

21 District 26 was there a name submitted? Diane  
22 Bradford. Thank you.

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Say that out  
24 loud.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Diane Bradford.

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1 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: District 27,  
3 Danielle White. District 28, pass. District 29, Kokoe  
4 Estrada. And District 30, pass. That's 16.

5 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT McCOY: District 21 passes.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: That's 15.

7 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT COOLEY-DESMEULES: District  
8 19 --

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: One second.  
10 We're going to see if we have an issue.

11 PARLIMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Some of you ladies  
12 that were very generous about going to an alternate  
13 already have an alternate, so is that alternate going to  
14 decline and let the one that was the delegate be the  
15 alternate? Because after we have the first go around with  
16 alternates, then it has to go by membership strength. So  
17 you know which ones those are, so --

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Okay. The Chair  
19 recognizes Jean.

20 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT COOLEY-DESMEULES: District  
21 19, Tamara Bell passes.

22 DISTRICT 26 DELEGATE: District 26, Sonny  
23 Mathford wants to be an alternate.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: The alternates  
25 -- I'm sorry. The delegates, excuse me, the delegates

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1 that have passed in favor of moving to alternate: Jean  
2 Edson, District 4. District 12, Sandy Tollefson.  
3 District 18, Maureen O'Brien-Sacco. District 19, Jean  
4 Cooley-Desmeules. Thank you. District 21, they've taken  
5 care of them. District 26, Diane Rapport. Thank you.  
6 And then it was Carol Borgman in District 29.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: The Chair  
8 recognizes Patty Martinez.

9 DISTRICT 18 PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: I pass as an  
10 alternate and will have Maureen take my place. Maureen  
11 Sacco take my place, please.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you, Patty.  
13 District 4, did you want to -- okay. So that leaves  
14 District 4 and District 12, so their alternates that were  
15 listed are --

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Neither one of  
17 them had an alternate.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. So they just  
19 move up.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: So they can come  
21 over to the alternate.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: We should be good  
23 then. Thank you. We have to all check our clocks, huh?

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Jean has 14.  
25 Okay. Hold on. I count 17.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. So we all  
2 match at 17.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Okay.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Which we have.

5 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: We have one more and  
6 that needs to be -- the first one needs to be District 29.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: District 29 if you  
8 would like can elect an alternate, nominate an alternate.  
9 We have one space and your strength gives you the right to  
10 go first. District 29, either please come up and pass  
11 or --

12 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: District 29 is  
13 just going to pass.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you, District  
15 29.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Thank you.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: District 25, you  
18 have the strength next so you may pass or nominate.  
19 District 25, where are you? District 25 President, can  
20 you please come to the microphone? There you are.

21 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT KINTZER: Cyd Kintzer,  
22 District 25. Pass. Okay. I'm sorry. I nominate Tamra  
23 Duron.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you. So  
25 District 25 has nominated Tamra Duron as an alternate, so

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1 that will give us the total of 18 again. Thank you all.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: That helps us all  
4 so we don't have to have an election. It just saves us  
5 time. So thank you all very much.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: I appreciate it.  
7 Thank you very much, ladies.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. So we're  
9 going to have Kim Vincent give her report. She has to  
10 leave early. So for those of who are following the  
11 program, it's been interesting. We've had to move people  
12 around. So hold onto that paperwork. And while Kim is  
13 walking up, for those of you who weren't in the room when  
14 I made the announcement --

15 (Singing.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Just shows you how  
17 dumb I am. But I did want to tell you that the Girls  
18 State delegates made a lot of socks stuffed with stuff for  
19 our veterans. So if you're a rep or dep, follow Kim out  
20 after tonight. Her truck is filled with boxes. And if  
21 you volunteer at a VA hospital or you have homeless in  
22 your area and you would like to gather stuff, everybody  
23 follow Kim to her truck. It is loaded, enough for  
24 everybody. So follow her out when we're adjourned and  
25 help her clean her truck out. She'll be leaving in the

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1 morning.

2           CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN VINCENT: And I  
3 need to fill it with delegates to come with me the first  
4 thing in the morning, so if you want it, do it today.

5           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: So thank you for  
6 that. Kim, you may give your report.

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8           CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CONVENTION REPORT

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10           CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN VINCENT: The  
11 convention committee on Constitution & Bylaws met on June  
12 27th, 2019 in the Sycamore Room of the Ontario Airport &  
13 Convention Center Hotel in Ontario, California. The  
14 statistical report appears on page 20 of the Book of  
15 Reports.

16           With the consent of the delegates, Linda Hayes,  
17 District 20, was appointed secretary, Jan McCormick,  
18 District 13, offered prayer, and CJ Reyes, District 19,  
19 was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 16 district  
20 delegates answered roll call. There were nine visitors  
21 present.

22           The code was read and the committee agreed upon  
23 the following report. On the Unit Amendment to Bylaws  
24 signature page, it reads: "Send five copies to Department  
25 Constitution & Bylaws Chairman."

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1 By direction of the Constitution & Bylaws  
2 preconvention committee, it was changed to read: "Send  
3 five copies of this Amendment Signature page to Department  
4 Constitution & Bylaws Chairman."

5 Madam President, I move for the adoption of this  
6 change.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: So, Kim, what page  
8 is that on and what number?

9 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN VINCENT: What  
10 page of what code? That is not on the code. That is on  
11 the signature pages themselves of the unit amendment page.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: It's not in the  
13 code, then it's not a code change. You can just make that  
14 change with the Department.

15 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Thank  
16 you. That will save us some time.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. We just want  
18 some clarification. So is this you're doing -- since it's  
19 not inside -- is it anywhere in the Constitution & Bylaws?  
20 Is it written anywhere? How did you find out you want to  
21 change this?

22 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN VINCENT: So --

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: If it's on the  
24 signature page, that is part of the code.

25 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Okay.

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1 It is on the top of the signature page.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: So is it top page?

3 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Yes, on  
4 the model bylaws. Actually, it's the amendment page  
5 itself, so -- I may approach Diane?

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. So just for  
7 speedy sake, Kim, would you mind coming back here and  
8 Diane -- we'll have Glenda Schultz come give her report.  
9 That way we can kind of keep moving on. And Poppy will be  
10 next. We're still not ready with Poppy.

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12 COMMUNITY SERVICE CONVENTION REPORT

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14 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Okay. Good  
15 afternoon. The Community Service pre-convention committee  
16 met on June 27th, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in Walnut Room of the  
17 Ontario Airport Hotel in Ontario, California. The  
18 statistical report for Community Service is on page 19 of  
19 the Book of Reports.

20 Tracy Varnell-Fercho with District 18 -- excuse  
21 me. District 16, Unit 741 was appointed secretary. V.  
22 Dominguez from District 13, Unit 317 offered prayer, and  
23 Oretha Calloway from District 25 was appointed  
24 Sergeant-at-Arms. Eighteen district delegates answered  
25 roll call and there were six visitors present.

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1           The code was read with no changes. Awards were  
2 presented. For Third Place Unit Supplemental went to  
3 Richard O. Reed Unit 77, District 25. Second place Unit  
4 Supplemental went to Laguna Beach Unit 222, District 29.  
5 Third place District Supplemental went to Trish Boyd,  
6 District 27. Second place District Supplemental went to  
7 Connie Biggers, District 16. Awards were passed out for  
8 100 percent reporting to Districts 5, 6, 9, 11, 14, 17,  
9 28, 29.

10           Madam President, this concludes my preconvention  
11 committee report. Did I say the code was read with no  
12 changes?

13           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes.

14           COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Okay. This  
15 concludes my preconvention committee report. May I  
16 continue with my report and first place awards?

17           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes, you may.

18           COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Madam  
19 President Joan, it's my pleasure and honor serving as the  
20 Department Community Service Chairman this year and it  
21 makes me proud to report on all of the work that has been  
22 done this year. In working Madam President's theme and in  
23 her garden, I would like to share some wise words from  
24 District 16's report. Our department flower is the Bird  
25 of Paradise. Paradise is created by assisting veterans

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1 and military families, networking with other organizations  
2 on community projects, securing the basic needs of the  
3 homeless, seniors, low income families, women's programs,  
4 and volunteering at local care facilities. We have worked  
5 tirelessly this year creating this paradise. Thank you  
6 District 16.

7           The end-of-the-year reports prove that our  
8 members have been very active within their communities  
9 this year. I received reports from 25 districts with  
10 eight of those districts receiving 100 percent reporting  
11 from their units, with a total of 152 units reporting.  
12 They have all given generously of their time, money, and  
13 hard work. The reports have shown that the units have  
14 been working in many different ways in our communities.  
15 Some of the individual projects that were worked from this  
16 year include national recognized days of service, working  
17 at food banks, senior centers, homeless shelters, job  
18 fairs, medical clinics, women's programs, blood donations,  
19 nursing homes, libraries and museums, recycling,  
20 beautification, and cancer awareness.

21           The number of volunteers working these projects  
22 was reported as 1,839 with over 35,000 hours. Over  
23 \$33,000 was donated with \$88,000 in in-kind donations.  
24 Over 3500 of our members volunteered almost 50,000 hours  
25 in community events that aided veterans, our active duty

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1 service members and their families.

2 And now for my awards. First Place District  
3 Supplemental goes to Deniece Clay, District 28.

4 (Applause.)

5 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: And a couple  
6 of highlights from her report. District 28 created a  
7 Relay For Life team and hosted an Elegant Mad Hatters Tea  
8 Party for cancer survivors. One of their members hosted  
9 her first Bark for Life event and raised over \$10,000 for  
10 the cancer -- American Cancer Society.

11 (Applause.)

12 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: One of her  
13 Junior members led her school in Operation Christmas and  
14 filled over 1,000 shoeboxes with gifts and toiletries for  
15 underprivileged children around the world. Great work,  
16 District 28. Congratulations.

17 (Applause.)

18 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: First Place  
19 Unit Supplemental award goes to Big Pine Glacier Unit 457,  
20 District 27.

21 (Applause.)

22 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Highlights  
23 from their report included one member running the gift  
24 shop at the Northern Inyo Hospital. They lead the Big  
25 Pine High School Homecoming Parade. They participate

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1 monthly in the Big Pine Civic Club, and one of their  
2 members is president of the Civic Club. Great work from a  
3 small unit. They have 31 members. Congratulations.

4 (Applause.)

5 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: The  
6 2018-2019 Junior Volunteer -- Junior Member Volunteer of  
7 the Year goes to Tatiana G. Rivas, Calipatria, Unit 135,  
8 District 30.

9 (Applause.)

10 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Tatiana is  
11 involved in unit activities and fundraisers. She  
12 participated in the Legion bake sale and Christmas gift  
13 bags for veterans and delivered them to veterans at the  
14 VAMC in San Diego. She assisted with the Month of May  
15 Poppy Table sharing the significance of the poppy. She  
16 was involved with the many centennial celebrations in the  
17 City of Calipatria. In 2018 she attended Junior  
18 Conference and was asked to serve as Department of  
19 California Junior Leadership Chairman and in 2019 is  
20 serving as Junior Education Chairman. She not only is an  
21 active member in her unit, but also a leader in our  
22 organization. She maintains a 4.0 grade point average and  
23 has received the principal's award. Thank you and  
24 congratulations, Tatiana.

25 (Applause.)

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1           COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: And I am sad  
2 to say that we did not have any entries for Senior Member  
3 of the Year for Community Service. Madam President, this  
4 concludes my report.

5           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you.

6           COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Thank you.

7           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. We will  
8 bring back Kim Vincent.

9           PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: I just want to  
10 explain what happened here when Kim was giving her report.  
11 And hers is fine. Okay. Is that when you're only  
12 changing one sentence or not even a sentence or just a  
13 word, when we're making changes we have to have the whole  
14 paragraph, not just some taken out. And without any  
15 paperwork here knowing what it actually was and it's not  
16 in the code, that's what the issue was. She did do it  
17 properly and it is only this one little sentence. So  
18 you're --

19           CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN VINCENT: So would  
20 you like for me to read that again, the code change?

21           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: It's not a code  
22 change.

23           CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN VINCENT: I mean,  
24 but --

25           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: You only have to

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1 read code changes.

2           CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Oh, so  
3 I'm good with that.

4           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes. Only code  
5 changes.

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7           CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CONVENTION REPORT (Resumed)

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9           CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Okay.  
10 Continuing on. "Per Resolution No. 1, by direction of the  
11 Constitution & Bylaws pre-convention committee and  
12 previously approved by the finance pre-convention committee  
13 as an update in the Department of California Standing  
14 Rules, Dues and Assessments page 31 item 1a reads: The  
15 National per capita dues for Senior members shall include  
16 a complimentary subscription to The American Legion  
17 Auxiliary National Magazine. A. Per capita tax shall be  
18 paid in advance annually. The National Senior per capita  
19 dues shall be \$12. Department senior per capita dues  
20 shall be \$7 and Auxiliary News assessment shall be \$1 and  
21 National Junior dues are \$2.50 and Department Junior dues  
22 are 75 cents."

23           By direction of the Constitution & Bylaws  
24 pre-convention committee, it was changed to read: "The  
25 National per capita dues for senior members shall include

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1 a complimentary subscription to The American Legion  
2 Auxiliary National Magazine. Per capita tax shall be paid  
3 in advance annually. The National senior per capita dues  
4 shall be \$12, Department senior per capita dues shall be  
5 \$10, and National junior dues are \$2.50 and Department  
6 Junior dues are \$1.50."

7 Madam President, I move for the adoption of this  
8 change.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yeah, I'm very  
10 sorry, but we're having a little bit of trouble. The  
11 Finance Committee is here and is reading that and they  
12 can't approve it. We can't change the Constitution  
13 Bylaws. So I'll just say let's keep it going without  
14 this. We can't vote on it. We can go back to it after  
15 the Finance Committee.

16 DEPARTMENT CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR VINCENT:  
17 Sure.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. Go ahead and  
19 do your supplement.

20 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN VINCENT: 100  
21 percent reporting certificates were given to Districts 4,  
22 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23,  
23 24, 28, 29. Citations were awarded to units and  
24 districts. Closing prayer was given. Meeting closed.

25 May I give my supplemental now and first place

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1 awards? We completed the year with 28 District reports  
2 including 20 with 100 percent reporting. Constitution &  
3 Bylaws are the governing document for our organization,  
4 providing guidelines for our Units, Districts, and  
5 Department, a reliable means to ensure business is  
6 conducted properly. As members it is our responsibility  
7 to familiarize ourselves with this document, ensuring the  
8 various levels of our organization are operating within  
9 the established guidelines. Becoming familiar with our  
10 governing documents aids us in becoming responsible  
11 members.

12 Units and districts have shown their commitment  
13 throughout the Department on completing rewrites which are  
14 ten years old or rewritten bylaws to conform to mandates,  
15 as well as several new amendments and bylaws. Department  
16 of California performed an annual review of the Model Unit  
17 and District Constitution & Bylaws with a revision date of  
18 December 5th, 2018.

19 Units and Districts read and reviewed their  
20 governing documents throughout the year, including the  
21 Standing Rules. It was noted that several units made  
22 minor changes, nonetheless, changes that needed to be made  
23 by Unit and District membership to further the business of  
24 the organization.

25 With the National organization raising membership

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1 per capita, several units raised their annual membership  
2 dues. Additionally, it was suggested to complete a new  
3 amendment to bylaws, adding membership renewal dues  
4 changes to the Standing Rules, as Standing Rules may be  
5 adopted by a majority vote. It was noted that units with  
6 annual dues of \$20 would have a deficit of \$2 per Senior  
7 member and a deficit of 75 cents per Junior member.  
8 Several amendments to increase annual dues were received  
9 following this suggestion.

10 Units and Districts throughout the Department  
11 sponsored Constitution & Bylaws activities which included  
12 quizzing members and reinforcing the meaning of the  
13 preamble by reviewing the words. Several Units and  
14 Districts keep the Constitution & Bylaws and Standing  
15 Rules in the procedure books for Unit and District  
16 Presidents, Secretaries, and Constitution & Bylaws  
17 Chairmen. Members continue to use the Constitution &  
18 Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Roberts Rules of Order as  
19 their guide when conducting Unit and District meetings  
20 which further assists us in our mission of serving  
21 veterans, Armed Forces, their families, and the children  
22 and youth in our communities.

23 Now for my first place supplemental awards.  
24 Okay. Citation of recognition awarded to Cynthia Edes,  
25 Chairman of District 29.

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1 (Applause.)

2 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN VINCENT: The  
3 citation of recognition awarded to Ms. Anita Biggs,  
4 Chairman, Jackie Robinson 252, District 23.

5 (Applause.)

6 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN VINCENT: This is  
7 for the First Place Unit Supplemental, Best Unit  
8 Supplemental. Madam Department President Joan, thank you  
9 for this appointment.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I would like you to  
11 officially put on record that you're postponing the vote  
12 for your code change.

13 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Yes, I  
14 am temporarily postponing our vote for the upcoming code  
15 change.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you.

17 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Yes. I  
18 am honored to serve you and the Department of California.  
19 This concludes my report.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: You can postpone  
21 that until the Finance Committee is through. It's  
22 postponed until after the Finance Committee is --

23 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Yes, I  
24 am postponing the Department code change until after the  
25 Finance Committee report.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you very  
2 much, Kim, for your patience with us.

3 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN VINCENT: Thank  
4 you. And I want to thank you for your service to the  
5 State of California.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Next we'll have  
7 Tracy Varnell-Fercho on Poppies. After Tracy we'll  
8 have -- we'll have our Americanism Chairman Tamara Bell.

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10 POPPY CONVENTION REPORT

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12 POPPY CHAIRMAN VARNELL-FERCHO: Good afternoon.  
13 Give me one second to get all organized here. Everyone  
14 can hear me; right? Great. Thank you.

15 We'll start with the preconvention committee  
16 report. The preconvention meeting on Poppy program met on  
17 June 27th, 2019 in the Riesling Room of Ontario Airport  
18 Convention Center in Ontario, California. The statistical  
19 report of this Chairman appears on page 25 -- on page 25  
20 of the Book of Reports.

21 Pat Alvarez of District 29, Unit 277 was  
22 appointed secretary. Dee Ann Graham from District 15,  
23 Unit 26 offered prayer, and Liz Doidge, District 28, Unit  
24 593 was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. I was very humbled to  
25 have 27 delegates attend my meeting. Thank you, ladies.

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1           The Poppy code was read there was some minor  
2 housekeeping which I will turn in to Department. Other  
3 than that, no code changes.

4           (Applause.)

5           POPPY CHAIRMAN VARNELL-FERCHO: So that would  
6 conclude my report on my pre-convention. May I continue  
7 with my supplemental and awards?

8           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes, you may.

9           POPPY CHAIRMAN VARNELL-FERCHO: So I will change  
10 good morning to afternoon, Madam President Joan. I would  
11 like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to be the  
12 Poppy Chairman for 2018-2019. This has been an amazing  
13 year. It has been -- she's waving her arm. Hold up.

14           Yes, it has had challenges and at times it's been  
15 stressful, but overall it's been very rewarding and very  
16 humbling.

17           This year in the Poppy orders we had 277,536  
18 poppies order.

19           (Applause.)

20           POPPY CHAIRMAN VARNELL-FERCHO: Which was  
21 increased over last year by 12,447. So just to let you  
22 know where I'm going to go next, first I would like to  
23 give a huge, huge round of applause for the Poppy  
24 production managers: Pat, Lois, and Gerda. And I believe  
25 two of them are here.

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1 (Applause.)

2 POPPY CHAIRMAN VARNELL-FERCHO: There is no way  
3 that this program could have been possible without them.  
4 I personally want to thank them as well. The countless  
5 emails, phone calls. And the last-minute orders that they  
6 had to deliver right away, they never said no and no order  
7 was too large for them.

8 The other thing I would like to share with this  
9 convention is the way that they all work together to help  
10 each other to make sure that all orders got filled. It  
11 was amazing teamwork and it was true Auxiliary sisterhood.

12 I would also like to say a quick thank you to  
13 Ruby and to Harriet. They too had a huge impact on the  
14 success of this program. Without them, I don't know what  
15 I would have done without them. They never said no.  
16 Thank you, Ruby and Harriet.

17 (Applause.)

18 POPPY CHAIRMAN VARNELL-FERCHO: I would like to  
19 take a moment -- this could get a little touchy for me so  
20 give me a moment. I would like to share with you a little  
21 history of why this program is so special to me. I know  
22 we all remember our dear Alazar Carter. And when she was  
23 the Department Poppy Chairman, I was the District Poppy  
24 Chairman for District 16. It was the first year that I  
25 had wrote a district supplemental and that year I won

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1 first place for Best District Supplemental. And it  
2 happened to be on my birthday. Now here we are my  
3 birthday weekend again and I'm now the Department Poppy  
4 Chairman. I know Alazar is looking down on me and I hope  
5 I have made her proud.

6 This Chairman had the honor of being asked to go  
7 to Junior Conference this year in Wonder Valley. We had  
8 an amazing time with the Juniors. They all made poppy  
9 head wreaths while I educated them on the Poppy program.  
10 We had some very creative ideas and I believe they are  
11 wearing them tomorrow, I sure hope. Junior Conference has  
12 always renewed my faith that our Juniors are truly our  
13 future.

14 The next portion I'm going to talk about is the  
15 Poppy poster contest. I'm going to deviate from my speech  
16 a little bit because I brought a special one. I had a  
17 lady, a young lady in Class V who was a first place  
18 winner, a Maria Wilson from District 28, Unit 589. She  
19 turned in the poster. She won first place, but not only  
20 did she do that, but she also made a copy of the poster so  
21 I could bring it to convention just in case that she won  
22 first place. The reason I'm bringing this up is I'm going  
23 to pass it down the table to share, but in her picture she  
24 made a portrait of a gentleman, and it says, "Thank you  
25 for seeing me as a veteran and not just a homeless man."

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1 (Applause.)

2 POPPY CHAIRMAN VARNELL-FERCHO: The Poppy poster  
3 contest was a big success. I had numerous entries and it  
4 as very hard to pick the winners. Thank goodness I didn't  
5 have to do that. I took them to my work where I had my  
6 residents judge them for me. I know it was the chicken  
7 way out, but they really enjoyed looking at the entries.

8 I would like to give a shout out to Unit 66,  
9 District 16. They had a whole classroom participate, and  
10 even though we could only pick one, we did send  
11 certificates of appreciation to each and every one of  
12 them. Way to go, District 16.

13 (Applause.)

14 POPPY CHAIRMAN VARNELL-FERCHO: As you could see,  
15 I was also very humbled by all of the entries this year  
16 for the Poppy display. It was also a big success. If you  
17 have not seen them, please take a look at the back of the  
18 room. Once again the chicken way out, I picked a team to  
19 judge them, which consists of Past Department President  
20 Linda Workman, Past Department President Anita Biggs, and  
21 Past Department President Ruby Kapsalis. I can't wait for  
22 you to hear all the results.

23 I would like to take a moment just to point out a  
24 few highlights of the -- what the Units have done with the  
25 poppies this year. Unit 79, District 21 teamed up with

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1 the Cub Scouts Troop 997 and they made handprint eagles  
2 and added a poppy to them. What a great way to spread the  
3 word of the Poppy program.

4 The Units used poppies within wreaths, corsages,  
5 table decorations, and Christmas tree ornaments. Yes, I  
6 did say Christmas tree ornaments. They had Christmas in  
7 May.

8 In closing, I think this Chairman was mostly  
9 impressed with just how much the Poppy program brings  
10 everyone together, whether you are a Legionnaire, an  
11 Auxiliary member, or the Sons of the American Legion or  
12 riding as a Legion Rider, just how one little red flower  
13 and its meaning can be so true to the core of what we  
14 really stand for and what we do. Thank you.

15 (Applause.)

16 POPPY CHAIRMAN VARNELL-FERCHO: Madam President,  
17 may I continue with my first place awards?

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes, you may.

19 POPPY CHAIRMAN VARNELL-FERCHO: All my other  
20 awards were presented in preconvention meeting and are  
21 posted in the department office. For the President's Pick  
22 Display, that goes -- so we had Poppy displays in the back  
23 and Joan picked her favorite, and that will go to Unit  
24 585, District 26. And I believe it's Dee Dee Waters.

25 (Applause.)

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1 POPPY CHAIRMAN VARNELL-FERCHO: Thank you. They  
2 accepted that award. Thank you. First Place for Poppy  
3 Display went to Unit 79, District 21.

4 (Applause.)

5 POPPY CHAIRMAN VARNELL-FERCHO: For all the Poppy  
6 posters they also get a \$20 check for first place. For  
7 First Place for Class V was presented to Maria Wilson  
8 whose poster I showed you, and it was from District 28,  
9 Unit 589.

10 (Applause.)

11 POPPY CHAIRMAN VARNELL-FERCHO: Poppy First Place  
12 winner for Class III was Alan Garcia Ortiz submitted by  
13 District 4.

14 (Applause.)

15 POPPY CHAIRMAN VARNELL-FERCHO: Class II is  
16 presented to Diana Al Obaidi, submitted by District 16,  
17 Unit 66.

18 (Applause.)

19 POPPY CHAIRMAN VARNELL-FERCHO: For the First  
20 Place Unit Supplemental went to Renee Raymond, Unit 79,  
21 District 21.

22 (Applause.)

23 POPPY CHAIRMAN VARNELL-FERCHO: And the First  
24 Place District Supplemental went to Terry Oclaray,  
25 District 16.

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1 (Applause.)

2 POPPY CHAIRMAN VARNELL-FERCHO: Thank you,  
3 ladies. Enjoy the rest of your day.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you. Thank  
5 you, Tracy. This is Tracy's -- her birthday is tomorrow  
6 so she gets to give her report today so she can celebrate  
7 tonight. After Tammy we're going to have Ann Philcox for  
8 the National Security report.

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### 10 AMERICANISM CONVENTION REPORT

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12 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: The convention  
13 committee on Americanism met on June 27th, 2019 in the  
14 Maple Room of the Ontario Airport & Convention Center  
15 Ontario, California. The statistical report of this  
16 Chairman appears on page 16 of the Book of Reports. Gayle  
17 Stewart was appointed secretary, Gloria Altman offered  
18 prayer, and Gabby Wilson was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms.  
19 A total of 21 district delegates were present. There were  
20 nine visitors present.

21 The code was read and after spirited discussion  
22 the committee voted to change the following code. Shall I  
23 read the first code and then the proposed changes?

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes.

25 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: "Code 4: The

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1 Department shall sponsor an Americanism Essay Contest.  
2 Competition to be in the indicated box below with prizes  
3 and citations for first and second place winners in Group  
4 I, II, III and V and first, second and third place  
5 Education Grant winners in Group IV. The amount of prize  
6 money may be adjusted if funds are not available.

7           Group 1: 4th and 5th Grades. Prizes: First,  
8 \$100. Second, \$50. 2007.

9           Group II: 6th and 7th Grades. Prizes: First,  
10 \$100. Second, \$50. 2007.

11           Group III: 8th and 9th Grades. Prizes: First,  
12 \$200. Second, \$100. 2007.

13           Group IV: 10th, 11th, and 12th Grades. Prizes:  
14 First, \$2500 Education Grant. Second, \$1500 Educational  
15 Grant. Third, \$1,000 Educational Grant. 2007.

16           Group V: Children with exceptional learning  
17 needs below that of average students. Prizes: Ages 11 to  
18 14 years. First, \$200. Second, \$100. Ages 15 to 20  
19 years. First, \$200, second, \$100. 2019.

20           The rules governing these contests for each group  
21 shall be made available to the units by September 1st.  
22 The prizes for Group IV shall be financed by voluntary  
23 contributions from the units. 2007. Group V shall be  
24 classified as students with exceptional learning needs  
25 below those of average students. 2016."

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1 The proposed changes would be --

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Tammy, I just want  
3 to say one thing. Do them one at a time.

4 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: Yes.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: And then you make  
6 your motion.

7 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: One for each box;  
8 right?

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes.

10 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: Okay. The first  
11 proposed code change would be: "The Department shall  
12 sponsor an Americanism" --

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Tammy, tell us what  
14 code number it is.

15 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: We're on Code 4  
16 still.

17 "The Department shall sponsor an Americanism  
18 Essay Contest. Competition to be in the indicated box  
19 below with prizes and citations for first and second place  
20 winners in Group I, II, III and V and first, second and  
21 third place Education Grant winners in Group IV."

22 Inserting: "The prizes for all groups shall be financed  
23 by voluntary contributions from the Units."

24 I make a motion to accept this code change.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. Americanism

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1 Code 4 currently reads: "The Department shall sponsor an  
2 Americanism Essay Contest. Competition to be in the  
3 indicated box below with prizes and citations for first  
4 and second place winners in Group I, II, III and V and  
5 first, second and third place Education Grant winners in  
6 Group IV. The amount of prize money may be adjusted if  
7 funds are not available."

8 The proposed change: "The Department shall  
9 sponsor an Americanism Essay Contest. Competition to be  
10 in the indicated box below with prizes and citations for  
11 first and second place winners in Group I, II, III and V  
12 and first, second and third place Education Grant winners  
13 in Group IV. The prizes for all groups shall be financed  
14 by voluntary contributions from the Units."

15 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: It's the other way  
16 around.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: That's the way you  
18 have it written.

19 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: I know. I'm sorry.  
20 I lost the plumbing in my room this morning.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: So you want to back  
22 out the amount of prize money?

23 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: No. We want to  
24 insert the prizes for all --

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Please, please,

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1 come over here and show me.

2 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: Okay.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: It's -- okay. I'm  
4 sorry. One more time. Code 4 Americanism as it now  
5 reads: "The Department shall sponsor an Americanism Essay  
6 Contest. Competition to be in the indicated box below  
7 with prizes and citations for first and second place  
8 winners in Group I, II, III and V and first, second and  
9 third place Education Grant winners in Group IV. The  
10 amount of prize money may be adjusted if funds are not  
11 available."

12 The proposed changed: "The Department shall  
13 sponsor an Americanism Essay Contest. Competition to be  
14 in the indicated box below with prizes and citations for  
15 first and second place winners in Group I, II, III and V  
16 and first, second and third place Education Grant winners  
17 in Group IV. The prizes for all Groups shall be financed  
18 by voluntary contributions from the Units. The amount of  
19 prize money may be adjusted if funds are not available."

20 Is there any discussion?

21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Madam  
22 Department President, Anita Biggs, 23rd District. I'm  
23 confused as to why we would need to add that the prizes  
24 for all those will be financed. Well, first of all,  
25 financed is a loan so it shouldn't be "financed" as a

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1 word, but we already fund those awards and it's sponsored  
2 by the Department. All of our -- anything that we do is  
3 funded by the Unit members and the other organizations  
4 when donations are made to us. So I don't agree with this  
5 addition.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. The Chair  
7 recognizes Cathy McCoy.

8 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT McCOY: Cathy McCoy,  
9 District 21. The way I'm hearing it is the Department is  
10 not going to give out any prizes. It's going to have to  
11 come from the unit, period. So I disagree with it.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: No, that's not what  
13 it says.

14 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madam Department  
15 President, Ruby Kapsalis, District 28, Unit 591.  
16 Department is not making any changes to any of the  
17 Americanism essays. We're still going to fund all the  
18 essays that are shown in your Americanism code. What  
19 she's trying to do is to insert this sentence, "The prizes  
20 for all groups shall be financed by voluntary  
21 contributions from the units. 2019," and that should be  
22 inserted up before the last sentence. But the units are  
23 already funding the Americanism essay, so I don't feel  
24 that this is necessary.

25 I move to delete the sentence: "The prizes for

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1 all groups shall be financed by voluntary contributions  
2 from the units. 2019."

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Second.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Any discussion?

5 DISTRICT 24 DELEGATE STORE: Rebecca Store,  
6 District 24. My concern is that it says, if I'm  
7 understanding what you're saying, if the funds are not  
8 there, they will be adjusted. Am I understanding what  
9 you're reading? Yes, no?

10 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That's always  
11 the case.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: That's always the  
13 case in any program.

14 DISTRICT 24 DELEGATE STORE: But I'm not seeing  
15 that in writing. Is it?

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: It's in the code.

17 DISTRICT 24 DELEGATE STORE: I'm seeing that now.  
18 I think it's here. This is unlike position because we're  
19 making a statement saying we're going to give these young  
20 people this dollar amount, and if that dollar amount is  
21 not in the funds, we're adjusting it to a lower amount.  
22 So how do we as members adjust the amount to exclude that  
23 we're taking the funds away.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: The Chair  
25 recognizes Diane DeLashmit.

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1           PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: The way it reads  
2 right now on this particular sentence is the prizes for  
3 Group IV shall be financed by voluntary contributions from  
4 the units. I think that's a given and all she's trying to  
5 say is all groups are financed by voluntary contributions,  
6 not just Group IV.

7           AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: (Nods head.)

8           PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: I believe that's what  
9 she's doing, even if we take the whole thing out or we  
10 change it to all.

11           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: We have a motion on  
12 the floor. Chair recognizes Wendy O'Brien.

13           PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: I could have  
14 sat down. Thank you. Wendy O'Brien, District 6, Past  
15 Department President. There's a lot of confusion on how  
16 it's being said. It sounds like the department was giving  
17 these scholarships away and now it's being taken away and  
18 the Units are going to have to fork over the dough.

19           The Units have always gave the money for this  
20 fees, these awards, so what they're trying to do is so  
21 that all of the categories either take out the one that  
22 it's Unit voluntary money or put it in all of them. Just  
23 put it at the bottom that all of them are from Unit  
24 members, but it's not going to change. We are still  
25 giving that money out for the awards.

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1 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Madam  
2 President, Susie Tozier, District 22. Ladies, you have  
3 been giving the money all along and if you don't give the  
4 money, we can't give out the prizes. It may start that  
5 the first and second place winners get a prize and that's  
6 it. So if you don't donate to these funds, we will not be  
7 able to recognize those wonderful children or whoever puts  
8 in for that. That's basically -- we've done that in the  
9 past and I think it's already in the Standing Rules that  
10 we cannot exceed what is in the fund. So if you don't  
11 donate, you don't have the money.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you. We have  
13 a motion on the floor to delete -- go ahead.

14 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE WILSON: Candace Wilson,  
15 District 14. When she read the whole thing, there's  
16 actually a sentence at the bottom that says that Group IV  
17 will be -- you know, it's through the voluntary funds.  
18 All we were doing is changing that wording and moving it  
19 up into the sentence. It's already there, we're just  
20 rearranging the orders.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay.

22 DISTRICT 14 DELEGATE WILSON: It's not changing  
23 anything that we do.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: That may have been  
25 right if it was added after. But it looks like you're

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1 only changing Group IV, that's all.

2 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: Yes, it's being -- the  
3 rationale is to change that sentence from Group IV to  
4 prizes for all groups and then inserting it up into the  
5 language with the rest of the prize distributions. That's  
6 all.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Well, maybe instead  
8 of moving it, since you already have it, just leave it  
9 where it's at. And we do have a motion on the floor. Is  
10 there any further discussion to delete the entire code  
11 change?

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, all  
14 who is in favor, say aye.

15 DELEGATES: Aye.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Those opposed say  
17 no.

18 DELEGATES: No.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion carries.  
20 The change did not carry.

21 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: The second proposal  
22 under Code 4 is in the prize box. Group V now reads:  
23 "Children with exceptional learning needs below that of  
24 average students."

25 The proposed code change would be: "Group V:

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1 Children with exceptional learning needs relative to  
2 average students."

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I think I'm going  
4 to have you to -- we have the second change and it's Code  
5 7 and it's talking about essay titles?

6 All right. We're going to go to the Code 4.  
7 Please turn the music off. "Group V: Children with  
8 exceptional learning needs below that of average  
9 students."

10 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: Yes.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: That's how it  
12 currently reads?

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, it does.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Is this correct?

15 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: Yes, ma'am.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: This is from the  
17 Code 4. Group V: "Children with exceptional learning  
18 needs below that of average students."

19 The proposed change: "Children with exceptional  
20 learning needs relative to average students."

21 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: That is the proposal,  
22 yes.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: That is the  
24 proposed change. Any discussion?

25 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN SCHULTZ: Yes. Glenda

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1 Schultz, District 6. I think we should take out the  
2 "learning" word because special needs in schools is not --  
3 those classes are not just learning disabilities. They  
4 are children with all special needs.

5 (Applause.)

6 DISTRICT 28 DELEGATE: This is Kathy [inaudible]  
7 from the District 28. I am a special educator. I commend  
8 Glenda on that and will say that as well because our  
9 students are not just learning disabled, they have other  
10 issues. So it kind of -- it puts them out there. Thank  
11 you.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: If somebody wants a  
13 change, I need a motion.

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Glenda, they  
15 need a motion.

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Madam  
17 President, Melanie Taylor, Past Department President. I  
18 move to amend it to read: "Group V: Children with  
19 exceptional needs relative to average students."

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Is there any  
21 discussion?

22 DISTRICT 22 DELEGATE: Good afternoon.  
23 [Inaudible] from District 22, Unit 310 in San Diego. My  
24 challenge is for the word "average" being in this because  
25 some of those students with special needs are above

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1 average, some of them are below average, so get the  
2 "average" part out when it concerns the students.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you.

4 (Applause.)

5 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Madam  
6 President, Melanie Taylor, Past Department President. I  
7 move for the amendment to read: "Group V: Children with  
8 exceptional learn-" -- no. Excuse me, excuse me. Yeah.  
9 "Children with special needs."

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Second.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. The box V  
14 now reads: "Children with exceptional learning needs  
15 relative to average students."

16 The proposed changed: "Group V: Children with  
17 special needs."

18 Any discussion?

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Those in favor, say  
21 aye.

22 DELEGATES: Aye.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

24 DELEGATES: No.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Passes.

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1 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you very much.  
2 Ladies, as I stated, we did have a very spirited  
3 discussion. And I was searching for the proper political  
4 correctness on that.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Tami, you made a  
6 motion so we have to vote on that too.

7 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: Okay.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: As amended.

9 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: Shall I reread my  
10 motion?

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. Group V.  
12 This is for the whole show. "Children with exceptional  
13 learning" -- this is the old language. "Children with  
14 exceptional learning needs relative to average students."

15 Proposed. "Group V: Children with special  
16 needs." Any discussion?

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: All in favor, say  
19 aye.

20 DELEGATES: Aye.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed no.

22 DELEGATES: No.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Carries. Thank  
24 you. That was very difficult I know.

25 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: The very last portion

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1 of the Code 4 shall be a housekeeping change and it shall  
2 be deleted because it is redundant. And that's on the  
3 original paper.

4 May I now proceed with code change 7? Code  
5 change 7. The original code reads: "Essay titles shall  
6 be submitted by the Department Chairman and approved at  
7 interim board meeting in January for the following fall  
8 semester and presentation of the same be directed to the  
9 units in March for presentation to the school  
10 administrators or curriculum boards before the close of  
11 spring semester. The Chairman may consult prior to  
12 interim board with school authorities for recommendations  
13 of suitable titles for all groups. The contest rules  
14 submitted to the schools will have an imprint, 'We welcome  
15 your suggestions for next year's essay titles.' 2008."

16 The proposed code change will read: "Essay  
17 titles shall be submitted by the Department Chairman and  
18 approved at interim board meeting in January for the  
19 following fall semester and presentation of the same be  
20 directed to the units in April for presentation to the  
21 school administrators or curriculum boards before the  
22 close of spring semester. The Chairman may consult prior  
23 to interim board with school authorities for  
24 recommendations of suitable titles for all groups. The  
25 contest rules submitted to the schools will have an

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1 imprint, 'We welcome your suggestions for next year's  
2 essay titles.' 2008."

3 I move for the acceptance of this code change.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Americanism 7 as it  
5 currently reads: "Essay titles shall be submitted by the  
6 Department Chairman and approved at interim board meeting  
7 in January for the following fall semester and  
8 presentation of the same be directed to the units in March  
9 for presentation to the school administrators or  
10 curriculum boards before the close of spring semester.  
11 The Chairman may consult prior to interim board with  
12 school authorities for recommendations of suitable titles  
13 for all groups. The contest rules submitted to the  
14 schools will have an imprint, 'We welcome your suggestions  
15 for next year's essay titles.' 2008."

16 Code change 7 as it's proposed: "Essay titles  
17 shall be submitted by the Department Chairman and approved  
18 at interim board meeting in January for the following fall  
19 semester and presentation of the same be directed to the  
20 units in April for presentation to the school  
21 administrators or curriculum boards before the close of  
22 spring semester. The Chairman may consult prior to  
23 interim board with school authorities for recommendations  
24 of suitable titles for all groups. The contest rules  
25 submitted to the schools will have an imprint, 'We welcome

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1 your suggestions for next year's essay titles.' 2019."

2 Is there any discussion?

3 DISTRICT 21 DELEGATE STOWE: Leanne Stowe from  
4 District 21, Unit 574. I have a concern with that. As a  
5 mom and somebody who volunteers at my kids' school every  
6 day, when we go into the schools and give the teachers and  
7 administrators something at the end of the school year, to  
8 make that where they'll want to be more successful for us  
9 with the essay contests, we can't give the teachers  
10 another thing at the end of the school year that they have  
11 to think about.

12 So I literally the last three months of school  
13 was at school every single day and can tell you that not  
14 one of those teachers in the last two months of school is  
15 going to be doing something or planning something that  
16 they're going to remember for the following school year.  
17 They have so many activities that are going on that  
18 they're focused on every day that I feel that, you know,  
19 schools at least in our area start in August, so that's  
20 something we should be planning on doing at the beginning  
21 of the school year when school starts and giving them  
22 something new to look forward to that year and to plan for  
23 that year, not something at the end of the year that's  
24 going to be forgotten over the summer.

25 (Applause.)

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1           AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: May I say the  
2 rationale on this is mainly because the titles are  
3 submitted to the website and the code before was that the  
4 Chairman was to give it to the website in March where it  
5 goes on the Department minutes from the interim board  
6 meeting, and we want to change it back to April because  
7 somehow or another some people found the titles from the  
8 board meeting early and so that's why we're changing it  
9 that it's submitted to the website in April.

10           DISTRICT 21 DELEGATE STOWE: Yeah, I know and I  
11 understand, you know, it coming out to the Units and the  
12 Districts, but as planning on going to the schools at the  
13 end of the school year for something like that doesn't  
14 work for the schools and doesn't work for the teachers.

15           EDUCATION CHAIRMAN DURON: Madam Department  
16 President, sorry. Hello. Tamra Duron, District 25.  
17 Having worked in a school district directly with teachers  
18 and special ed teachers, a lot of teachers that I work  
19 with do not -- they do plan for the next year and I  
20 believe that in giving this to them in April is just a  
21 reminder like it is in the future. And then we will go  
22 back to the schools and remind them again when the year  
23 starts so it's fresh in their minds at that time.

24           (Applause.)

25           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you. The

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1 Chair recognizes Ruby Kapsalis, Department Treasurer.

2 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madam Department  
3 President, I think this is kind of burdensome. All we're  
4 trying to do is keep the titles unpublished until April.  
5 So why don't we just where it read Code 7: "Essay titles  
6 shall be submitted by the Department Chairman and approved  
7 at the Interim Board Meeting in January for the following  
8 fall semester and presentation to the units not earlier  
9 than April."

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: And then you can  
12 remove "for presentation to the school administrators or  
13 curriculum board before the close of the spring semester,"  
14 and then, "The Chairman" can stay.

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Second.

16 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: You see what I  
17 mean?

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I --

19 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. Where it  
20 says -- everything stays the same until "be directed to  
21 the units not earlier than April." And then, "for  
22 presentation to the school administrators or curriculum  
23 board before the close of the spring semester" all can be  
24 removed.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Is that what you're

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1 making a motion for?

2 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: You're funny.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Well, I started  
4 writing and --

5 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Okay. Madam  
6 President?

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Susie.

8 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: I move to accept  
9 the recommended change. I move to amend Code 7 to read:  
10 "Essay titles shall be submitted by the Department  
11 Chairman and approved at the interim board meeting in  
12 January for the following fall semester and presentation  
13 of the same be directed to the units not earlier than  
14 April. The Chairman may consult prior to interim board  
15 with school authorities for recommendations of suitable  
16 titles for all groups. The contest rules submitted to the  
17 schools will have an imprint 'We welcome your suggestions  
18 for next year's essay titles.' 2019."

19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Second.

20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Susie Tozier,  
21 District 22, Unit 255. The history behind this is those  
22 titles for the next year were posted in March, were given  
23 to the schools by a couple chairmen, so they wrote their  
24 essay on next year's titles so they were immediately  
25 disqualified. Because they were out there on the web. So

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1 this is the reason for the change so that won't happen  
2 again.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. There's a  
4 motion. Current Code 7 reads: "Essay titles shall be  
5 submitted by the Department Chairman and approved at  
6 interim board meeting in January for the following fall  
7 semester and presentation of the same be directed to the  
8 units in March for presentation to the school  
9 administrators or curriculum boards before the close of  
10 spring semester. The Chairman may consult prior to  
11 interim board with school authorities for recommendations  
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19 units not earlier than April. The Chairman may consult  
20 prior to interim board with school authorities for  
21 recommendations of suitable titles for all groups. The  
22 contest rules submitted to the schools will have an  
23 imprint 'We welcome your suggestions for next year's essay  
24 titles.' 2019."

25 Any discussion?

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1 (No response.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those  
3 in favor, say aye.

4 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you.

8 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you, ladies.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: We have one more  
10 now. We have to vote on the motion. Now we're voting on  
11 the motion. Code 7: "Essay titles shall be submitted by  
12 the Department Chairman and approved at interim board  
13 meeting in January for the following fall semester and  
14 presentation of the same be directed to the units in March  
15 for presentation to the school administrators or  
16 curriculum boards before the close of spring semester.  
17 The Chairman may consult prior to interim board with  
18 school authorities for recommendations of suitable titles  
19 for all groups. The contest rules submitted to the  
20 schools will have an imprint, 'We welcome your suggestions  
21 for next year's essay titles.' 2008."

22 The proposed Code 7 change: "Essay titles shall  
23 be submitted by the Department Chairman and approved at  
24 the interim board meeting in January for the following  
25 fall semester and presentation of the same be directed to

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1 the units not earlier than April. The Chairman may  
2 consult prior to interim board with school authorities for  
3 recommendations of suitable titles for all groups. The  
4 contest rules submitted to the schools will have an  
5 imprint 'We welcome your suggestions for next year's essay  
6 titles.' 2019."

7 Any discussion?

8 (No response.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Hearing none, those  
10 in favor, say aye.

11 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed say no.

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion carried.

15 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: Madam President, we  
16 have an addition to a code change to a resolution that I  
17 would move that we postpone until reviewed by the Finance  
18 Committee.

19 Going forward, ladies. The Americanism titles as  
20 voted on at the interim board meeting 2019-2020. Group I,  
21 Grades 4 through 5: How can I help a veteran in need?  
22 Group II, Grades 6 and 7: What does the National Anthem  
23 mean to me? Group III, Grades 8 and 9: Does it matter if  
24 I vote? Group IV, Grades 10 to 12: Why our Veterans are  
25 America's Heroes. Group V, Special Needs: Why I love my

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1 country.

2 Madam President, if I can read my floor report.  
3 Thank you. The Department of California American Legion  
4 Auxiliary is always busy promoting Americanism in our  
5 communities. The Get Out the Vote campaign was very  
6 important throughout California this year. California had  
7 67 units spend 894 hours to help the community get to the  
8 polls. We had Auxiliary members stand outside of grocery  
9 stores handing out voter information brochures. Many  
10 Auxiliary members worked in their polling precincts while  
11 others offered rides to polling booths, helped homebound  
12 members fill out mail-in ballots and of course most  
13 importantly helped to dog sit while members went to their  
14 polling locations.

15 California had some of their Junior Auxiliary  
16 members participate in teaching their high school  
17 classmates the importance of how their voice matters and  
18 translates into voting in the legislative process.

19 Twenty-one California units participate in the  
20 Pocket Flag Program. One California unit has twin  
21 Auxiliary members that teach the community children how to  
22 fold the flags at their various patriotic activities.  
23 California Auxiliary members have many active deployed --  
24 active duty troops they support and the pocket flags are  
25 sent in troops support boxes and handed to the soldiers

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1 with a great big hug when they deploy. 183 hours were  
2 volunteered in this program with \$1,352 spent.

3 This Chairman actively promoted the National  
4 Essay Contest. The theme is so relevant to California  
5 which has one of the highest homeless veteran populations  
6 in the country. We were proud to submit to our National  
7 Chairman our essay contest. As this essay contest is  
8 relatively new to California, seven units participated  
9 spending 139 hours promoting the activity.

10 California does have its own essay contest with  
11 different titles for each age group. We had 192 units  
12 volunteer 521 hours to their community schools, Girls  
13 State candidates, Scouts, and home-schooled students to  
14 promote essay activity. This Chairman was happy to have  
15 four Auxiliary members, one Legionnaire, one former  
16 teacher, and two neighbors judge the 27 essays submitted  
17 by our units throughout California. We will announce the  
18 winners at our Department Convention in June.

19 California is a very patriotic state. 75 percent  
20 of our Auxiliary members fly the flag in front of their  
21 homes daily. We have many businesses throughout  
22 California that also fly the flag. We had 50 units  
23 present new American flags to the neighbors or community  
24 businesses. One unit donated two POW/MIA flags to their  
25 community organizations. 107 Units promoted flying the

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1 flag daily, counting 335,513 hours. This Chairman is sure  
2 that is a very low figure. California as well as many  
3 other states pretty much has outdone with reciting the  
4 Pledge of Allegiance in our classrooms.

5 We have one Auxiliary member who felt so  
6 passionate about this tradition she worked with her  
7 community school district superintendent and together they  
8 brought back the daily Pledge of Allegiance and the  
9 Auxiliary unit donated 18 new flags for every classroom.

10 Another unit -- another unit donated new flags to  
11 every neighbor in a senior mobile home park in need of a  
12 replacement, together with the flag etiquette brochure and  
13 showed proper care of their new flag. Several California  
14 Auxiliary members gave out certificates of appreciation to  
15 their neighbors and local businesses for flying the flag.  
16 California has one community that has a Mules Day Parade  
17 with their Memorial Day weekend observations. Twenty  
18 mules led in single file, each mule covered in flags to  
19 represent their communities' lost soldiers, the hoof beats  
20 being the only -- the only sound in somber and stunning  
21 treatment to those that never came home.

22 Another California community handed out over  
23 2,000 flags lining the streets in their Veterans Day  
24 parade. As California was ravaged by fire last year, one  
25 district donated flags to their first responders.

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1 California had 54 units promote patriotism in  
2 their schools, volunteering 1,659 hours to explain about  
3 flag etiquette, how to hold your hand over your heart when  
4 reciting the Pledge, and proper disposal of the flag.  
5 Units spent \$2,548 on flag etiquette books in their  
6 schools.

7 Our California Auxiliary is proud to join with  
8 their Legion Families and communities to promote and  
9 participate in patriotic holidays. On Memorial Day, one  
10 California community saw its own brave soldier given a  
11 Purple Heart by their local Congressman, while another  
12 community lined its main street with 191 flags and 217  
13 flags at the veterans' cemetery.

14 Another California unit has an old-fashioned  
15 picnic celebration for the 4th of July with Auxiliary  
16 members even joining together with the children in  
17 three-legged races and potato sack runs. I'm sure this  
18 Chairman wouldn't make it to the finish line. Several  
19 California units have booths at their community fairs,  
20 distributing membership applications and brochures on  
21 scholarships, Girls State, and poppies.

22 Several units work with their active duty  
23 military installations in their communities to acknowledge  
24 their soldiers on Veterans Day. One unit was invited to  
25 the USS Hornet where they passed out poppies with our

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1 Department President to the soldiers, veterans, and  
2 non-veterans. One district with an especially large  
3 military presence tolls a bell for every deceased veteran.

4 Many districts in California with veterans homes  
5 invited the veterans to their patriotic celebrations. 135  
6 units in California spent \$12,272 and volunteered 3290  
7 hours on patriotic celebrations. Again, I'm guessing  
8 that's very low.

9 California proudly joined with their Legion posts  
10 to support Legion baseball and the Oratorical Contest.  
11 Twenty-five units in California volunteered 232 hours  
12 working in snack shacks at baseball games and spent \$632  
13 for lunches for the speakers and families at the  
14 oratorical contests. One district in California had its  
15 Legion sponsored baseball team make it to the national  
16 playoffs.

17 California had 12 units distribute 157 Gold and  
18 Blue Star Banners to their very deserving mothers. One  
19 unit in California was honored to have their Gold Star  
20 Banner resident home host their military children's  
21 Christmas party.

22 This chairman is proud to promote patriotism and  
23 responsible citizenship throughout the great state of  
24 California. Our Department of California Auxiliary has  
25 showed what it means to be the best in the west.

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1 (Applause.)

2 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: And now one last  
3 thing before I give out my awards. We're going to go with  
4 the kids first and it's by school. First place category,  
5 \$100 Adam Jacob Brelanta of Hudman Elementary School. It  
6 didn't have a unit or district on it either. It only had  
7 the school on the back of it. Russell Carrington of  
8 Heritage Oaks School, First Place Category II, \$100. And  
9 that's Danielle White.

10 No. Danielle, is that your school? Heritage  
11 Oaks School. Heritage Oaks School.

12 (Applause.)

13 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: First Place Category  
14 III, Julie Ann Maurice of Round Valley School, \$200.

15 (Applause.)

16 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: First Place Category  
17 IV, Vallia L. Colorian of Buchanan High School, \$500.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: She's coming, Tami.

20 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: Okay. And First  
21 Place Category V, Nick Funk of Castor Intermediate School,  
22 \$200.

23 (Applause.)

24 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: He was our only  
25 special needs entry. I did have some entries that we sent

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1 to National for the National essay contest. I did give  
2 second and third place awards for those at committee.

3 And now First Place Class V, Nathan Saltzman of  
4 American School. I think that's Jacquelin's. And First  
5 Place Class III, McKenna Swifton of Laguna Middle School.  
6 Oh, I'm sorry. The other one was Pat Gracie. Nathan  
7 Saltzman was Pat Gracie.

8 And our First Place Unit and our First Place  
9 District Supplementals that also went on to have their  
10 National award discover sheet and they went on for  
11 consideration is First Place Unit Supplemental, Unit 118,  
12 Danielle White, Chairman.

13 (Applause.)

14 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: First Place District  
15 Supplemental District 27, Danielle White, Chairman.

16 (Applause.)

17 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you, ladies,  
18 for your patience. I will try to go back to my room where  
19 I have all the essays and see if I can find any other  
20 information on these other two.

21 Thank you, Madam President.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you very  
23 much. After Ann Philcox we'll have Education.

24 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: I have no  
25 code changes.

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1 (Applause.)

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3 NATIONAL SECURITY CONVENTION REPORT

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5 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: The  
6 convention committee on National Security met on June  
7 27th, 2019 in the Syrah Room of the Ontario Airport Hotel  
8 and Convention Center in Ontario, California. The meeting  
9 convened at 9:00 a.m. Nancy Heinisch, District 20, was  
10 the appointed secretary. Loretta Marsh, District 16,  
11 offered prayer, and Molly K. Smith was appointed  
12 Sergeant-at-Arms in District 28. A total of 18 delegates  
13 answered roll call. There were five visitors.

14 The code was read and approved by the committee  
15 with no changes. Discussion regarding the program was  
16 reviewed. Awards and certificates for second place unit  
17 supplemental and third place supplemental were handed out  
18 at the meeting. 100 percent reporting certificates were  
19 presented to ten units. The meeting adjourned with prayer  
20 at 9:45 a.m.

21 Madam President, may I continue with my  
22 supplemental? Madam President, it has been my pleasure to  
23 serve as your National Security for the year 2018-2019.  
24 The National Security Chairmen are known as the Gladiolas.  
25 We started off as a bulb and we are now blooming

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1 magnificently. There are 30 districts and a total of 24  
2 reported with ten attaining 100 percent reporting.

3 The figures from the Department this year are  
4 astounding. Total volunteer hours: 27,851. Total  
5 dollars spent: \$107,703.34. Service members served:  
6 14,036. Our members are still participating in CERT  
7 classes. One unit purchased a defibrillator for the post.  
8 One district has created five play areas at the local  
9 veterans hospitals and clinics to occupy the children  
10 while they wait for their parents. Units have supported  
11 enlisted programs in their communities. There have been  
12 blood drives. One district went to see the veterans off  
13 on their honor flight.

14 This Department has collected coupons totaling  
15 \$279,697. Unit 520 from District 20 sent a total of  
16 \$150,320. This was done by one member.

17 Many districts went to their local military bases  
18 and provided picnics, toys, and goodies for the veterans.  
19 One district had a suicide prevention program that was  
20 attended by 100 veterans. I could go on and on about all  
21 the work our Gladiolas have done this year, but I don't  
22 think I can write a book.

23 I was honored to be chosen as your National  
24 Security Chairman this year for the Department of  
25 California. My gratitude and congratulations go out to

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1 every District in our department, and I know that our  
2 membership will continue to serve our veterans and their  
3 families and the community. This ends my reports. May I  
4 proceed with my awards?

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes, you can.

6 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: Are you  
7 okay?

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes, I am.

9 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: First Place  
10 Unit Supplement goes to Unit 291, District 29, Susan  
11 Styburn.

12 (Applause.)

13 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: First Place  
14 District Supplemental goes to District 28, Magdalena  
15 Flores.

16 (Applause.)

17 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN PHILCOX: Madam  
18 President, this concludes my report.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you, Ann.  
20 Education Chairman, followed by our Children & Youth,  
21 Gloria Williams.

22 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN DURON: Gloria was trying to  
23 cut in front of me.

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EDUCATION CONVENTION REPORT

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EDUCATION CHAIRMAN DURON: Good afternoon, Madam Department President Joan. The preconvention meeting of the Education committee met in the Walnut Room of the Ontario Airport Hotel on June 27th, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. LuAnn Capazzi from District 27 was appointed secretary. Becky Clark from District 25 was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms, and Gigi Manno from District 22 was appointed as chaplain. The chaplain offered prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call showed 20 members and seven guests present. The code was read and there were no code changes.

(Applause.)

EDUCATION CHAIRMAN DURON: The report of this Chairman is on page 21 of the Book of Reports. Chairman Duron thanked the District Chairmen for their end-of-the-year reports and the work they have done for the Department of California. Second and third place district and unit reports awards, sorry, along with several other awards were provided in the district packets. 100 percent reporting certificates were given out for District 9, 11, 16, 23, 25, and 27. The list of awards will be placed in the department office.

The Department Chairman and National Western

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1 Division Chairman encouraged units to review scholarship  
2 applications to make sure all required items are turned in  
3 with the application. Several applications were received  
4 incomplete and therefore disqualified.

5 The Department Chairman stated in hindsight  
6 awards were given to districts rather than units as units  
7 are not listed on the end-of-the-year report. The  
8 recommendation will be made for the next chairman to  
9 include units on the end-of-the-year report certificates.  
10 It was all -- okay. That's it. With all business  
11 concluded, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

12 Madam President, may I proceed with my  
13 supplemental and first place awards?

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: You may.

15 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN DURON: Freedom blooms when  
16 veterans are served. The Goldenrods have toiled the land,  
17 fertilized the ground, planted the seeds of freedom, and  
18 watered their gardens. They have dug out weeds, rid their  
19 gardens of pesky insects, and are now in full bloom  
20 displaying the beautiful flowers of their harvest.

21 The Goldenrods of American Legion Auxiliary  
22 Department of California have been shining examples of the  
23 Auxiliary mission statement by enhancing the lives of  
24 veteran families through Education program. They have  
25 reached out to high school counselors, campus veterans

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1 groups at colleges, and contacted veterans educating and  
2 informing them of scholarship opportunities available to  
3 them.

4 By reaching out to schools, students and veterans  
5 in their cities, units and members have promoted Goal One  
6 of the Five-Year Centennial Strategic Plan by investing in  
7 opportunities to attract, engage, and retain members.  
8 They have endeavored to interest new members by providing  
9 school supplies, honoring teachers and giving scholarships  
10 to students in their cities. They have successfully  
11 communicated the opportunities of a higher education.

12 Many units supported the Give 10 to Education  
13 program providing pens, pencils, crayons, composition  
14 notebooks, binders, glue sticks, glue, scissors, erasers,  
15 Kleenex, and craft items. Total donation for supplies  
16 amounted to \$11,771.19. District 6 made the largest  
17 donation of items totaling 2,350.

18 (Applause.)

19 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN DURON: That's right. You  
20 deserve a hand. District 6 made the largest donation of  
21 items totaling 2,350.

22 (Applause.)

23 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN DURON: One unit donated 925  
24 backpacks with school supplies totaling \$5,500. Fifty  
25 backpacks stuffed with school supplies for grades K-8 were

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1 provided to homeless students on skid row in Los Angeles.  
2 One unit raised \$1,925 to send a student to Europe to  
3 achieve their dream of becoming a foreign exchange  
4 student. Other units participated in local trunk or treat  
5 night and held fundraisers to help build a school  
6 playground.

7 Several units promoted Teacher Appreciation Week  
8 by providing snacks in break rooms and dinner for local  
9 teachers. Teachers were awarded with certificates of  
10 appreciation, gift cards, school supplies, and were  
11 honored for promoting patriotism in their schools.

12 National Education Week was celebrated by 11  
13 units with donation of books and reading to students at  
14 elementary schools. Members encouraged older students to  
15 read to younger students. Units were encouraged to  
16 contact schools inquiring of needs they might have and  
17 offering to help with those in needs. Members helped  
18 teachers grades K-6 grade papers, while another unit has  
19 an annual adopted a teacher program honoring two teachers  
20 during the week.

21 Units assisted and supported military children by  
22 providing meals at a veterans village, also given were new  
23 and gently books, CD players with books on CD. Money was  
24 donated for low income family children to participate in  
25 field trips. Oh, I'm sorry. Low income military children

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1 to participate in field trips.

2 Members attended flag raising ceremonies at their  
3 local schools. Box tops were collected for making  
4 donations to band and music programs, giving out goodie  
5 bags for Halloween and purchasing books for school  
6 libraries.

7 Sixty-three units donated \$4,252.45 to the  
8 Department's Education Fund. The largest donation was  
9 made by District 29 with a total donation of \$1,025.

10 (Applause.)

11 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN DURON: District 25 had all 19  
12 of their units donate to the Department Education Fund.  
13 Eighty-three units in 12 districts ordered \$1,222 in Poppy  
14 Seals, enabling the Department to continue offering  
15 scholarships. District 25 had the most units, with 17 of  
16 their 19 units ordering Poppy Seals.

17 Thirteen units participated in the Veterans in  
18 the Classroom involving 39 veterans at 18 schools for  
19 grades 1-12. Veterans read to students, shared their  
20 military experience and answered questions. Three  
21 veterans presented a flag to a classroom and one unit had  
22 a veteran who was asked to be principal for a day at a  
23 grammar school, donating six hours. Veterans visited a  
24 first grade classroom teaching the students how to use  
25 toothpaste and toothbrushes.

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1 Units throughout California participate in a  
2 literacy program by holding workshops, participating in  
3 weekly school library reading programs and working in the  
4 classrooms helping children read. Students were tutored  
5 in phonics and members tutored English to Spanish speaking  
6 units.

7 Pamphlets were handed out and radio announcements  
8 were made regarding scholarships and educational programs.  
9 Forty units provided scholarships totaling \$45,400. It is  
10 astounding to consider the students you have helped in  
11 lessening the burden of achieving their goal of a higher  
12 education.

13 Students in grades 1-7 organized a Veterans Day  
14 program at a local retirement home with a focus on  
15 branches of the United States Military. The students sang  
16 the theme song of each branch of the military as well as  
17 gave a brief history of each of the branches. One Junior  
18 member donated 40 hours mentoring a Junior choir and  
19 tutors kinder and 1st grade students.

20 Books and encyclopedias were provided to schools  
21 as well clothing and uniforms to Para Los Ninos. Units  
22 continue their work in anti-bullying programs involving  
23 trained professions and giving out anti-bullying comic  
24 book to students. Red Ribbon Week is supported with one  
25 district sponsoring a writing contest. Students were

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1 asked to write an essay on the effects of drugs.

2 Certificates were given to each contestant.

3           Each year that I have served the Department of  
4 California I have been awestruck by the amazing ways our  
5 members reach out to those in needs. From the smallest to  
6 the largest units you fundraise and generously provide  
7 services and volunteer to meet the needs of our veterans,  
8 active duty military, their families, and our communities.  
9 We are all truly blessed to be a part of such a remarkable  
10 organization.

11           And now for the first place awards. First Place  
12 Unit Supplemental goes to Jeannie Willis, District 25,  
13 Unit 299.

14           (Applause.)

15           EDUCATION CHAIRMAN DURON: First Place District  
16 Supplemental goes to Molly Smith, District 28.

17           (Applause.)

18           EDUCATION CHAIRMAN DURON: Madam President, this  
19 concludes my report.

20           (Applause.)

21           DISTRICT 19 DELEGATE BULLARD: I would like to  
22 thank you personally on -- I would like to thank -- I am  
23 Becky Bullard from District 19, Unit 359 Norwalk. And I  
24 would like to thank you personally for submitting my  
25 Junior Desiree Alvarado's scholarship to National for the

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1 Spirit of Youth Award.

2 (Applause.)

3 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN DURON: I'm sorry, Madam  
4 President. I neglected to finish my awards. Educational  
5 Assistance for Continuing and/or Re-Entry Students,  
6 Reginald Mankowski, District 28, Unit 589 \$1,000.

7 (Applause.)

8 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN DURON: Educational  
9 Assistance, Alyssa Ardt, District 7, Unit 130 \$1,000.

10 (Applause.)

11 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN DURON: And Dylan Carter,  
12 District 21, Unit 53 \$2,000.

13 (Applause.)

14 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN DURON: Connie Settles, Karla  
15 Seijas, District 12, Unit 83 \$5,000.

16 (Applause.)

17 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN DURON: Spirit of Youth  
18 National Scholarship, Desiree Alvarado, District 19, Unit  
19 359 \$5,000.

20 (Applause.)

21 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN DURON: And I would like to  
22 say -- sorry. District 19. I would like to say that this  
23 chairmanship was challenging at first, but extremely  
24 rewarding and I thoroughly enjoyed it. And now this  
25 concludes my report.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Just so you know,  
4 this will be the last one for the day. Gloria Williams,  
5 Children & Youth. Thank you for sticking with us.

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7 CHILDREN & YOUTH CONVENTION REPORT

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9 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Madam  
10 President Joan --

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Our last speaker.  
12 Thank you.

13 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: The  
14 preconvention committee meeting for Children & Youth met  
15 on June 27th, 2019. The meeting was called to order at  
16 11:00 o'clock in the Ontario Airport Hotel Maple Room.  
17 Rosemary Weber from District 16 served as our secretary.  
18 Lydia Sanders served as chaplain from District 23, and  
19 Robin -- I'm messing up here -- Falkenberg, she served as  
20 Sergeant-at-Arms and she's from District 27.

21 Okay. Prayer was given and pledge was recited.  
22 Roll call was taken and we had 19 delegates and we had  
23 seven guests. Citations for 100 percent reporting were  
24 presented to the following districts: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 12,  
25 13, 14, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 29, and 30.

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1           The code was read there was no changes made to  
2 the code.

3           (Applause.)

4           CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: I know  
5 you're happy about that. We had supplemental awards that  
6 were given out. The second place district, Gigi Manno,  
7 Chairman. Third place went to District 20, Carol  
8 Harville, Chairman. Second place, Unit 310, District 22,  
9 Thomsena Martin. Third place, Unit 348, District 20,  
10 Linda Hayes, Chairman. And the honorable mention award  
11 went to Unit 496, District 19, Chairman, Tamara Bell. The  
12 meeting adjourned at about 12 -- no. 12:00 o'clock. I  
13 think it was 11:45, but I'll just say 12:00.

14           Madam President, may I continue with my report?

15           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes, you may.

16           CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: As we  
17 celebrate our Centennial, California Districts and Units  
18 continue our dedication to ensuring that the Children &  
19 Youth program continues to maintain the integrity of all  
20 children, especially those in military families. The  
21 Auxiliary's National Children & Youth Action Plan was  
22 shared with all districts in California through a monthly  
23 news bulletin.

24           Several units gave away backpacks and school  
25 supplies to hundreds of children. Some units received

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1 donations while others sold dinners, received funding for  
2 their Post family, and other charitable entities.

3 Patriotism was displayed at schools throughout  
4 California. Children were lectured about the flag and  
5 Pledge of Allegiance. One unit brought an American Legion  
6 Rider to place a flag at the school and showed children  
7 how to salute the flag when it was placed. Pocket flags,  
8 patriotic comic books, constitutional facts and other  
9 patriotic items were used to instruct school-age children  
10 about our country's traditions.

11 Districts hosted trunk of treats, gave out  
12 Halloween safety brochures along with lots of candy.  
13 Three units reported partnering with Million kids to fight  
14 child abuse and trafficking. One unit partnered with  
15 anti-trafficking task force and ribbon organization and  
16 held lectures about child trafficking and how to identify  
17 the signs and how to report and rehabilitate the victims.

18 Another unit explained when our Department  
19 Convention ends, they immediately began their new year of  
20 planning and executing their Children & Youth program.  
21 They earn money to support their events through bus trips,  
22 dinners, breakfasts, and at least one gala event. This  
23 year they ordered over 2500 assorted brochures along with  
24 educational scholarship applications, American essay  
25 applications, and safety and drug brochures. They have

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1 been very successful with gaining the support of their  
2 local newspaper to cover all of their ALA events.

3 Our military families are a major concern to this  
4 country and our organization. This year seven Temporary  
5 Financial Assistance, TFA, awards totaling \$3350 were  
6 awarded to veterans with children to help defray their  
7 living expenses.

8 There were four Youth Good Deed Awards received.  
9 Three of these were from one district. One sister and  
10 brother opened a soup kitchen using food that would  
11 normally be thrown away from their family restaurant to  
12 feed the homeless and seniors on fixed incomes.

13 Our next youth heroes were three young brothers  
14 who wanted to help victims of the Paradise fire in  
15 Northern California. With the help of their mother, they  
16 sold hot chocolate to those who visited Christmas displays  
17 in their neighborhood. Money raised was \$4,250 and given  
18 to the Camp Fire Evacuation Relief Fund to assist the  
19 victims in Paradise.

20 Our next young hero was a young girl who had been  
21 interviewed by the Girls State. After she witnessed a  
22 horse trainer struggling with an unruly horse, this young  
23 lady showed her determination and bravery while  
24 controlling the situation in a calm and constructive way.

25 Early this year, a five-year-old junior member

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1 handed out bag lunches to the homeless around the State  
2 Capitol. With the help of another Junior, 24 nutritional  
3 lunches were packed. The Juniors greeted men and women  
4 individually as they gave out the lunches.

5 We have several units that support children from  
6 the California National Guard and Air Aviation Battalion  
7 Auxiliary members have adopted troops and their children.  
8 They have volunteered and assisted specifically in Family  
9 Readiness Group activities, deployment family and holiday  
10 parties. Two units have ordered two Josh Dogs and one  
11 unit reported a fundraiser to support two girls that will  
12 attend Girls State.

13 As of May 1st, total reported spent on goods for  
14 our youth was \$10,946.75. Total hours reported is 21,122.  
15 Total Children/Youth served 9,492. The total Children &  
16 Youth donations \$10,946.75.

17 California's hope is that children see their hope  
18 is attainable and they will change the world.

19 Madam President, I have enjoyed working in your  
20 garden with this chairmanship and the journey it has taken  
21 me on. May I continue with my first place awards?

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: You may.

23 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: District  
24 First Place Supplemental is awarded to District 16  
25 Rosemary Weber, Chairman.

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1 (Applause.)

2 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Children &  
3 Youth First Place Supplemental Award and has been forward  
4 to National for further consideration and is awarded to  
5 Janet Troxel and Frances Troxel, Unit 79, District 21  
6 Riverside.

7 (Applause.)

8 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Madam  
9 President, this concludes my report.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: We've come to the  
13 end of our day, but before we finish there's just two more  
14 things. Do we have any flower pedals, Harriet?

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: Yes, we do.  
16 Melanie's Balloon Pilots and Sue's Lighthouses will meet  
17 for lunch Saturday in the hotel restaurant.

18 Okay. Could you please ask if anyone found a  
19 black padded notebook. It was a gift from my daughter for  
20 conference. Unit 742, Liz.

21 Past Presidents Pin or tin with gavel please  
22 return to front desk. Thank you, Tina, District 4.

23 Anita's Team Captains will meet Saturday at 12:00  
24 noon at Mr. J's Restaurant. Please RSVP.

25 The Peachy Performers and Classy Penguins will

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1 the meet on Saturday noon for lunch in Room 133.

2 In support of Michael Fox for Commander of the  
3 SAL we have an opportunity raffle item in the back of the  
4 room. It's an American Legion Family serving tray.  
5 Please see Lorraine Seagle in District 6.

6 Goldie's Golden Rings, Geri Jeske's Cards,  
7 Margaret Quinones' Dream Catchers, Ruby's Allstars,  
8 Shelby's Actresses, Harriet's Crafters will meet in the  
9 atrium hotel -- I'm sorry. Ontario Hotel Room -- is it  
10 132, Ruby, or --

11 DEPARTMENT TREASURER KAPSALIS: 231.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY CLENDENIN: 231 on Saturday  
13 for lunch.

14 Melanie's Balloon Pilot's and Sue's Lighthouses  
15 will be meeting for lunch -- did I do that already? Okay.  
16 I thought so.

17 LuAnn's Ship Captains and Pat's Country Charmers  
18 will meet on Saturday for lunch at the hotel restaurant.

19 Okay. Anita's Dream Team and Madeline's Love  
20 Princesses and Bev's Stars will meet for lunch at Mr. J's  
21 tomorrow at 12:00 noon. Please send a note to Anita to  
22 RSVP.

23 Bonnie's Princesses, Sandy's Colonels will meet  
24 in Room 526 on Saturday during the lunch break. Please  
25 send a note to Bonnie Christner in District 20 if you will

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1 be able to attend.

2 Saturday after the meeting we are retiring the  
3 District and Unit flags. We do not need to dress special  
4 to retire our colors.

5 Madeline Lee's Princesses, Wendy O'Brien's Ship  
6 Captains, Loretta Marsh's Superheros, Linda Fercho's Rodeo  
7 Queens, Susie Tozier's Farmers, please order your lunch  
8 before 10:00 a.m. tomorrow Saturday and meet after you get  
9 your lunch in the atrium outside the hall Saturday.

10 Harriet, please remind the VA Reps and Deps and  
11 others looking to volunteer that I have stuffed socks to  
12 pick up immediately following close of business -- close  
13 of session today. Meet outside the convention hall.  
14 Thank you, Kim Vincent.

15 Now did I miss anybody? I missed two. Meet and  
16 greet for 23rd District President Elect Patricia Davis at  
17 7:00 to 9:00 Room 604.

18 Local American Legion Post 112 Ontario hosting  
19 dinner and show dinner 5:00 to 7:00, show and  
20 entertainment 6:00 to 10:00. See brochures in your ditty  
21 bag for details. Did I get them all?

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Yes, you did.  
23 Thank you very much. I just want to say so we're ready  
24 tomorrow morning, our first presenters will be Junior  
25 Conference Director Mindy Sinclair, Junior Activities

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1 Chairman Wendy O'Brien, followed by Membership and our  
2 Editor. So please be on stage and be ready.

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4 ADJOURNMENT

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6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: And now I would  
7 like our Chaplain to offer prayer. We're going to have  
8 prayer if you'll just hold right there.

9 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN SMITH: Let us pray. Lord,  
10 as we come closed to our convention today, we thank you  
11 for what has been accomplished here. We have matters to  
12 discuss so that we can continue to move forward and help  
13 us to advance and seek growth in our organization. Amen.

14 DELEGATES: Amen.

15 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Madam President, do  
16 you want to tell them what time we're going to be  
17 convening tomorrow?

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: 8:30 a.m.

19 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: 8:30. I want to take  
20 this time right now that you're all here -- ladies, sit  
21 down for a moment because the Ontario Convention Committee  
22 has a special presentation. Were doing cocktails here in  
23 this room. That's the flower pockets. We wanted to do  
24 something special this year. This is our 100th convention  
25 and our 100th year as an Auxiliary coming this year, so we

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1 have a special presentation for all of you. If the  
2 committee -- and they're not wearing their pot heads. I  
3 thought -- oh, we've got a couple over here. Okay. We  
4 have -- and we don't want you to be celebrating too much  
5 tonight and not make it at 8:30 in the morning, but we  
6 have a small bottle of champagne or sparkling cider,  
7 whichever you prefer, for each of you.

8 (Applause.)

9 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: So be as orderly as  
10 possible. So let's take that middle row right there one  
11 row at a time. Tell them what you want. If you want the  
12 sparkling cider --

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: It looks like you  
14 can get it here.

15 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Okay. And then  
16 you're going to be excused. You take your bottle and you  
17 can leave. There's a horn for you also, so celebrate  
18 tonight.

19 (The American Legion Auxiliary Convention  
20 was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.)

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1 STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
2 COUNTY OF STANISLAUS ) ss.  
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5 I, Karen A. Aufdermaur, a Certified Shorthand  
6 Reporter in the State of California, holding Certificate  
7 Number 10919, do hereby certify that the American Legion  
8 Auxiliary - Department of California 100th Annual  
9 Convention was taken Friday, June 28, 2019, 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 100th 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 100th 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 18th day of July, 2019, at Modesto,  
23 California.

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25 Karen A. Aufdermaur, CSR No. 10919