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CALL TO ORDER

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: This convention is in session. It's reconvened. Department Chaplain will offer invocation.

INVOCATION

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HUSTON: Dear Heavenly Father. Thank you for President Gloria and the team she has put together to lead us this past year, this organization and an amazing group of women, men, and juniors gathered here. Please guide these ALA who have made a commitment to our veterans to serve and never forget them. Amen.

DELEGATES: Amen.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Department Secretary, please call the roll of Officers, Chairmen, and District Presidents.

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ROLL CALL

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: President Gloria Williams.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Present.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Vice President Glenda Schultz.

DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Here.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Secretary Elizabeth Doidge. I am here.

Treasurer Susie Tozier.

DEPARTMENT TREASURER TOZIER: Present.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: NEC Joan Cannon.

NEC CANNON: Here.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Alternate NEC Person Kathie Martinez.

NEC ALTERNATE MARTINEZ: Here.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Chaplain Grace Huston.

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HUSTON: I'm here.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Historian Valerie Hill.

DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN HILL: Here.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Parliamentarian

1 Anita Biggs.

2 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Good morning,  
3 Liz.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.  
5 Sergeant-at-Arms Phyllis Meyi.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS MEYI: Here. Present.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Thank you.  
8 Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Alberta Cummings.

9 ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS CUMMINGS: Present.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Finance Committee  
11 Linda Workman.

12 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: We're counting.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Katherine Tellyer.

14 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER TELLYER: Here.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: And Teresa  
16 Lugo-Nunez.

17 FINANCE COMMITTEE JR. MEMBER LUGO-NUNEZ:  
18 Present.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Advisory Committee  
20 Diane DeLashmit.

21 ADVISORY COMMITTEE DeLASHMIT: Present.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Ruby Kapsalis is  
23 excused. And Madeline Lee.

24 ADVISORY COMMITTEE LEE: Here.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Americanism Suzanne

1 Winters.  
2 AMERICANISM CHAIR WINTERS: Present.  
3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Auxiliary Emergency  
4 Fund Marion Rocha-Carlos.  
5 AEF CHAIR ROCHA-CARLOS: Present.  
6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Children and Youth  
7 Susan Baker.  
8 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHAIR BAKER: Present.  
9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Community Service  
10 Sharon Moore.  
11 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIR MOORE: Good morning,  
12 Liz.  
13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.  
14 Constitution & Bylaws Glenda Schultz.  
15 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: Good  
16 morning.  
17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.  
18 Convention Chairman Debbie Hurado. Glory Sinopoli.  
19 CONVENTION CO-CHAIRMAN SINOPOLI: Present.  
20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Convention  
21 Commission Anita Biggs.  
22 CONVENTION COMMISSION BIGGS: I'm here.  
23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Convention  
24 Commission Two Year Linda Fercho.  
25 CONVENTION COMMISSION TWO YEAR FERCHO: I'm here.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Convention  
2 Commission One Year Gloria Sinopoli.  
3 CONVENTION COMMISSION ONE YEAR SINOPOLI:  
4 Present.  
5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Credentials Patricia  
6 Galatioto.  
7 CREDENTIALS CHAIR GALATIOTO: Here.  
8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Distinguished Guest  
9 Linda Workman.  
10 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIR WORKMAN: Still here.  
11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Editor Nancy  
12 Heinisch.  
13 EDITOR CHAIR HEINISCH: Present.  
14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Education Tracy  
15 Varnell-Fercho.  
16 EDUCATION CHAIR VARNELL-FERCHO: The Education  
17 train has now retired.  
18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Elections Rebecca  
19 Glenny.  
20 ELECTIONS CHAIR GLENNY: The Elections train is  
21 running down the tracks.  
22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: All right.  
23 Speeding. Girls State Chairman Allyn Kau.  
24 GIRLS STATE CHAIR KAU: Present.  
25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Girls State

1       Advisory Nancy Brown-Park is excused.  Girls State  
2       director Valerie Hardy is excused.

3               Girls State Assistant Director Sherry Core.

4               GIRLS STATE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR CORE:  Present.

5               DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE:  Girls State  
6       Committee Three Year Member Leslie Vondra.  Girls State  
7       Two Year Member Noella Passarelli.

8               GIRLS STATE TWO YEAR MEMBER PASSARELLI:  Present.

9               DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE:  Girls State  
10       Committee One Year Member Kimberly MacKinney.  Girls State  
11       Nurse Elizabeth Tomlin.

12              GIRLS STATE NURSE TOMLIN:  Present.

13              DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE:  Girls State  
14       President's Alternate Patricia Patrick.  Girls State Vice  
15       President Alternate Jean McGinnis.

16              GIRLS STATE VP ALTERNATE MCGINNIS:  Here.

17              DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE:  Girls State Chief  
18       Counselor Kimberly MacKinney.  Junior Activities Chairman  
19       Jackie Cleveland.

20              JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR CLEVELAND:  Present.

21              DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE:  Junior Conference  
22       Director Stacey Smith.  Junior Conference Committee Two  
23       Year Deloris Artis.

24              JUNIOR CONFERENCE TWO YEAR ARTIS:  Good morning,  
25       Liz.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning,  
2 Deloris. Junior Conference Committee One Year Lele  
3 Dooley. Junior Conference Nurse Ann Sanchez.

4 JUNIOR CONFERENCE NURSE SANCHEZ: Present.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Leadership Robin  
6 Falkenberg.

7 LEADERSHIP CHAIR FALKENBERG: Leading the train  
8 to the station.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Legislative Dee Ann  
10 Graham.

11 LEGISLATIVE CHAIR GRAHAM: I am here.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Membership Maureen  
13 O'Brien-Sacco.

14 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR O'BRIEN-SACCO: Good morning.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.  
16 Membership Support Area 1 Carolyn Smith. Membership  
17 Support Area 2 Cece Harvey.

18 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AREA 2 HARVEY: Present.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Membership Support  
20 Area 3 Marcia Munroe.

21 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AREA 3 MUNROE: Present.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Membership Support  
23 Area 4 Diana Livas.

24 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AREA 4 LIVAS: Punching my  
25 ticket.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Welcome back.  
2 District 5 -- Membership Support Area 5 Donna Mattox.  
3 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AREA 5 MATTOX: Good morning,  
4 Liz.  
5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Membership Support  
6 Area 6 Patricia Martinez. Music Yve Evans-Hanna.  
7 MUSIC CHAIR EVANS-HANNA: Here.  
8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: We know she's here.  
9 National Security Joyce Henderson-McLeod.  
10 NATIONAL SECURITY HENDERSON-MCLEOD: Here.  
11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: PPP Joan Cannon.  
12 PPP CHAIR CANNON: Present.  
13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Poppy Martha  
14 Romano.  
15 POPPY CHAIR ROMANO: Present.  
16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Public Relations  
17 Donna Smith.  
18 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR SMITH: Here.  
19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Resolutions Linda  
20 Fercho.  
21 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR FERCHO: Here.  
22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Rules Linda Diebel.  
23 RULES CHAIR DIEBEL: Here.  
24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Veterans Affairs &  
25 Rehabilitation Linda Hayes.

1 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: Good morning.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning. Ways  
3 & Means Mahala Beery.

4 WAYS & MEANS CHAIR BEERY: Back here.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Ways & Means  
6 Committee Marcia Munroe.

7 WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE MUNROE: Here.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Personal page  
9 Taadhimeka Stoval.

10 PERSONAL PAGE STOVAL: Here.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Personal Page  
12 Michiel Porter?

13 PERSONAL PAGE PORTER: Here.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: And Pat Davis.

15 PERSONAL PAGE DAVIS: Present.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Mid-Year Chairman  
17 Anita Biggs. Anita Biggs?

18 MID-YEAR CHAIR BIGGS: Oh, I'm here.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Mid-Year  
20 Co-Chairman Sharon Moore.

21 MID-YEAR CO-CHAIR MOORE: Still here.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Clovis Workshop  
23 Debbie Hurado.

24 CLOVIS WORKSHOP CHAIR HURADO: Here.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Clovis Workshop

1 Co-Chairman Gloria Sinopoli.

2 CLOVIS WORKSHOP CO-CHAIR SINOPOLI: Present.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Northern California  
4 Workshop Madeline Reed.

5 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WORKSHOP CHAIR REED: Good  
6 morning, Liz.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.  
8 Southern California Workshop Rebecca Stewart-Wilson.

9 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WORKSHOP CHAIR  
10 STEWART-WILSON: Here.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Webmaster Rebecca  
12 Glenny.

13 WEBMASTER GLENNY: Webmaster here.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 1 Judy  
15 Henderson. No. District 2 Judy Henderson.

16 DISTRICT 2: Good morning Madam, President.  
17 [Inaudible].

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Good morning.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: That was perfect.  
20 That was perfect. You're good. No, it was good.  
21 District 3 Lola Ramey.

22 DISTRICT 3 PRESIDENT RAMEY: Here.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 4 Nancy  
24 Brown.

25 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT BROWN: Madam President,

1       thank you for having this convention. And as in the  
2       famous words of the little train: I think I can, I think  
3       I can. Nope. I know we can, I know we can.

4               DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: There you go.

5               DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 5 Linda  
6       Karnstedt.

7               DISTRICT 5 PRESIDENT KARNSTEDT: Here.

8               DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 6 Suzanne  
9       Winters.

10              DISTRICT 6: Good morning, Madam President.

11              DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 7 Melise  
12       Munroe.

13              DISTRICT 7: Chugga chugga choo-choo. Good  
14       morning, Madam President.

15              DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 8 Teresa  
16       Canonizado.

17              DISTRICT 8 PRESIDENT CANONIZADO: Good morning,  
18       Madam President. Love you very much.

19              DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 9 Vicky  
20       Bean.

21              DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT BEAN: Good morning, Liz.

22              DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.  
23       District 10 Susan Mar.

24              DISTRICT 10: Good morning, Madam President. All  
25       aboard on the last stop on the Friendship Train from

1 District 10.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 11 Arlene  
3 Smith.

4 DISTRICT 11: We've been working for our veterans  
5 each and every day. We strive to support them in every  
6 possible way. They go out there and protect us and we  
7 proudly say, thank you for all the veterans that protect  
8 the USA.

9 (Applause.)

10 DISTRICT 11: Station 11 sends their warmest  
11 greetings to Madam Conductor Gloria.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 12  
13 Elizabeth Estavillo.

14 DISTRICT 12: Good morning, Madam President. All  
15 aboard the District 12 Friendship Train. Shake a hand,  
16 make a friend. Turn back and shake the hand of the person  
17 behind you.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 13 Helen  
19 Hymes.

20 DISTRICT 13: Good morning, Madam President.  
21 District 13 is ready to roll on the Freedom Train.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 14 Debbie  
23 Hurado.

24 DISTRICT 14: Take two. Down by the station  
25 early in the morning, District 14 is ready to go.

1 (Applause.)  
2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 15 Zana  
3 Chaney.  
4 DISTRICT 15: Good morning, Madam President.  
5 Choo-choo.  
6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 16 Terry  
7 Oclaray.  
8 DISTRICT 16: All aboard the Friendship Train.  
9 Here is your award winning song. (Singing.)  
10 (Applause.)  
11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 17 Theresa  
12 Lugo-Nunez.  
13 DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT LUGO-NUNEZ: Here.  
14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 18 Yolanda  
15 Zuniga.  
16 DISTRICT 18: Good morning, Madam President.  
17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 19 Becky  
18 Bullard.  
19 DISTRICT 19: Good morning, Madam President. All  
20 aboard.  
21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 20 Carol  
22 Harville.  
23 DISTRICT 20: (Singing.)  
24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 21 Ellen  
25 Federowski.

1                   DISTRICT 21: All aboard.

2                   DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 22 Maureen  
3                   Giacalone.

4                   DISTRICT 22: Good morning, Madam President.  
5                   District 22 are all aboard the Friendship Train - Serving  
6                   Our Veterans.

7                   DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 23  
8                   Cassandra Brown.

9                   DISTRICT 23: Good morning, Madam President.  
10                  We're rolling into the station.

11                  DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 23 -- I  
12                  just did that one. District 24 Martha Romano.

13                  DISTRICT 24: Good morning, Madam President.  
14                  Choo-choo.

15                  DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 25 Cindy  
16                  Rogers.

17                  DISTRICT 25: So many veterans needed helped. We  
18                  did what we could do to make their world a better place  
19                  and help them start anew. Good morning, Madam President,  
20                  from Station 25.

21                  (Applause.)

22                  DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 26 Peggy  
23                  Toye.

24                  DISTRICT 26: Good morning, Madam President.

25                  DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Good morning.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 27  
2 Danielle White.  
3 DISTRICT 27: Good morning, Madam President.  
4 Choo-choo.  
5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 28 Esther  
6 LePore.  
7 DISTRICT 28: District 28 is in the house again.  
8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 29 Carol  
9 Borgman.  
10 DISTRICT 29: Good morning, Madam President.  
11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Good morning.  
12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 30 Irene  
13 Imhoff.  
14 Past National President Nancy Brown-Park is  
15 excused. Past Department Presidents 1989-'90 Beverly  
16 Sparks. '92-'93 Willie Burke. '95-'96 Judy Lloyd.  
17 '96-'97 Ruby Kapsalis. '98-'99 Linda Workman.  
18 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Here.  
19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 1999-2000 Diane  
20 DeLashmit.  
21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DeLASHMIT: Present.  
22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2001-'2 Madeline  
23 Lee.  
24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT LEE: Here.  
25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2002-'3 Nancy

1 Brown-Park. Excused. 2003-'4 Linda Caples. 2004-'5  
2 Melanie Taylor.

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Good morning,  
4 Liz.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.  
6 2005-'6 Bonnie Christner.

7 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: I'm still  
8 here.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2006-'7 Sandy  
10 Jacobs. 2007-'8 Shelby Hitch. 2010-'11 Pilar Reyes.  
11 2011-'12 Linda Fercho.

12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: I'm here.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2013-'14 Anita  
14 Biggs.

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Here.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2015-'16 Susie  
17 Tozier.

18 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: The Farmers  
19 are here.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2016-'17 Wendy  
21 O'Brien. 2017-'18 Loretta Marsh. 2018-'19 Joan Cannon.

22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Here.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2019-'21 Kathie  
24 Martinez.

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: The Eagle is

1 getting ready to fly; I'll tell you.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I only had one  
3 year. That couldn't have been you.

4 2021-'22 Dee Ann Graham.

5 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: I'm here.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Fresno  
7 Representative Cynthia Oliphant. Fresno Deputy Sandra  
8 Dowell. Loma Linda Representative Sandy Kurkoske.

9 HOSPITAL REP KURKOSKE: Present.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Loma Linda Deputy  
11 Leslie Vondra. Long Beach Representative Pat Alvarez.

12 HOSPITAL REP ALVAREZ: Good morning, Liz.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning, Pat.

14 Long Beach Representative Becky Alvarez. Sorry.  
15 Becky Bullard.

16 HOSPITAL REP BULLARD: Here.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I'm mixing you guys  
18 up.

19 Long Beach Deputy Cynthia Mayfield.

20 HOSPITAL DEP MAYFIELD: Good morning.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning. Long  
22 Beach Deputy Debbie Butler.

23 HOSPITAL DEP BUTLER: Here.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Villages of  
25 Cabrillo CBOC Deputy Jean Cooley-Desmuelles. Los Angeles

1 Representative Ellah Wallace. LA VA Op Clinic Patricia  
2 Jackson-Kelley. West LA Ambulatory Care Center Deputy  
3 Diana Williams. Downtown East LA OPC Deputy Pam Hicks.  
4 Bakersfield OPC Barbara Goodlow. Santa Maria  
5 Community-based OPC Deputy Georgia Davis. Sierra Nevada  
6 Deputy Bonnie Chavoya.

7 HOSPITAL DEP CHAVOYA: Here.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Northern California  
9 Mather Representative Suzanne Winters.

10 HOSPITAL REP WINTERS: Present.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Redding OPC Deputy  
12 Barbara Dailey. Fairfield OPC Deputy Kelley Germeraad.  
13 Palo Alto Representative Connie Raya.

14 HOSPITAL REP RAYA: Present.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Palo Alto Deputy  
16 Arlene Muller? Menlo Park Deputy Joyce Henderson-McLeod.

17 HOSPITAL DEP HENDERSON-McLEOD: Here.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Livermore  
19 Representative Grace Huston.

20 HOSPITAL REP HUSTON: Present.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: San Diego  
22 Representative Susie Tozier.

23 HOSPITAL REP TOZIER: I'm here.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: San Diego Deputy  
25 Irma Mathai. San Diego Deputy Donna Smith.

1 HOSPITAL DEP SMITH: Still here, Liz.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: WAVE Clinic Lois  
3 Cornish. San Francisco Forty Miley Representative Laurie  
4 Sullivan.

5 California Homes. Barstow Veterans Home  
6 Representative Angie Acosta. Barstow Veterans Home Deputy  
7 Judy Samples. Chula Vista Veterans Home Lois Cornish.  
8 Where is Lois?

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: She's out at the desk.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Fresno Veterans  
11 Home Representative Gloria Sinopoli.

12 HOSPITAL REP SINOPOLI: I'm here.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Lancaster  
14 Representative Linda Hayes.

15 HOSPITAL REP HAYES: Here.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Ventura  
17 Representative Madeline Lee.

18 HOSPITAL REP LEE: Here.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: West LA  
20 Representative Deloris Artis.

21 HOSPITAL REP ARTIS: Here.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: And West LA Deputy  
23 Marisa Naylor-Jones.

24 Honorary Junior President Olivia Thuney.  
25 HONORARY JUNIOR PRESIDENT THUNEY: Here.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Honorary Junior  
2 Vice President Alyssa Alcaraz. Honorary Junior Secretary  
3 Lexi Gigi.

4 HONORARY JUNIOR SECRETARY GIGI: Right here.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Honorary Junior  
6 Chaplain Kailie Williams is excused. Honorary Junior  
7 Historian Annie Mae Edson. And Honorary Junior  
8 Sergeant-at-Arms Hailey Doidge.

9 HONORARY JUNIOR SERGEANT-AT-ARMS DOIDGE: Here.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: You definitely have  
11 a quorum. I am done.

12 Sharon Moore, can you please stand? There's  
13 Sharon for anybody who's looking for banquet tickets.  
14 Karen Cabell. Karen Sharon, Sharon Karen.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Susan Baker, are  
16 you ready for your report? Next we'll have Membership.

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18 CHILDREN AND YOUTH CONVENTION REPORT

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20 CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHAIR BAKER: Are we working?  
21 Okay. Madam President, your code changes are in the  
22 script there.

23 How is everybody this morning? Are we all awake?  
24 A little battle worn perhaps. We had quite a day  
25 yesterday. Are you ready?

1           Okay. Good morning, Madam President, Officers,  
2           members, and guests. The convention committee on Children  
3           and Youth met on June 22nd, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Plaza  
4           Room of the Wyndham Hotel in California. The statistical  
5           report of this Chairman appears in the Book of Reports.

6           Karen Munch, District 16, Unit 566 -- excuse  
7           me -- Unit 56 was appointed secretary. Grace Huston,  
8           District 11, Unit 249 was appointed Chaplain. Alberta  
9           Cummings, District 23, Unit 252 was appointed  
10          Sergeant-at-Arms. The chaplain offered prayer and the  
11          Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A total of 16 district  
12          delegates answered roll call. There was one visitor  
13          present.

14          The committee agreed upon the following report.  
15          The code was read and the committee approved the following  
16          changes to put before the general membership. First one.  
17          Item 4 now reads: "The National Children and Youth report  
18          form shall be used by Units, Districts, and the Department  
19          Chairman for the annual report. The Department Chairman  
20          shall prepare a supplementary report form for the  
21          Department Children and Youth activities (1986)."

22          The proposed change is to amend Item 4 as  
23          follows: "The Department Children and Youth Chairman  
24          shall prepare for Units and Districts both mid-year and  
25          year-end report forms for Children and Youth activities."

1                   Rationale for the change is the National Children  
2                   and Youth program no longer has a report form. The  
3                   committee recommends that Item 4 be rewritten.

4                   By direction of the committee, I move for  
5                   approval.

6                   DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Are there any  
7                   questions?

8                   (No response.)

9                   DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: I'll read.  
10                  Proposed change is amended to read: "The Department  
11                  Children and Youth Chairman shall prepare for Units and  
12                  Districts both mid-year and year-end report forms for  
13                  Children and Youth activities."

14                  Are there any questions?

15                  (No response.)

16                  DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All in favor.

17                  ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

18                  DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed.

19                  (No response.)

20                  DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Motion carries.

21                  CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHAIR BAKER: Thank you. With  
22                  the approval of Item 4, the committee recommends that Item  
23                  4(a) be added for clarity. So it would be a proposed  
24                  addition to read as follows: "The Department Children and  
25                  Youth Chairman shall prepare for the National Children and

1 Youth Chairman a written year-end report on Department  
2 Children and Youth activities. (2023)."

3 By direction of the committee I move for  
4 approval.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Number 4(a):  
6 "The Department Children and Youth Chairman shall prepare  
7 for the National Children and Youth Chairman a written  
8 year-end report on Department Children and Youth  
9 activities. (2023)."

10 Are there any questions?

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Okay. There is a  
13 question.

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Susan?

15 CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHAIR BAKER: Yes.

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Joan Cannon,  
17 Past Department President, District 11, Unit 249, NEC. I  
18 got them all in there. Okay. On Department Code 6, you  
19 already have in your report the committee program shall  
20 conform with the standard time frames -- I'll just skip to  
21 the bottom. Get my eyes going here. National Chairman  
22 reports to be sent to their Division Chairman and the  
23 National Committee Chairman by May. So it's already in  
24 there. Why would you want to put it in twice?

25 CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHAIR BAKER: I was just

1           trying to clarify. We don't have to.

2                   DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Are there any  
3 other questions?

4                   (No response.)

5                   DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All in favor.

6                   DELEGATES: Aye.

7                   DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed.

8                   DELEGATES: No.

9                   DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Motion carried.

10                   CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHAIR BAKER: Maybe next  
11 year's chairman can take it out.

12                   Okay. Moving to specific medical needs, Item 1  
13 now reads: "As specified in The American Legion National  
14 Children and Youth Brochure for Temporary Financial  
15 Assistance, consideration shall be given to urgent  
16 Specific Medical Needs (including dental and optical)."  
17 That was 2007.

18                   The proposed change is to rewrite Specific  
19 Medical Needs Item 1 as follows: "In addition to general  
20 maintenance and health needs, special consideration is  
21 given to the Specific Medical Needs (including dental and  
22 optical) of veterans' children and is awarded only when  
23 there are no other available resources." That would be  
24 2023.

25                   The rationale for the change is The American

1 Legion National Children and Youth Brochure for the  
2 Temporary Financial Assistance no longer stipulates that  
3 consideration be given for urgent specific medical needs.  
4 The committee recommends that Specific Medical Needs Item  
5 1 be rewritten to reflect the information provided in the  
6 ALA Department of California Children and Youth Temporary  
7 Financial Assistance, TFA, instructions. And I took that  
8 right off the form.

9 By direction of the committee, I move for  
10 approval.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: I'll repeat it.  
12 As The American Legion National Children and Youth  
13 Brochure for Temporary Financial Assistance no longer  
14 stipulates that the consideration be given for urgent  
15 specific medical needs, the committee recommends that  
16 Specific Medical Needs Item 1 be rewritten to reflect the  
17 information provided in the ALA Department of California  
18 Children and Youth Temporary Financial Assistance TFA  
19 instructions.

20 Are there questions there? I'm sorry. Forgive  
21 that. We can start over.

22 "In addition to general maintenance and health  
23 needs, special consideration is given to the Specific  
24 Medical Needs (including dental and optical) of veterans'  
25 children and is awarded only when there are no other

1 available resources."

2 All in favor.

3 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed.

5 (No response.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: The motion is  
7 approved.

8 CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHAIR BAKER: Thank you.

9 Under Specific Medical Needs Item 2 now reads: "Medical  
10 assistance shall be provided when other resources are not  
11 available."

12 The proposed change is to delete this item  
13 because the statement already appears in number 1 which  
14 was just approved. The committee recommends that Specific  
15 Medical Needs Item 2 be deleted to avoid redundancy.

16 By direction of the committee, I move for  
17 approval. I hear a phone.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Members, this is  
19 to delete Specific Medical Item 2. Is there any  
20 discussion?

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All in favor, say  
23 aye.

24 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed.

1 (No response.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Motion carried.

3 CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHAIR BAKER: Okay. So for  
4 the record, please note that specific medical item --  
5 needs -- Specific Medical Needs Items 3 and 4 will need to  
6 be renumbered. And in item number -- which would then be  
7 item number 4, there's a housekeeping change on the last  
8 line of the correction. We're correcting "log-term" to  
9 "long-term."

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yeah.

11 CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHAIR BAKER: All right. So  
12 that's it for code changes. 100 percent reporting  
13 certificates were awarded to District 6, 10, 11, 12, 17,  
14 20, and 27. The winners of the second and third place  
15 best supplemental reporting certificates for units and  
16 districts were announced. The Chair thanked District  
17 Chairmen for their end-of-year reports and their wonderful  
18 accomplishments in the Children and Youth program this  
19 year. A closing prayer was given and the meeting  
20 adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

21 Madam President, may I continue with my  
22 statistical report?

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes.

24 CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHAIR BAKER: Thank you. With  
25 the Department of California theme All Aboard the

1 Friendship Train Serving Veterans," the Children and Youth  
2 program whistled its way into the 2022-'23 year with new  
3 energy and enthusiasm. This Chairman is delighted to  
4 share with you some of the work accomplished in the  
5 program this year.

6 A total of 29,043 children, both military and  
7 nonmilitary, were served by California units. And 26  
8 District chairmen reported a total of 17,589 hours were  
9 given to serve children across the state this year.  
10 Members reported driving 29,054 miles to provide service  
11 to children in California.

12 Chairmen advised the districts that units in  
13 their districts raised a combined cash total of \$77,357 to  
14 benefit children. In-kind donations totaling 195,209 were  
15 received by reporting units and included, among other  
16 things, gently used laptop computers, blankets, sleeping  
17 bags, clothing, backpacks, school supplies, foodstuffs,  
18 bicycles, and toys. In-kind donations given by units  
19 totaled \$164,373.

20 Allied Unit 302 in District 17 works closely with  
21 the homeless and children of deported veterans in their  
22 area and give in-kind donations totaling \$110,355. This  
23 unit distributed 500 backpacks filled with school supplies  
24 plus clothing, blankets and sleeping bags to these  
25 children.

1           The unit was also gifted 500 gently used laptop  
2           computers from an entertainment company which they then  
3           distributed to the children of homeless and deported  
4           veterans. California units gave a total of \$47,958 in  
5           direct aid to children, including donations to the  
6           Children's Miracle Network, St. Jude Children's Hospital,  
7           Special Olympics, 4H Club, Ronald McDonald House, Alliance  
8           Against Family Violence, Operation Homefront  
9           Back-to-School, Toys For Military Children, and our  
10          Department TFA programs for Children and Youth. A wide  
11          range of charitable donations there.

12           Many reporting chairmen advised that units  
13          focused on promoting the Americanism Essay Contest, flag  
14          etiquette and flag folding, and the Poppy Poster Contest  
15          in our schools. These activities were in many instances  
16          presented by Junior Auxiliary members. Forty-three units  
17          reported donation to the Child Welfare Fund Foundation or  
18          CWF totaling \$2,227. Seven units donated one dollar per  
19          membership to CWF.

20           The following are examples of projects and  
21          activities that provided direct aid to children. District  
22          16 Camarillo Unit 741 created Baggies of Love filled with  
23          personal adult items including baggies -- and the baggies  
24          for children were filled with hair bows, crayons, small  
25          coloring books, and tablets. Members kept the baggies in

1 their car trunks and distributed them whenever they saw  
2 homeless people or families. Unit cost for the project  
3 amounted to \$1200 and served 40 children.

4 District 20 Palmdale Unit 348 members learned of  
5 a three-year-old twin that was confined to a wheelchair  
6 because of a birth injury. The family desperately need a  
7 van converted for wheelchair access. The unit stepped up,  
8 held raffles, auctions and bingo nights and raised nearly  
9 \$4,000 for the cost of the van conversion.

10 (Applause.)

11 CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHAIR BAKER: Four juniors  
12 members of District 22 filled 50 Tragedy Assistance  
13 Program for Survivors or TAPS backpacks with school  
14 supplies, food and snacks, warm clothing and toys for both  
15 deployed and homeless veterans and their families.

16 Two California youngsters received National Youth  
17 Hero Awards for their acts of bravery and 13 California  
18 children were awarded Good Deed Awards for demonstrating  
19 leadership in community service, volunteer hours serving  
20 veterans, or heading special projects to benefits overseas  
21 troops. The list of recipients will be found in the  
22 current issue of The Auxiliary Hub.

23 District 21 reported that several units received  
24 and processed applications for Temporary Financial Aid and  
25 that a total of \$4,900 was awarded.

1           Fourteen units and two districts conducted a  
2 table setting ceremony for military children. Junior  
3 members in Camarillo Unit 741 in District 16 performed the  
4 ceremony during their post's Veterans Day observance. The  
5 ceremony was performed by this chairman and attending  
6 Juniors and SAL members during the California winter DEC  
7 program fair and again was performed by eight juniors and  
8 this Chair at Junior Conference in April.

9           Activities which supported military children and  
10 children of homeless veterans were numerous and are noted  
11 as follows: District 15, Bakersfield Unit 26 provided  
12 Operation Home Front Toy Drive with 7,990 toys valued at  
13 \$10,786 for that organization.

14           District 21, Owen Coffman Unit 519 served more  
15 than a thousand children from the Twentynine Palms Marine  
16 Corps Base and supported their local Armed Forces YMCA.

17           District 22, Pacific Beach Unit 552 hosted a  
18 holiday party for 14 active duty families with either a  
19 parent currently -- currently deployed, one about to  
20 leave, or one that just returned. The unit purchased  
21 gifts for Santa to distribute and provided children --  
22 dinner for the 28 adults and 29 children who attended.  
23 Twelve members attended -- 12 members volunteered 200  
24 hours of their time to the event. Total cost was \$5,231.

25           In February, District 27 John M. Armitage Unit

1 684 supported a Safe Dating Ball for military children  
2 which was well attended. The unit held a rummage sale and  
3 raised \$92 which was donated to the event.

4 Several units and districts reported holding  
5 activities for the April 15 Purple Up For Military Kids  
6 Day. Activities included, but were not limited to, the  
7 distribution of goodie bags to military children around  
8 the state. Juniors who attended Junior Conference  
9 received from this Chairman a purple bandana to wear on  
10 April 15th. Our 30 District Chairmen gifted with purple  
11 sunglasses to wear for Military Kids Day.

12 The distribution of U.S. flags and coloring books  
13 was reported by several units in conjunction with Kids of  
14 Deployed Are Heroes 2 or KDH2, but no other specific  
15 activities were noted.

16 It has been a very busy year for this Children  
17 and Youth Chairman. Presentations were given at  
18 Department workshops and trainings. Monthly bulletins  
19 were published on the Department website and several  
20 articles on the Children and Youth program were written  
21 for The Auxiliary News Hub.

22 The Department of California Children and Youth  
23 program will continue to serve youngsters in each of our  
24 communities with special emphasis on the nurturing and  
25 wellbeing of our military children and the children of

1 homeless veterans.

2 This concludes my statistical report. Madam  
3 President, may I proceed with my awards?

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes, you may.

5 CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHAIR BAKER: Thank you.

6 Okay. This year -- I don't know where she is. Okay.  
7 This year the best overall district supplemental award for  
8 Children and Youth goes to Judy Samples, District 25,  
9 Chairman.

10 (Applause.)

11 CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHAIR BAKER: And the best  
12 overall unit supplemental award for Children and Youth  
13 goes to Allied Unit 302, District 17 Rodi Andreescu,  
14 Chairman.

15 (Applause.)

16 CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHAIR BAKER: Okay. The  
17 second and third place awards were announced during the  
18 preconvention committee meeting. Thank you so much for  
19 this awarding and very challenging appointment, Madam  
20 President. It has been an honor to serve as your Children  
21 and Youth Chair this year. Thank you.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you, Susan.  
24 Great job.

25 Membership, Maureen.

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MEMBERSHIP CONVENTION REPORT

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR O'BRIEN-SACCO: Good morning.  
I'm sure you'll let meet know if you can't hear me in  
this; right?

The Convention Committee on Membership met on  
June 22nd, 2023 in the Cedar Room. The statistical report  
of this Chairman appears on page 30 in the Book of  
Reports.

Rebecca Glenney, District 18 -- excuse me.  
District 28, Unit 694 was appointed secretary. And for  
any future chairmen that have her in the room, she is a  
perfect secretary. Gabriella Ramos, District 18, Unit 261  
offered prayer, and Cece Harvey, District 13, Unit 564 was  
appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 21 district  
delegates answered roll call. There were five visitors  
present.

The committee agreed upon the following report.  
A prayer was offered, the Pledge was recited, and the roll  
call of delegates were performed.

The delegates of the Membership committee  
reviewed the Department Code. A motion was made to add  
2(a): "Any additional reward money awarded by National  
will be added to this fund." Motion was seconded by Sandy

1 Seddon-Rice, District 6, Unit 381. The motion was  
2 carried.

3 Discussion was held regarding code 5. Discussion  
4 was held regarding code 4. Does code need to be changed  
5 since we're now transmitting directly to ALAMIS. It was  
6 decided that no code change was needed based on units  
7 still need to make sure that their unit applications are  
8 completely filled out, whether they are turning in it  
9 through ALAMIS or they're turning it in to the Department.  
10 Discussion went on about that.

11 There was also a discussion about the point is  
12 made that California is a common-law state. The Chair  
13 reminded us that even though California acknowledges  
14 common-law, we still need to follow National guidelines  
15 and rules.

16 And then discussion was had regarding electronic  
17 signature. The Chair indicated that in this day and age  
18 that would be acceptable.

19 We went over Membership highlights. 114 units  
20 out of 193 are at 100 percent.

21 (Applause.)

22 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR O'BRIEN-SACCO: Eighty-four  
23 units are over 102 percent.

24 (Applause.)

25 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR O'BRIEN-SACCO: We have two

1 units over 200 percent.

2 (Applause.)

3 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR O'BRIEN-SACCO: Twelve districts  
4 over 100 percent.

5 (Applause.)

6 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR O'BRIEN-SACCO: Area 6 is at  
7 103.4 percent. Area 4 is at 101.58 percent. Area 5 is at  
8 99.37 percent. Area 2 is at 98.92 percent. Area 1 is at  
9 93.34 percent, and Area 3 is at 91.02 percent.

10 So I'm going talk about the other part in just a  
11 second that I have up here, but I wanted to go over the  
12 code change. So the code currently reads. Number 2: "To  
13 promote Membership activity a fund for contests and awards  
14 shall be budgeted annually by the Finance Committee."

15 It is proposed to add 2(a). It would read: "Any  
16 additional reward money awarded by National will be added  
17 to this fund."

18 Per the recommendation -- per the recommendation  
19 of the committee, I move to add 2(a) as read to the  
20 Department Code. The rationale is we are just -- when the  
21 finances are coming from National as a reward should be  
22 put back into the Membership and not just into the general  
23 fund because it's meant to promote Membership.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: This is the  
25 change. "Any additional reward money awarded by National

1 will be added to this fund."

2 Are there any questions on the proposed change?

3 (No response.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All in favor.

5 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: I'm sorry. I  
7 didn't see.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I know we have a  
9 line item in the budget, but we don't currently have a  
10 fund like we have a Welfare Fund, whatever other funds we  
11 have. Are we creating that fund now?

12 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR O'BRIEN-SACCO: We are just  
13 asking for it to be added to the Membership party based on  
14 the fact of the cost of expenses for everything that we do  
15 at a membership party that you pay the hotel, to be added  
16 to whatever is currently budgeted. So if, for example,  
17 this year we already received \$85, we're hoping to get the  
18 \$500. That would be added to the \$500 that was already  
19 budgeted.

20 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TOZIER: The \$500 --

21 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Point of  
22 order. Anyone speaking will need to go through the Chair.

23 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TOZIER: Gloria, can I  
24 speak, please? Susie Tozier, District 22, Treasurer.  
25 Sorry. We did receive \$500. It is not earmarked. It

1 didn't say what it was for. There is a line that says  
2 money from National on the budget. It's there. And the  
3 Membership party is already part of the -- is part --  
4 there's a line there already and so it's funded, you know.  
5 It -- anyway, it was not designated by National as a  
6 Membership award, just received a check. So it went to  
7 the National -- money from National line. That's where  
8 that \$500 is.

9 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR O'BRIEN-SACCO: Per the National  
10 organization under Membership, it's rewarded to the  
11 Department based on your membership. And honestly, Anita  
12 could attest to this, when we discuss DEC and expenses,  
13 \$500 does not get you a plate of cookies.

14 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Madam  
15 Department President and to the Chair, I mean to the  
16 Membership Chairman, Membership, it needs to go through  
17 the Finance Committee because the Finance Committee  
18 prepares -- we prepare the budget. And I see where the  
19 promotion of Membership has gone down, the amount, but --  
20 I remember when I was Membership Chair, it was like 1400,  
21 \$1500. Now it's down to, what, \$500? Is that what it is  
22 for promotion?

23 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR O'BRIEN-SACCO: Yes.

24 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: So that's --  
25 to take that money from National, the Department is

1       supposed to be able to utilize those funds whatever manner  
2       they see fit. There's a line item for that is what Susie  
3       is trying to say. There is a line item for those funds.  
4       And we need to increase the budget in the Membership  
5       promotion to be able to fund Membership promotion and  
6       awards and contests. That's something that we may need to  
7       do.

8               I'm not against what you're trying to do. I'm  
9       just saying if there's a line item and it's being used for  
10      other items, then I don't know -- here comes the Finance  
11      Chairman. She can explain it better. Thank you.

12             MEMBERSHIP CHAIR O'BRIEN-SACCO: Well, if I can  
13      just make a point to that. It does say everything that we  
14      get, you're awarded that money to promote Membership.  
15      That's what we are told.

16             FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: The question is  
17      right now we have an expense line for Membership  
18      promotion. We do not have an income line for Membership  
19      promotion. Could be that because we haven't received  
20      anything from National for many, many years on Membership  
21      promotion. So we can look at maybe adding a line item for  
22      Membership promotion.

23             DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Exactly.  
24      Excuse me. Madam President, we've been getting money  
25      because we were goal last year so we did get income and it

1 probably went into the general fund. I understand what  
2 she's saying. If we want to make another line item,  
3 that's something that we would have to do through Finance.  
4 I don't see how you can do it, you know, here, but that's  
5 my opinion.

6 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR O'BRIEN-SACCO: Well, actually,  
7 I did speak to the Finance Chair and I thought I took care  
8 of that. Obviously not. So I guess we'll leave the money  
9 there and hopefully at DEC we can add it to what's needed  
10 potentially. So I rescind the motion.

11 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: No, you don't  
12 have to rescind it. We can vote on it.

13 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR O'BRIEN-SACCO: Okay. We can  
14 vote. I honestly thought it would be an easy one. Sorry.

15 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: No. We can go  
16 forward.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: You want to  
18 continue?

19 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR O'BRIEN-SACCO: Did you want to  
20 make the vote first or --

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: The motion is on  
22 the floor. All approved.

23 DELEGATES: Aye.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Approved. All in  
25 favor of adding, "Any additional reward money awarded by

1 National would be added to the fund." If you're approving  
2 that, say aye.

3 DELEGATES: Aye.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed.

5 DELEGATES: No.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Okay. The ayes  
7 have it.

8 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR O'BRIEN-SACCO: Thank you. May  
9 I move on to my floor remarks?

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes.

11 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR O'BRIEN-SACCO: Okay. The fire  
12 crew has been extremely busy trying to keep the train  
13 moving to the 100 percent station. We are currently --  
14 this percentage is going to be wrong because I'm checking  
15 it daily. We were, according to Tuesday, at 98.84 percent  
16 with 211 members to go. We are less than 200 members now  
17 to get to 100 percent.

18 So I'm going to read the highlights. So we have  
19 several hardworking departments across the department. We  
20 currently have 114 units, like I read in my meeting, 84  
21 percent of them at 102 percent and two units over 200  
22 percent. Please give them a round of applause for an  
23 awesome job.

24 (Applause.)

25 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR O'BRIEN-SACCO: Certificates for

1 all memberships were presented to the districts at our  
2 preconvention meeting. We are currently 14 in the nation  
3 and we will hopefully hit the 100 percent before July 1st  
4 which is National's next goal. I'm talking here about the  
5 money that was discussed. If we hit the 100 percent by  
6 July 4th, we will receive an additional \$500 from  
7 National.

8 I would like to ask when I'm done with my  
9 presentation, I have a check from Nancy Brown-Park for  
10 \$100. I am chipping in \$20. If any -- if anybody in here  
11 could give a dollar or two, we will be over our percent  
12 and potentially get over 102 percent which would give us  
13 an additional \$500 before we go to National. So I'll pass  
14 that at the end for anybody that can chip in.

15 We have several success stories this year. We  
16 have 78 units that are going to receive the Josie Melgard  
17 award. The Josie Melgard awards are given to units that  
18 have 100 percent membership plus two members.

19 But I would like to first tell you about Josie.  
20 We have a lot of awards that we give out that have names  
21 to them, but do we know or remember who they are. You  
22 hear the name and it's great to win an award, but who was  
23 she.

24 Josie was California's Department President in  
25 1970-'71. She went on to lead the organization as

1 National President representing California in 1985-'86.  
2 Her husband and three daughters were active in the  
3 organization and were blessed to have her husband, Robert,  
4 come and help their daughters pass out the Josie Angel  
5 Awards until he sadly passed. A true dedicated family to  
6 the organization and their daughters, as you can tell, are  
7 still active today.

8 I would like to ask the three daughters to come  
9 up and help pass out the Josie awards.

10 (Applause.)

11 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR O'BRIEN-SACCO: So District 1,  
12 Unit 205. They're not here. District 2, Unit 92 and Unit  
13 746. District 4, Unit 95 and Unit 167. District 5, Unit  
14 21, Unit 293 and Unit 437.

15 District 6, Unit 604. District 10, Unit 68.  
16 District 12, Unit 83, Unit 168, Unit 872. Districts, if  
17 you get -- I'm sorry. If you got the Josie Award, can you  
18 stand at the front so we can get a picture at the end so  
19 we're all together.

20 District 14, Unit 4, Unit 23, Unit 355. District  
21 15, Unit 124. As soon as you get it, if you can stand  
22 towards the front. That way Gloria will have them up  
23 here. Get really close like you like each other.

24 Okay. So the reason they were backed up is  
25 because they didn't know where to go. They're all up

1 here. Okay. I finished with 16. I believe. Sixteen,  
2 just to be sure, Unit 432, Unit 534, Unit 741. District  
3 17, Unit 302, Unit 628.

4 District 18, Unit 30, Unit 13, Unit 180, Unit  
5 261, Unit 790, Unit 830. District 19, Unit 184, Unit 272,  
6 Unit 359. District 20, Unit 311, Unit 377, Unit 817.

7 District 21, Unit 289, Unit 428, Unit 500, Unit  
8 519, Unit 574, Unit 595, Unit 742, and Unit 800. District  
9 22, Unit 364, Unit 416, Unit 460, Unit 552, Unit 280 --  
10 excuse me. 820. I'm dyslexic.

11 District 23, Unit 252. District 24, Unit 43,  
12 Unit 46, and Unit 283. Unit 25, Unit 112, Unit 299, Unit  
13 324, Unit 421, Unit 426, Unit 584, Unit 650, Unit 751, and  
14 Unit 835.

15 District 26, Unit 238, Unit 472, Unit 585.  
16 District 27, Unit 118. District 28, Unit 31, Unit 41,  
17 Unit 512. District 29, Unit 72, Unit 131, Unit 133, Unit  
18 257, Unit 281, Unit 291, Unit 354, Unit 555, Unit 716.  
19 District 30. And even though they're not here today, I  
20 want to acknowledge District 30, Unit 60 and Unit 138.

21 Thank you, thank you. Is anyone here from  
22 District 10? Okay. I'll save that. Thank you. Thank  
23 you to all these hardworking units. Thank you to the  
24 Melgard sisters. If you guys want to go in there and take  
25 pictures of them in the front. Okay. It's a photo opp.

1       Sorry.

2                   Thank you, thank you, thank you. Madam  
3       President, may I present my awards, first place awards?

4                   DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes, please.

5                   MEMBERSHIP CHAIR O'BRIEN-SACCO: Okay. Thank  
6       you.

7                   DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: We have to hurry,  
8       Maureen.

9                   MEMBERSHIP CHAIR O'BRIEN-SACCO: Okay. I'm  
10       sorry. I just got excited because they all won something,  
11       so -- okay. Thank you for all your hard work. Lastly we  
12       have the best unit supplemental award winner. This year  
13       that award goes to Canyon City Unit 180 in the 18th  
14       District. They don't want it.

15                   The Estella Hannell Memorial Award to the  
16       district for the highest percentage goes to District 17  
17       with 122.89 percent.

18                   (Applause.)

19                   MEMBERSHIP CHAIR O'BRIEN-SACCO: And the last  
20       award goes to -- it's the Edward Elks Memorial Award that  
21       also receives \$100 to go towards their Education program,  
22       and that goes to Canyon City Unit 180.

23                   (Applause.)

24                   MEMBERSHIP CHAIR O'BRIEN-SACCO: That concludes  
25       my report. Thank you, Madam President Gloria, for this

1 appointment.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Okay. Everyone  
3 we're going to break right now for the reading of the  
4 rules. Does everyone hear me? We're going off the agenda  
5 because we have to break.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: It's okay. Nobody  
7 fell. It's just a chair.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Okay. Election  
9 Rules will now be read by the chairman. Please come to  
10 the podium. Rebecca, hold on for a moment.

11 Elections, Patty G, are you here? Can you come  
12 to the podium? Patty is here. Come on up, Patty. This  
13 is Patty. She will read the Final Credentials Report.  
14 Please pay attention.

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16 FINAL CREDENTIALS REPORT

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18 CREDENTIALS CHAIR GALATIOTO: First of all, my  
19 sincere thanks to our Department Secretary -- all right.  
20 Can you hear me now?

21 Okay. My sincere thanks to our Department  
22 Secretary Liz, Deborah Hurado from District 14, Lois  
23 Cornish from District 22, and all the ladies who worked on  
24 registration. A special thanks to Cindy Rogers D25 and  
25 Vicky Crow D16 who assisted me on Wednesday.

1           The total voting strength of this convention is  
2           416. Divided in half, 208, shows we need 209 to elect.

3           President Gloria Williams, thank you for the  
4           honor of serving the Department of California on this  
5           chairmanship. Thank you, Gloria.

6           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you, Patty,  
7           for your hard work.

8           (Applause.)

9           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: We will have a  
10          15-minute recess as the District Presidents take roll call  
11          of their delegates and be ready to report their voting  
12          strength when the Secretary calls the roll of the  
13          districts. Please remember that the doors will be closed  
14          at 10:00 a.m. and no one will be allowed to enter and  
15          leave after they are closed. All delegates should be with  
16          their districts.

17          (Recess from 9:49 a.m. to 10:08 a.m.)

18          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Listen up,  
19          please. Everyone listen, please. Only delegates should  
20          be in here. If you do not have a delegate badge, you're  
21          going to have to leave the room. You cannot be in here.

22          DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: If you have a white  
23          card, you're allowed to say. If you don't, everyone else  
24          has to go.

25          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Patty, do your

1 final report.

2 Members, Patty is going back to the final  
3 credential report.

4 CREDENTIALS CHAIR GALATIOTO: Can you hear me  
5 everyone? Okay. The total voting strength of this  
6 convention is 417. Divided in half shows 208.5. We need  
7 209 to elect. 125 units have registered. A quorum is  
8 one-third of the units which is 82. We have 125 units  
9 present. We have a quorum, Madam President.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you, Patty.

11 Will everyone please be seated with their  
12 respective districts. Please remember that only delegates  
13 and alternates taking the place of the delegates will be  
14 allowed to be in the room during election.

15 Will the Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant  
16 Sergeant-at-Arms please see that everyone that is in the  
17 lobby knows that the doors are being closed for an  
18 election process and if they want to come in, to do so  
19 immediately checking their badges. And then close the  
20 doors. No one will be permitted to enter or leave except  
21 in an emergency until the Chair states the elections are  
22 concluded.

23 We will now have the report of Elections Chairman  
24 Rebecca Glenny, following the reading of the Election  
25 Rules by Rebecca.

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ELECTIONS CONVENTION REPORT

ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN GLENNY: Thank you, Madam President. Good morning, everyone.

Madam President, thank you for this chairmanship. You issued my train ticket, but somehow I wasn't booked on the peaceful scenic ride.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: So sorry.

ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN GLENNY: But, rather, the eight-week speedy bullet train to convention. So however, the fast trip did not --

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Please close the door. Close the door.

Okay, Patty. I mean Rebecca. Sorry.

ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN GLENNY: All right. So as I was saying, however, the fast trip didn't derail me from learning about ballot elections and preparing for the task at hand.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: She's trying to give her report, so you need to be quiet, please. Call her inside. Tell her she doesn't need a microphone outside. Turn microphone off, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Thank you. Go ahead.

ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN GLENNY: Okay. So as I was

1 saying, however, the fast trip did not derail me from  
2 learning about ballot elections and preparing for the task  
3 at hand. Robert and his rules are now my best friend. He  
4 entertained me daily on my trip and I'm confident that  
5 we're going to have a smooth ride with the election at  
6 hand.

7 The Convention Committee on Elections met on June  
8 22nd at 11:00 a.m. in the Laurel Room of the Wyndham Hotel  
9 in Visalia, California. Susan Baker, District 28, Unit  
10 694 was appointed secretary. Cece Harvey, District 13,  
11 Unit 564 was appointed Chaplain. Joyce Patton, District  
12 23, Unit 252 was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of  
13 17 district delegates answered roll call and there were  
14 ten visitors present.

15 The committee agreed upon the following. The  
16 Department Convention Committees Standing Rules for the  
17 committee on Elections, the Convention Rules in the Book  
18 of Reports specific to elections, and Robert's Rules of  
19 Order - Newly Revised 12th Edition, the excerpts on ballot  
20 voting were all reviewed. A closing prayer was given and  
21 the meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m. That concludes the  
22 Elections report.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you,  
24 Rebecca.

25 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN GLENNY: Now for what you're

1 really here for. In the Book of Reports, I believe it's  
2 21, 19, somewhere in there, we start with No. 25 which is  
3 where the Elections rules begin.

4 No. 25: Election of Department Officers, Junior  
5 Member of Finance, National Candidate, Department  
6 Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention shall  
7 be held on Saturday morning, June 24th, 2023.

8 Twenty-six: The doors of the convention hall  
9 shall be closed during the entire election procedure and  
10 no one shall leave or enter the hall until the Chair  
11 states that election is concluded. The exception to this  
12 shall be in an emergency a member shall leave, and if  
13 their absence reflects the voting strength, the District  
14 President notify the presiding officer.

15 Twenty-seven: When there is but one nominee for  
16 all offices and but nominee for the Junior Member of  
17 Finance, the nominee shall be elected viva-voce.

18 (Department Standing Rules, Department Convention  
19 Committees 2g). Upon roll call, the District President  
20 shall report the number of units partially or wholly  
21 represented by duly elected delegates or alternates  
22 present in the delegation at the time of roll call. This  
23 is to -- this is to determine that there is a quorum of  
24 units present at the time of elections.

25 Twenty-eight: When there is more than one

1 nominee for offices Junior Member of Finance or  
2 endorsement for National Office, election shall be by  
3 written ballot (Department Standing Rules, Department  
4 Convention Committees, 2h.) The Department President  
5 shall, when they are instructed by the Chair, take a roll  
6 call of their respective delegation to ascertain the total  
7 voting strength of their District for the election  
8 reporting the same to the chair.

9 Twenty-nine: When there are three or more  
10 nominees for officers, Junior Member of Finance, or  
11 endorsement to National Office, unless one nominee  
12 receives a majority vote on the first ballot, the nominee  
13 receiving the lowest number of votes shall be  
14 automatically dropped before proceeding with the next  
15 ballot. (Department Standing Rules, Department Convention  
16 Committee 2i.)

17 Number 30: When all members seeking National  
18 Office shall be -- sorry. Not when. All members seeking  
19 National Office shall be endorsed at the Department  
20 Convention by the majority vote not more than three years  
21 prior to the date that they are to be a candidate for  
22 office. The vote shall be by viva-voce unless there is  
23 more than one candidate, then vote shall be by ballot.  
24 (Department Standing Rules, Department Convention  
25 Committee, 2j.)

1                   Number 31: Each District President and District  
2 Member of the Elections Committee shall distribute and  
3 collect the votes cast by the District Delegation and  
4 deliver them to the Department Chairman of Elections.

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

8                   Number 33: Each delegate shall be entitled to  
9 one vote. The vote of an absent unit delegate not  
10 represented by an alternate shall be cast by the majority  
11 of the delegates from the unit. When two delegates  
12 represent three votes, the Chairman of the unit delegation  
13 shall pass the third vote.

14                   Number 34: A majority of the votes cast shall  
15 elect, except that in the election of National delegates  
16 and alternates, a plurality shall elect.

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

19                   Number 36: Robert's Rules of Order - Newly  
20 Revised, shall be the parliamentary authority on all  
21 points not covered by these rules, the Department  
22 Constitution and Bylaws, and the Convention Mandates.

23                   DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you,  
24 Rebecca.

25                   DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Madam

1 President, I have two corrections on the minutes just from  
2 your reading.

3 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN GLENNY: Oh.

4 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Just so  
5 everyone is clear. On rule number 26, the word -- it is  
6 "and if their absent affects the voting strength." So the  
7 word is "affects."

8 And then on rule number 28, you stated on the  
9 last sentence "the Department President," however, it  
10 should be the "District President shall when they are  
11 instructed by the Chair."

12 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN GLENNY: Thank you.

13 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: You're  
14 welcome.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you. Does  
16 anyone have any questions?

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Hearing none.  
19 District Presidents, please proceed to the microphone and  
20 line up in their -- down the middle.

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23 ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2023-2024

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25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Okay. Madam

1 Secretary, can you call roll of the districts.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 1 there's  
3 nobody present so there are zero delegates. District 2,  
4 how many delegates?

5 DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT HENDERSON: Four.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Correct.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: How many?

8 DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT HENDERSON: Four.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: The actual number  
10 is four. My bad.

11 District 3 there's nobody present, so it's zero.

12 District 4.

13 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT BROWN: We have three.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Correct. District  
15 5.

16 DISTRICT 5 PRESIDENT KARNSTEDT: We have six.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Correct. District  
18 6.

19 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT WINTERS: Eighteen.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Correct. District  
21 7.

22 DISTRICT 7 PRESIDENT MUNROE: 18.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 8.

24 DISTRICT 8 PRESIDENT CANONIZADO: One.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Correct. District

1 9.

2 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT BEAN: Four.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Correct. District

4 10.

5 DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT MAR: Five.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Darnit, Susan. I

7 have more. Susan, come up here. I have you at six.

8 Sorry.

9 District 11.

10 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT SMITH: We have 15

11 cabooses.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Perfect. Where's

13 Patty? We need your assistance here.

14 District 12.

15 DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT ESTAVILLO: We have 12.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Correct. District

17 13.

18 DISTRICT 13 SECOND VICE PRESIDENT HYMES: Three.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Correct. District

20 14.

21 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT HURADO: You have 12,

22 but --

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Come on up here. I

24 don't have --

25 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT HURADO: Somebody didn't

1           come today.

2                   DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yeah, let's verify.

3                   District 13. No. District 15.

4                   DISTRICT 15 PRESIDENT CHANEY: Eleven.

5                   DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: We just talked

6           about that.

7                   DISTRICT 15 PRESIDENT CHANEY: Yeah.

8                   DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Eleven is correct.

9                   DISTRICT 15 PRESIDENT CHANEY: Okay.

10                  DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 16.

11                  DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT OCLARY: Eighteen.

12                  DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 17.

13           Correct. Sorry. District 17.

14                  DISTRICT 17 PRESIDENT LUGO-NUNEZ: Six.

15                  DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Correct. District

16           18.

17                  DISTRICT 18 PRESIDENT ZUNIGA: Eighteen.

18                  DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I have 28. Come on

19           up.

20                  District 19.

21                  DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT BULLARD: Twenty and one in

22           its own right.

23                  DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Correct.

24                  DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT BULLARD: Awesome.

25                  DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 20.

1                   DISTRICT 20 PRESIDENT HARVILLE: Twenty? I don't  
2 know. Tell me what I've got.

3                   DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Come over. Let's  
4 verify it.

5                   District 22. Wait. District 21.

6                   DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT FEDEROWSKI: Sixteen.

7                   DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Correct. District  
8 22.

9                   DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT GIACALONE: Twenty-four.

10                  DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 23.

11                  DISTRICT 23 PRESIDENT BROWN: Nineteen.

12                  DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: We fixed it. It's  
13 20. Anita was correct, it's 20.

14                  DISTRICT 23 PRESIDENT BROWN: Twenty. Sorry.

15                  DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: And you said  
16 you got it right?

17                  DISTRICT 23 PRESIDENT BROWN: Twenty. Sorry.

18                  DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Sorry. I talked to  
19 Anita. I didn't talk back with you. Sorry.

20                  DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Madam Secretary,  
21 what was 22?

22                  DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Twenty-two is 24.  
23 Twenty-four.

24                  DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT ROMANO: Fourteen.

25                  DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Correct.

1       Twenty-five.

2               DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT ROGERS:   Forty.

3               DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE:   Come up.

4               DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT ROGERS:   We lost four.

5               DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE:   Come on up.

6       Twenty-six.

7               DISTRICT 26 PRESIDENT TOYE:   Seven.

8               DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE:   Correct.

9       Twenty-seven.

10              DISTRICT 27 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT CURWICK:   Ten.

11              DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE:   Correct.

12       Twenty-eight.

13              DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT LePORE:   Twenty-five.

14              DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE:   Correct.

15       Twenty-nine.

16              DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN:   Forty-two.

17              DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE:   Correct.

18              DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS:   What was that?

19              DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN:   Forty-two.

20              DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE:   And District 30 is

21       not present so it's zero.

22              DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS:   District 10.

23              DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE:   Ten.

24              DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT MAR:   District 10, six.

25              DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE:   Correct.

1 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT HURADO: District 14, nine.  
2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Correct.  
3 DISTRICT 18 PRESIDENT ZUNIGA: District 18, 28.  
4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Correct.  
5 DISTRICT 20 PRESIDENT HARVILLE: District 20, 21.  
6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Correct.  
7 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT ROGERS: District 25, 40.  
8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Correct.  
9 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: You guys did  
10 great. You guys did great.  
11 (Applause.)  
12 DISTRICT 25 DELEGATE DURON: Madam President?  
13 Madam President?  
14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes.  
15 DISTRICT 25 DELEGATE DURON: Can we have a repeat  
16 of the numbers? Because some people didn't get all of  
17 them, please. Tamara Duron, District 25.  
18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Give me just one  
19 moment yet. If she says it's okay.  
20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes, she does say  
21 it's okay.  
22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Sorry. I'm not  
23 trying to take your job. District 1 is zero. District 2  
24 is four. District 3 is zero. District 4 is three.  
25 District 5 is six. District 6 is 18. District 7 is 18.

1 District 8 is one. District 9 is four.

2 District 10 is six. District 11 is 15. District  
3 12 is 12. District 13 is three. District 14 is nine.  
4 District 15 is 11. District 16 is 18. District 17 is  
5 six. District 18 is 28. District 19 is 21. District 20  
6 is 21.

7 District 21 is 16. District 22 is 24. District  
8 23 is 20. District 24 is 14. District 25 is 40.  
9 District 26 is seven. District 27 is ten. District 28 is  
10 25. District 29 is 42. And District 30 is zero.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Okay. Rebecca  
12 will now proceed with our elections. There is only one  
13 nominee for the Office of Department President, Glenda  
14 Schultz. All those in favor of electing Glenda for  
15 Department President, signify by saying aye.

16 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed, no.  
18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: You have elected  
20 Glenda Schultz for the Department President --

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: -- for 2023-'24.  
23 Congratulations, Glenda.

24 I can't see you, but I know you're there.

25 ADVISORY COMMITTEE DeLASHMIT: Diane DeLashmit,

1 District 25. We need to have what our new count is  
2 because we lost some people. So to 416 or whatever the  
3 number was originally, that's been changed.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: You're talking  
5 about the final credential report?

6 ADVISORY COMMITTEE DeLASHMIT: Final delegate  
7 numbers. Because of changes in some of these, our voting  
8 strength has changed. So we need to have what the new  
9 count is and what it takes to elect.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you.

11 Yes, Rebecca, do you have that?

12 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Patty G.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Oh, Patty G.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: We're working on  
15 it. Thank you, Diane.

16 CREDENTIALS CHAIR GALATIOTO: Okay. Can you hear  
17 me? Total voting strength of this convention is 402.  
18 Divided in half is 201, shows we need 201 to elect. We  
19 have 125 units registered. Quorum is half of the units  
20 which is --

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: One-third.

22 CREDENTIALS CHAIR GALATIOTO: One-third. I'm  
23 sorry. One-third is 82. We have 125 units present. We  
24 have a quorum.

25 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Madam

1 President? I'm sorry, did you say 402 total?

2 CREDENTIALS CHAIR GALATIOTO: Yes.

3 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Did you say  
4 divided by two is 201?

5 CREDENTIALS CHAIR GALATIOTO: Yes.

6 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: That is 50  
7 percent. So it would be 202 to elect.

8 CREDENTIALS CHAIR GALATIOTO: 202. Thank you.

9 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Thank you. It  
10 has to be 50 percent plus one to elect.

11 CREDENTIALS CHAIR GALATIOTO: Okay. 202. Thank  
12 you.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Everyone  
14 understands? 202 to elect. Election -- election of  
15 Department Vice President. There are two nominations for  
16 the office of Department Vice President, Linda Hayes and  
17 Maureen O'Brien-Sacco. Ballots will be distributed to the  
18 district delegations.

19 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN GLENNY: All right. Everybody  
20 ready for the train?

21 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: You need to  
22 have them come up here.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: District  
24 Presidents?

25 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: No, the

1 District representatives.

2 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN GLENNY: I'm actually going to  
3 call them by district if that's okay.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes.

5 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN GLENNY: So District 1, I did  
6 not have a delegate for convention or for Elections  
7 Committee. We don't have anyone. Okay. Never mind.

8 District 2, I did not have a delegate in my  
9 committee. Can District 2 President please assign a  
10 delegate to come forward.

11 District 3, nobody here. By the way, the  
12 delegates that come forward, you are also now part of the  
13 Elections Committee and you will be present when we're  
14 counting the ballots. You will be the one observing the  
15 counting. Tag, you're it.

16 District 4, I do not have a delegate. Can the  
17 District President please send up a delegate to be the  
18 observer for the counting and escorting ballots back and  
19 forth.

20 District 5, the same, I also need a delegate.  
21 Please select your delegate, District President for  
22 District 5, and send them up to the front to receive their  
23 voting box and their ballots.

24 District 6, Verlene. I'm not going to get your  
25 last name right. I'm so sorry. Please come forward.

1 Thank you.

2 District 7, Shirley Heritage.

3 District 8, I need a delegate from the District  
4 President to assign, please.

5 District 9, Dolly Rios.

6 District 10, Susan Mar.

7 District 11, Ann Scholl.

8 District 12, Lupe Gonzalez.

9 District 13, Cece Harvey.

10 District 14, Sharon Anderson.

11 District 15, Honey Chapman.

12 District 16, Terry Oclaray.

13 District 17, I need a delegate assigned, please.

14 District 18, Patricia Martinez is absent. Is she  
15 present?

16 DISTRICT 18 DELEGATE MARTINEZ: Right here.

17 ELECTIONS CHAIR GLENNY: Okay. Awesome. In a  
18 preconvention committee we had you marked as absent.  
19 Okay. No worries.

20 District 19, Melissa Gravoff. Gravoff.

21 District 20, Nancy Heinisch.

22 District 21, I need a delegate assigned by the  
23 District President, please.

24 District 22, Lois.

25 District 23, Joyce Patton.

1                   District 24, Melissa Card.

2                   District 25, Tammy Duron.

3                   District 26, will the District President please  
4 assign a delegate to come up and be the person for  
5 Elections.

6                   District 27, Danielle White was not in the  
7 pre-convention caucus. Does District -- is she here for  
8 District 27? If not the District -- okay. Then District  
9 President from 27 needs to assign a delegate, please, and  
10 have them come up and get their ballots and ballot box.

11                  District 28, Susan Baker.

12                  District 29, please have the District President  
13 assign a delegate.

14                  DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: She's coming.

15                  ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN GLENNY: Okay. Awesome. And  
16 30 has nobody here. Okay. So those ladies hand them back  
17 to their District Presidents. District Presidents will  
18 now distribute them to the units and to the delegates in  
19 your own right. And I guess please make sure you're  
20 clearly marking your answer. Only fold one ballot by  
21 itself. Do not fold multiple ballots together, and then  
22 place them in the boxes.

23                  Madam President, may I leave the podium?

24                  DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Joyce? Joyce?

25                  DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Hello. Excuse

1 me. Please, District Delegation, please count your  
2 ballots before you pass them out. Sorry if that wasn't  
3 told to you. If your count is off, please report that  
4 back to the Elections Chairman.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 25, please  
6 come up to the podium.

7 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: District 25,  
8 please come to the podium.

9 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN GLENNY: Districts, when you  
10 are done casting your ballots, please hold on to your  
11 ballot boxes at your station. We will call you up later  
12 for your boxes.

13 All right. If I can have your attention. Thank  
14 you. All right. Has everyone casted their ballots and  
15 all districts have collected ballots in their balloting  
16 box?

17 Okay. According to our Convention Rules, these  
18 boxes must be brought up at this time -- don't get up  
19 yet -- it is being brought up by the District President  
20 and the district member of the Elections Committee. So  
21 there should be two people escorting that box up here to  
22 the front. We're going to collect them in this box.

23 And then Madam President, I've been told, will  
24 help us finish the rest of the elections and then we will  
25 go count.

1 All right. Districts can go ahead and get up --  
2 okay. We'll go in order. District 2. District 4.  
3 District 5. Where is 5? We have 2, 4, 5. Where --

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Where is 4? Four  
5 and 5. District 4.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Let Nancy through.

7 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN GLENNY: Yeah. District  
8 delegates and your helpers, can you line up in the back?  
9 District 6. District 7. District 8.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Leave your boxes  
11 upright so they don't fall out.

12 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN GLENNY: District 9. District  
13 10. District 11. District 12. District 13. District  
14 14. District 15. District 16. District 17. District  
15 18. District 19. District 20. District 21. District  
16 22. District 23. District 24. District 25. District  
17 26. District 27. District 28. District 29. And 30 is  
18 not present. Thank you, everyone.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Attention,  
21 everyone. There is but one nominee for the Office of  
22 Junior -- okay. Is everyone seated with their delegation?  
23 Okay. Everyone please be seated.

24 There is but one nomination for the office of  
25 Junior Member of Finance and that's Glenda Ternullo.

1 Ternullo.

2 JUNIOR MEMBER OF FINANCE NOMINEE TERNULLO:

3 Ternullo.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Ternullo.

5 Brenda. Where is Brenda? Stand up so we can see you,

6 Brenda.

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All those in  
9 favor of electing Brenda for Junior Member of Finance,  
10 signify by saying aye.

11 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed, no.

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: You have elected  
15 Brenda as the Junior Member of Finance for '23-'24.  
16 Congratulations, Brenda.

17 JUNIOR MEMBER OF FINANCE ELECT TERNULLO: Thank  
18 you.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Election of NEC  
21 and Alternate NEC. There is but one nominee for the  
22 office of National Executive Committeewoman, and that is  
23 Kathie Martinez. Do you want to stand up, Kathie?

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All those in

1 favor.

2 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All those  
4 opposed.

5 (No response.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: You have elected  
7 Kathie Martinez for National Executive Committee Member  
8 for the years '23-'25. Congratulations, Kathie.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: '24.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: It's a two-year  
11 term, everyone.

12 There is but one nominee for the office of  
13 Alternate National Executive Committeewoman, and that is  
14 Dee Ann Graham. Stand up, Dee Ann.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All those in  
17 favor of electing Dee Ann Graham for the Alternate  
18 National Executive Committeewoman, signify by saying aye.

19 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed, no.

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: You have elected  
23 Dee Ann Graham for Alternate National Executive  
24 Committeewoman for the years '23-'25. Congratulations,  
25 Dee Ann.

1                   We have but one nominee for endorsement to  
2           National Office, and that is Melanie Taylor for Western  
3           Division National Vice President. There she is.

4                   (Applause.)

5                   DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All those in  
6           favor of electing -- for endorsing National -- Melanie for  
7           the Western Division Vice President, please say aye.

8                   ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

9                   DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed.

10                   (No response.)

11                   DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Congratulations.  
12           You've elected Melanie.

13                   Our Secretary will now read the nominees for  
14           delegates to National Convention.

15                   DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: President Gloria  
16           Williams, President-Elect Glenda Schultz, Secretary  
17           Elizabeth Doidge, National Chairman Melanie Taylor,  
18           District 6 Suzanne Winters, District 9 Linda Workman,  
19           District 11 Grace Huston, District 14 Debbie Hurado,  
20           District 16 Linda Fercho, District 17 Teresa Lugo-Nunez,  
21           District 18 Maureen O'Brien-Sacco, District 20 Linda  
22           Hayes, District 22 Susie Tozier, District 23 Anita Biggs,  
23           District 24 Martha Romano, District 27 Danielle White, and  
24           District 28 Susan Baker.

25                   DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Are you making a

1 motion?

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Sorry. I move that  
3 we elect the candidates for National delegates.

4 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Second.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: It is moved and  
6 has been seconded to approve the candidates for National  
7 Convention. Delegates. All in favor.

8 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed.

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: You have elected  
12 the delegates for National Convention.

13 The Secretary will now read the list of nominees  
14 for Alternate to National Convention.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 6 Ann  
16 Sanchez. District 7 Bonnie Bradbury. District 11 Marcia  
17 Munroe. District 12 Ann Kelley. District 14 Cynthia  
18 Oliphant. District 15 Dee Ann Graham. District 16 Tracy  
19 Varnell-Fercho. District 18 Julie Morales. District 19  
20 Nancy Heinisch. District 22 Maureen Giacalone. District  
21 23 Cassandra Brown. District 24 Kathie Martinez.  
22 District 25 Tamara Bell and Cindy Rogers. District 26  
23 Cindy McReynolds. District 27 Suzanne Zimmerman. And  
24 District 29 Debbie Shubert.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: It has been moved

1 and seconded --

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I move that we  
3 elect the Alternates to National Convention.

4 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Second.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: It has been moved  
6 and seconded to elect the National Alternates to go to  
7 convention. All in favor say aye.

8 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed, no.  
10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: You have elected  
12 the alternates to National Convention.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Elected delegates  
15 and alternates, you need to pick up your packets in the  
16 department headquarters, and please sign for them.

17 We'll now proceed to ratify the election of  
18 District Presidents and Vice Presidents. Madam Secretary,  
19 please read the names of the District Presidents Elect.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: If I don't have a  
21 name for somebody, come line up and we'll get it in a  
22 moment. District 1 nobody. District 2 Carolyn Glenn.  
23 District 3 nobody. District 4 Nancy Brown. District 5  
24 Linda Karnstedt. District 6 Suzanne Winters. District 7  
25 nobody. District 8 Teresa Canonizado. District 9 Roseann

1 Vicky Bean. District 10 Susan Mar. District 11 Arlene  
2 Smith. District 12 Elizabeth Estavillo.

3 I think I printed off last year's list. I  
4 thought I had it. I have too many spreadsheets.

5 District 11, I'm going to need your people,  
6 please.

7 District 1 nobody. District 2 Carolyn Glenn.  
8 District 3 nobody. District 4 Nancy Brown. District 5  
9 Linda Karnstedt. District 6 Suzanne Winters. District 7  
10 nobody. District 8 Teresa Canonizado. District 9 Roseann  
11 Vicky Bean.

12 District 10 Susan Mar. District 11 Arlene Smith.  
13 Exhibit 12 Elizabeth Estavillo. District 14 Megan  
14 Edwards. District 15 I don't have anybody. District 16 I  
15 don't have anybody. District 17 Teresa Lugo-Nunez.  
16 District 18 Gabriella Ramos. District 19 Diana Livas.

17 District 20 Carol Harville. District 21 Ellen  
18 Federowski. District 22 Janie Jackson. District 23  
19 Cassandra Brown. District 24 Melissa Card. District 25  
20 Barbara Toth. District 26 Peggy Toyne. District 27 Jen  
21 Winkler-Ring. District 28 Rebecca Glenny. District 29  
22 Carol Borgman. And District 30 I have nobody.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: If she called  
24 your name, please line up. Everyone doesn't need to line  
25 up, just the ones who don't have --

1 Linda, when you get over there, I want you to  
2 tell me if you can hear me. Shuffle, girl, shuffle. Ms.  
3 Linda? Ms. Linda, can you hear?

4 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIR WORKMAN: I can hear  
5 you now, girlfriend.

6 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: We are still  
7 in the election process. No one can leave the room or  
8 enter the room unless you get the attention of the Chair  
9 and it's approved or it's an emergency. Once you leave  
10 the room, you can't come back in. Please. I've seen  
11 people leave the room.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Teresa, who's yours  
13 First Vice?

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Sergeant-at-Arms,  
15 Phyllis?

16 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS MEYI: Yes, ma'am.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Please come  
18 forward.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Last time for  
20 President. District 1 I have nobody. District 2 Carolyn  
21 Glenn.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Talk into the  
23 microphone, Liz.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I'm sorry.

25 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: You've been

1 telling everyone else to do it.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Sorry. District 1  
3 nobody. District 2 Carolyn Glenn. District 3 nobody.  
4 District 4 Nancy Brown. District 5 Linda Karnsteadt.  
5 District 6 Suzanne Winters. District 7 Melise Munroe.  
6 District 8 Teresa Canonizado. District 9 Roseann Vicky  
7 Bean.

8 District 10 Susan Mar. District 11 Grace Huston.  
9 District 12 Elizabeth Estavillo. District 13 Leah  
10 Williamson. District 14 Megan Edwards. District 15 Linda  
11 Carmichael. District 16 Marion Rocha-Carlos. District 17  
12 Teresa Lugo-Nunes. District 18 Gabriela Ramos. District  
13 19 Diana Livas.

14 District 20 Carol Harville. District 21 Ellen  
15 Federowski. District 22 Janie Jackson. District 23  
16 Cassandra Brown. District 24 Melissa Card. District 25  
17 Barbara Toth. District 26 Peggy Toye. District 27 Jean  
18 Winkler-Ring. District 28 Rebecca Glenny. District 29  
19 Carol Borgman. And District 30 I have nobody.

20 I move that we accept the presidents for the 2023  
21 -- District Presidents for the 2023-'24 year.

22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Second.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: It has been moved  
24 and seconded that we ratify the election of the District  
25 Presidents. Is there any discussion?

1 (No response.)

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

4 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed, no.  
6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Motion is  
8 carried.

9 Madam Secretary, please read the list of District  
10 First Vice Presidents Elect.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 1 nobody.  
12 District 2 Judith Sarti. District 3 nobody. District 4  
13 Samantha Valine. District 5 Lynn Jewel. District 6  
14 Jennifer Turner. District 7 Debbie Serrano. District 8  
15 Dara Wong. District 9 Helaine Dolly Rios.

16 District 10 Elizabeth Parshall. District 11 Joan  
17 Cannon. District 12 Maryann Watson. District 13 Helen  
18 Hymes. District 14 Debbie Ennen. District 15 Rochelle  
19 Billet-Smith. District 16 Laurie Richards. District 17  
20 Lupe Galaviz. District 18 Stephanie Huff. District 19  
21 Isabell Gallardo.

22 District 20 Elizabeth Tungate. District 21  
23 Danielle Pantanella. District 22 Karen Bobren. District  
24 23 Yvonne Evans-Hanna. District 24 Deloris Artis.  
25 District 25 Tamara Bell. District 26 Bonnie Schrier.

1 District 27 Danielle White. District 28 Kimberly Schrier.  
2 District 29 Jean Sudbeck. And District 30 I have nobody.

3 I move that we ratify the election of District  
4 First Vice Presidents for the '23-'24 year.

5 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Second.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: It has been moved  
7 and seconded that we ratify the elections for the District  
8 First Vice President. Is there any discussion?

9 (No response.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All those in  
11 favor, please say aye.

12 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed, no.

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: You have ratified  
16 the election of First Vice Presidents.

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Madam Secretary,  
19 please read the list of District Second Vice Presidents.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 1 nobody.  
21 District 2 Judy Henderson. District 3 nobody. District 4  
22 Daleen Baker. District 5 Kelly Germerrad. District 6  
23 Ramona Tafoya. District 7 Julie Slater. District 8  
24 Connie Pleasant Thompson. District 9 nobody.

25 District 10 Jasmine Kerry. District 11 Ann

1 Scholl. District 12 Suzanne Miller. District 13 nobody.  
2 District 14 Brittany Baker. District 15 Honey Chapman.  
3 District 16 Linda Fercho. District 17 Andrea Estrada.  
4 District 18 Julie Morales. District 19 Deborah Butler.  
5 District 20 Sandra Marsteller. District 21  
6 Sharon Mordetzky. District 22 Linda Sundberg. District  
7 23 Alberta Cummings. District 24 Marie Whigham. District  
8 25 Anita Villa. District 26 Cindy McReynolds. District  
9 27 Monika Zucarro. District 28 Linda Lara-Guzman.  
10 District 29 Kay Hamby. And District 30 nobody.

11 I move that we ratify the -- I move that we  
12 ratify the election of the District Second Vice Presidents  
13 for the '23-'24 year.

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Second.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Is there any  
16 discussion?

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: It has been moved  
19 to ratify the District Second Vice Presidents. Is there  
20 any discussion?

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All those in  
23 favor say aye.

24 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Opposed.

1 (No response.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: We have ratified  
3 the election of the District Second Vice President.

4 The Elections Committee is dismissed to go and  
5 count the ballots.

6 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN GLENNY: Madam President.  
7 Election power. All right. So my election delegates, the  
8 people who brought the ballots up, can you please line up  
9 at the back of the room really quickly.

10 Joyce Patton, my Sergeant-at-Arms, can you kindly  
11 come to the front to help me escort these ballots across  
12 the hall to the Plaza Room. Wish us all luck. Just the  
13 Elections Committee Person, not District Presidents.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Will all the  
15 officers come back to the stage. We're going to take a  
16 recess here. Everyone stay in the room. Yes, if you need  
17 to take a recess, go to the bathroom, you can do that, but  
18 come back quickly and then stay in the room.

19 (Recess from 11:21 a.m. to 11:51 a.m.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Attention,  
21 everyone. We're going to break now for lunch and come  
22 back at 1:30 p.m. Come back at 1:30.

23 (Lunch recess taken: 11:51 a.m.)

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AFTERNOON SESSION - 1:37 P.M.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Let's reconvene.  
Can everyone hear me? Please come to order.

Okay. We're going to have a report from our Past Presidents Parley. After that the Election Committee will come in.

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CONVENTION REPORT (Resumed)

PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIR CANNON: We have a motion for -- we tabled our code to read: The Past Presidents Scholarship has been designated as a nurses scholarship by the Past Presidents Parley and shall be awarded in the annual amount of \$4,000 to a veteran, a veteran's wife or husband, widow or widower and child. And then we were trying to add grandchild and great grandchild. So we pulled up the IRS code and the IRS code says leave it at child.

So I move to rescind my motion, Madam President.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: It's been moved and seconded to rescind the motion. Are there any questions?

(No response.)

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All in favor, say

1 aye.

2 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed, no.

4 (No response.)

5 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIR CANNON: Thank you.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Is Martha here?

7 Martha? Martha, could you come -- would you like to

8 finish your report and announce your winners for the Poppy

9 display?

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11 POPPY CONVENTION REPORT (Resumed)

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13 POPPY CHAIR ROMANO: Can you hear me? Madam

14 President, your choice for Poppy display I'm happy to

15 announce it was District 17 Allie (inaudible).

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Is she here?

18 Stand up so we can -- congratulations. Beautiful display.

19 (Applause.)

20 POPPY CHAIR ROMANO: I don't have my count on the

21 fundraiser. I'm not sure if everyone was aware the

22 T-shirts were the Poppy fundraiser this year. I think I'm

23 doing very well. I only have a few small shirts. I think

24 we're at least at a thousand.

25 (Applause.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Okay. Thank you.

2 I think yesterday we didn't complete -- is the  
3 Americanism Chairman here? Would you like to complete  
4 your report?

5 AMERICANISM CHAIR WINTERS: I would love to,  
6 Madam President.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Wonderful.

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9 AMERICANISM CONVENTION REPORT (Resumed)

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11 AMERICANISM CHAIR WINTERS: Try this again. I'm  
12 in the learning process. Okay. You all, I'm back.

13 Madam President?

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes.

15 AMERICANISM CHAIR WINTERS: I would still like to  
16 thank you for this appointment.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: You're welcome.  
18 Great job.

19 AMERICANISM CHAIR WINTERS: It has been a great  
20 learning experience. I learned a lot yesterday. So when  
21 we left off yesterday, we had taken that one sentence out  
22 and we were going to add that sentence back in after Madam  
23 President recommended we meet again with the Americanism  
24 committee. And we did that and we reworded this to read  
25 -- and it was added to -- it was from page 11 which

1 flipped over into 12. And we were adding the sentence for  
2 the request of the committee: "The remaining balance in  
3 the Americanism Essay Educational Grant Fund must be  
4 credited to any accredited college/university in the U.S.  
5 and its territories or possessions."

6 So per the committee, Americanism committee, I  
7 would like to move that we add this into our code.

8 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Madam  
9 President, we need the Chairman to state the code number  
10 and the item number of the code that they want to add so  
11 we know.

12 AMERICANISM CHAIR WINTERS: Okay. Here we go.  
13 It is under 5 there was (a) that talks about the 250  
14 grant. There was a (b) that talked about the \$15,000  
15 grant. (c) was the one that we --

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Wait. Go ahead.

17 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Her numbers  
18 are off. Please read -- the numbers are off. Please read  
19 so everyone understands. We need to get the correct  
20 information to the delegates. And these codes, we don't  
21 have a \$15,000 anything, so we need to --

22 AMERICANISM CHAIR WINTERS: \$1500.

23 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: 1500. Thank  
24 you. And the first one is 2500, not 250. And so we all  
25 want to be on the same accord when we make this -- when we

1 do the code on this.

2 AMERICANISM CHAIR WINTERS: Thank you. So under  
3 this code under 5, it goes under the prizes for Group IV  
4 to be distributed. And yesterday what we did under (c)  
5 where it went to the \$1,000 Educational Grant, we took  
6 that sentence out where it said, "and the balance of \$900  
7 credited to any accredited college/university in the U.S.  
8 and its territories," and we were adding a (d). So under  
9 (d) we wrote: "The remaining balance of the Americanism  
10 Essay Educational Grant Fund must be credited to any  
11 accredited college/university in the U.S. and its  
12 territories/possessions."

13 Does that clarify it? Okay. So the committee --  
14 per the committee, I move that we add (d) to that code.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Did everyone hear  
16 the code? Did everyone hear?

17 DELEGATES: Yes.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All in favor, say  
19 aye.

20 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed.

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Motion is  
24 carried.

25 AMERICANISM CHAIR WINTERS: Thank you. The other

1 issue that we had that we were going to add on page under  
2 6 about units, we have rescinded that motion. We do not  
3 want to add that on the code.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All right.

5 AMERICANISM CHAIR WINTERS: We'll do some more  
6 research on that.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Okay.

8 AMERICANISM CHAIR WINTERS: The next item was  
9 under the mid-year reports. "Mid-year report forms for  
10 all committee programs should conform with standard time  
11 frames. Unit report forms are to be sent to the District  
12 Chairman by December 1st. District report forms are to be  
13 sent to the Department Chairman by December 15th.  
14 Department Chairman reports are to be sent to their  
15 Division Chairman and National Committee Chairman by  
16 January 5th.

17 We, the committee, have moved to remove that  
18 statement of Department Chairman reports are to be sent to  
19 the Division Chairman and National Committee by January  
20 5th because we don't -- National doesn't do mid-year. So  
21 we would like per the committee to remove that sentence  
22 from the mid-year code. So I move that we remove that  
23 paragraph. That sentence. Thank you. That sentence.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: It will now read:  
25 "The Department Chairman reports" -- "Mid-Year report

1 forms for all committee programs shall conform with  
2 standard time frames. Unit report forms are to be sent to  
3 the District Chairman by December 1st. District report  
4 forms are to be sent to the Department Chairman by  
5 December 15th."

6 Are there any questions?

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All in favor.

9 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed.

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Motion granted.

13 AMERICANISM CHAIR WINTERS: Thank you. That ends  
14 my code changes.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you,  
17 Suzanne.

18 AMERICANISM CHAIR WINTERS: Madam President, may  
19 I proceed with my floor comments, please?

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes, you may.

21 AMERICANISM CHAIR WINTERS: Thank you. Well,  
22 Madam President Gloria, we have been pleased to say this  
23 train has been chugging down the tracks spreading  
24 patriotism across California. Twenty-six districts  
25 reported. Eighteen had 100 percent reporting. I must

1 tell you how humbled I have been with how the Department  
2 of California's units and districts has advanced our  
3 patriotic mission.

4 Our future lies with our children and their  
5 understanding of our country. I could truly say that the  
6 Americanism Essay Contest enhances the understanding of  
7 our children and the importance of love of God and  
8 country. Each essay I read filled my heart with the hope  
9 for our future. One student wrote you cannot love this  
10 country without loving its ideals. Reading about their  
11 understanding of the Constitution of the United States of  
12 America, one student talked about the understanding of the  
13 history of this country so that we can understand the cost  
14 of our freedom.

15 One unit wrote in their supplement, "Patriotism  
16 cannot be taken like a pill or a tonic. It takes people  
17 such as us to instill it." So true.

18 Many units supported The American Legion's  
19 oratorical contest which is a speech contest of the United  
20 States Constitution. This year I personally had the  
21 opportunity to follow and support this year's contestants  
22 who made it all the way to the finals in Indianapolis. It  
23 was an amazing experience watching these children bring  
24 the Constitution to light. If you ever get the chance to  
25 participate, please do.

1           The iconic symbol of the United States of America  
2           is our flag. This year our flag was subject to some very  
3           harsh weather and many flags became tattered and torn. As  
4           our harsh weather was this year, it opened the doors to  
5           educate our community and children. This year over 6,000  
6           flags were presented to businesses. Over 2,000 hours were  
7           dedicated to promoting patriotism and the education  
8           educating students in flag etiquette and proper disposal  
9           of our great flag.

10           One of the greatest principles that our country  
11           holds so dear is the right to vote. The ALA, American  
12           Legion Auxiliary, Get the Vote Out campaign, one unit  
13           reported that they went to a local assisted living home to  
14           ensure that those residents were registered to vote. Then  
15           they provided them transportation to their local polling  
16           booth.

17           The same unit went out to their local high  
18           schools and helped register students who were 18 years old  
19           of age. The same unit had a member who's a Native  
20           American and they went out to the Reservation and  
21           increased their voting by 95 percent.

22           As the American Express moved on down the tracks,  
23           it was overwhelming how many units teamed up with their  
24           local VFW, Blue Star Moms, Legion Posts, Boys Scouts, Girl  
25           Scouts, Rotary Clubs, Chamber of Commerce to fulfill at

1 times the taunting task of placing thousands of flags on  
2 veterans' graves during Veterans Day and Memorial Day.

3 Hundreds of care boxes were filled that were sent  
4 to our deployed military, honoring our veterans by placing  
5 wreaths on their graves at Christmas with Wreaths Across  
6 America. We know how to honor our vets.

7 Fourth of July, Veterans Day, Memorial Day are  
8 some of the most celebrated patriotic holidays in our  
9 country. I can tell you from your reports that there's no  
10 lack of enthusiasm when it comes to our red, white, and  
11 blue. We know how to get the word out and how to  
12 celebrate this great country that we call the United  
13 States of America.

14 I would like to give a big shout out to all the  
15 Americanism Chairmen who worked so hard at their programs,  
16 the units who tirelessly promoted the essay contest. I  
17 only have time -- I only had time to hit a few highlights  
18 of everything that you have done, and you have done so  
19 much.

20 I would also like to thank all of you for all the  
21 input, the corrections, and the encouragement that you  
22 gave me this year. It's because of you that I have  
23 learned so much about being a chairman.

24 Madam President, this ends my floor report. May  
25 I move on to my winning essay --

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DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes.

AMERICANISM CHAIR WINTERS: -- recipients?

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes, you may.

AMERICANISM CHAIR WINTERS: Thank you. Our first place winner for Group I goes to Madeline Mayfield. And I -- my sticker fell off this one so I don't know what district and unit. Do you know?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Twenty-nine.

AMERICANISM CHAIR WINTERS: Twenty-nine. Would you please come up and get this? Congratulations.

(Applause.)

AMERICANISM CHAIR WINTERS: You're very welcome. In Group II, Unit 219, the award goes to Salone Williams. So it's on Unit 291. What District? Twenty-nine, if you can please come get this.

This is something that I'm going to discuss with the next person. A lot of these did not have the District number on them and it -- so I'm doing the best I can.

Okay. In Group III, Unit 98, District 4.

(Applause.)

AMERICANISM CHAIR WINTERS: Jenna Silva is our first place in Group III. So Unit 98 or District 4, can you please come get this, please? Oh, there you are. Congratulations.

(Applause.)

1                   AMERICANISM CHAIR WINTERS: The next one in Group  
2 IV goes to Unit 716, District 29.

3                   (Applause.)

4                   AMERICANISM CHAIR WINTERS: And the student's  
5 name is Kimberly Miller. You guys did an awesome job. My  
6 next are for the supplemental winners for the district and  
7 the unit. For the district, it's No. 11, Arlene.

8                   (Applause.)

9                   AMERICANISM CHAIR WINTERS: Congratulations. For  
10 the unit, the best supplemental report goes to Unit 552  
11 Victoria Seaman.

12                   (Applause.)

13                   AMERICANISM CHAIR WINTERS: Congratulations.  
14 Great job. And I see that -- sorry, but I've got Group V  
15 here for my essay that was missed. It goes to District 4,  
16 Unit 98 for San Diego. Thank you very much. Job great  
17 done.

18                   Madam President, this ends my report.

19                   DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you very  
20 much.

21                   We're back to Rebecca. Before Rebecca goes to  
22 the podium, when she gives her announcement, please be  
23 courteous. There will be no yelling or screaming. We'll  
24 do this with decorum.

25                   ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN GLENNY: All right. So --

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Be quiet, Liz.  
2 I'll replace you. I'm still president.

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4 ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2023-2024 (Resumed)

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6 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN GLENNY: All right. Madam  
7 President, I could not have been honored to have any more  
8 lovely women than were in that room with me. They were so  
9 patient and courteous and patient. So thank you to my  
10 delegates. You guys did a wonderful job.

11 So everybody knows, I'm not stealing the thunder.  
12 I am the teller's report. I am simply telling out on the  
13 numbers. I am not giving candidates' names. I have  
14 passed to Madam President the teller's report with the  
15 actual names. She will be the one making the final call  
16 on the actual winner.

17 Teller's report for the Elections Committee for  
18 Vice President election for the '23-'24 term. Number of  
19 votes cast, 402. Necessary for election for the majority  
20 was 202. One candidate received 231 votes. The other  
21 candidate received 171 votes. There were no illegal  
22 votes.

23 That is my report, Madam President. I am going  
24 to hand it to you.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Outstanding job.

1 Thank you.

2 Members, you have elected Linda Hayes for the  
3 Department Vice President. That's it, everybody. Stay  
4 calm. For the year 2023-'24.

5 Now the election of Junior Member of -- please  
6 all the candidates, all the elected officers, would you  
7 please come down?

8 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN GLENNY: Madam President, I  
9 also have the sealed envelope of the ballots that I would  
10 like to go ahead and entrust to the Secretary, please.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes, please.

12 Will the newly elected Department Officers and  
13 National Officers please come to the stage and be  
14 presented. It gives me great pleasure to present to you  
15 your newly elected Department Officers for the year  
16 2023-'24.

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: President Glenda  
19 Schultz, Vice President Linda Hayes, and Junior Member of  
20 Finance Brenda Ternullo. National -- and the endorsed  
21 National Candidate Melanie Taylor.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Down here. And  
24 the NEC Woman. Congratulations.

25 (Applause.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: We're going to  
2 start with the reports. Hello. We're going to start with  
3 the reports so we can get out of here soon.

4 I'd like National Security to come up, Joyce  
5 Henderson, our Junior Conference Director Stacey Smith,  
6 and Junior Activities Chairman Jackie Cleveland to be in  
7 the waiting, please, followed the National Security  
8 Chairman.

9 We're still going to have the parade, in case  
10 anyone is interested. They don't even know what the  
11 parade is. For some people this parade is a tradition.  
12 You're in your clothes, some of you. Is that okay?  
13 You're not confused. Good.

14 Joyce, are you ready?

15 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR HENDERSON-MCLEOD: Are  
16 you ready for me?

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: I'm ready for  
18 you.

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20 NATIONAL SECURITY CONVENTION REPORT

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22 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR HENDERSON-MCLEOD: Okay.

23 Madam President, the Convention Committee on National  
24 Security met on June 22nd, 2023 in the Pine Room. The  
25 statistical report of this chairman appears on page 10 in

1 the Book of Reports.

2 Debbie Butler was appointed as secretary, Ramona  
3 Tafoya offered prayer, and Bonnie Christner was appointed  
4 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 18 district delegates  
5 answered roll call. There was three visitors.

6 The committee agreed upon the following report.  
7 National Security Department Code No. 7 currently reads:  
8 "The nomination form and rules for nominating women who  
9 are currently serving our Country in the U.S. Army, Navy,  
10 Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force or Coast Guard  
11 (including in the U.S. Navy)" -- no. "(Including the  
12 National Guard and Reserve components of each branch) for  
13 the Salute to Service Women Award can be found on the  
14 Department website. The completed form and a written  
15 narrative report can be found on the Department website.  
16 The complete form and written narrative reward can be  
17 found on the Department website." No. I got confused  
18 here. Wait a minute.

19 "(750 words or less) or a YouTube video (3  
20 minutes or less), done by the nominee, must be sent to the  
21 National Past Presidents Parley Chairman by deadline set  
22 by National. A copy of this nomination must also be sent  
23 to the Department Past President Parley Chairman by the  
24 second Friday in May, so that she can contact the nominee  
25 regarding the Department function that she will be

1 honored. (2022)."

2 If adopted, the code would read: "The nomination  
3 form and rules for nominating women who are currently  
4 serving our country in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps,  
5 Air Force, Space Force, or Coast Guard (including the  
6 National Guard and Reserve components of each branch) for  
7 the Salute to Servicewomen Award can be found on the  
8 Department website. The completed form and a written  
9 narrative report (750 words or less) or YouTube video (3  
10 minutes or less) must be sent to the National Past  
11 Presidents Parley Chairman by deadline set by National. A  
12 copy of the nomination must also be sent to the Department  
13 Past Presidents Parley Chairman by the second Friday in  
14 May, so that she can contact the nominee regarding the  
15 Department function that she will be honored.  
16 Additionally if the Salute to Servicewoman Award honoree  
17 attends the Past President Parley (PPP), then their  
18 corsage and PPP lunch ticket will be paid out of  
19 Convention Funds (2023)."

20 By direction -- by the direction of the  
21 committee, I move for acceptance of this code change.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Are there any  
23 questions? Yes, there are some questions.

24 ADVISORY COMMITTEE DeLASHMIT: Diane DeLashmit,  
25 District 25. It says if adopted the code would read and

1 it addresses the National Past Presidents Parley. And we  
2 don't have a National Past Presidents Parley anymore, so  
3 that should be deleted.

4 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIR CANNON: There is no  
5 National Past President Parley. That is dissolved, as  
6 Diane DeLashmit said. That should say National -- well,  
7 comma maybe. It's the National Security Chairman that  
8 goes in that spot, the National Security Chairman.

9 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR HENDERSON-McLEOD: Okay.  
10 So -- okay. Do you want me to go back to my committee and  
11 have them correct this?

12 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIR CANNON: No.

13 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR HENDERSON-McLEOD: You  
14 want me to amend it here?

15 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIR CANNON: Madam  
16 President, Joan Cannon, NEC. May I be recognized?

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes.

18 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIR CANNON: I move to  
19 amend Code 7 to say must be sent to the National Security  
20 Chairman. Yeah, the National National Security Chairman.

21 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: It's the  
22 National National.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Does everyone  
24 understand?

25 DELEGATES: Yes.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Is there any  
2 questions?

3 (No response.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All in favor.

5 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Other than Linda.

7 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR HENDERSON-MCLEOD:

8 Awesome. Thank you.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: National Past  
10 Presidents Parley. National National Security Chairman.  
11 By deadline set by National. "A copy of this nomination  
12 must also be sent to the Department Past Presidents Parley  
13 Chairman by the second Friday in May, so that she can  
14 contact the nominee regarding the Department function that  
15 she will be honored. Additionally, if the Salute to  
16 Servicewoman Award honorees attend the Past Presidents  
17 Parley, then their corsages and PPP luncheon tickets would  
18 be paid by" -- "paid out of the Convention funds (2023)."

19 Are there any questions?

20 (No response.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All in favor.

22 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed.

24 (No response.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Motion carried.

1 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR HENDERSON-McLEOD: Thank  
2 you. The second and third place award winners were  
3 announced in the meeting.

4 Madam President, may I continue with my platform  
5 report?

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes, you may.

7 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR HENDERSON-McLEOD:  
8 National -- Madam President?

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes.

10 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR HENDERSON-McLEOD:  
11 National Security programs provides awareness,  
12 preparation, and assistance to the military members and  
13 their families. A few highlights from the stations and  
14 the ticket agents. The most members attending of an event  
15 hours, mileage, and donations. These are some of the most  
16 programs which we have a lot of action. The POW/MIA  
17 Remembrance Ceremonies, the Deployed Military wearing  
18 R.E.D. on Friday letting everybody know that we have never  
19 forgotten them, and the donations of blood assists Service  
20 members, families, and communities.

21 Food pantries such as The Armed Service, the  
22 YMCA, Twentynine Palms or Camp Pendleton pantries or  
23 whoever you donated food for. We had a lot of places.  
24 Also the military care packages for our troops overseas.

25 Additionally the ALA members investing every hour

1 and dollar in our mission help to build growth. These  
2 numbers proclaim our impact and make membership in the  
3 organization meaningful.

4 Thank you for this opportunity. There was some  
5 challenging moments, but with the help of some dedicated  
6 members and mentors, we made it through. Most of us have  
7 shown the only way to do great work is to love what you  
8 do. I am honored to be part of an extraordinary group of  
9 people. Job well done.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you, Joyce.

11 (Applause.)

12 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR HENDERSON-McLEOD: Madam  
13 President?

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes.

15 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR HENDERSON-McLEOD: Could  
16 I direct the first place award?

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes, you may.

18 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR HENDERSON-McLEOD: For  
19 the Unit first place award, it is my great pleasure to  
20 give this certificate to Unit 835, District 25.

21 (Applause.)

22 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR HENDERSON-McLEOD: And  
23 another one that did a great job, I had so many that did  
24 so well, the first place award for the District goes to  
25 Gigi Manno, District 22.

1 (Applause.)

2 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR HENDERSON-McLEOD: Madam  
3 President, this ends my report.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you, Joyce.  
5 (Applause.)

6 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR HENDERSON-McLEOD: Thank  
7 you, everybody.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Okay. Members,  
9 we're going to line up, start with our parade, and I'll  
10 get back to the committee reports. Aren't you ready to  
11 parade? We need some music.

12 (Parade.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you, Madam  
14 Musician. Wonderful. Thank all of you for parading.  
15 That was beautiful.

16 Now, Ms. Jackie Cleveland, I guess I can bring  
17 you up now. There she is.

18 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR CLEVELAND: Madam  
19 President, may we call our Junior President down, please.  
20 Olivia.

21 (Applause.)

22 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR CLEVELAND: I wanted to  
23 introduce you to Olivia, our Junior President for '23-'24.

24 (Applause.)

25 UNIDENTIFIED JUNIOR: You got this, Olivia.

1 HONORARY JUNIOR PRESIDENT THUNEY: Thank you.

2 UNIDENTIFIED JUNIORS: You got this.

3 Congratulations. Slay, Olivia. Good job. Hi, cousin.

4 Have a good speech, Olivia. You're going to do great.

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6 HONORARY JUNIOR PRESIDENT CONVENTION REMARKS

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8 HONORARY JUNIOR PRESIDENT THUNEY: Good

9 afternoon. My name is Olivia Thuney from District 29,

10 Unit 716.

11 (Applause.)

12 HONORARY JUNIOR PRESIDENT THUNEY: It's an honor

13 and pleasure to be standing here in front of you all

14 today. If you asked me four years ago when I began

15 volunteering at my unit with the past two years as their

16 Junior President that I would be representing the American

17 Legion Auxiliary Department of California as their

18 Honorary Department Junior President, it probably would

19 have been a shock.

20 The Juniors at Unit 716 took on the

21 responsibility after COVID to support our veterans in as

22 many ways as possible. This challenge inspired me to

23 build relationships and become a leader that helped

24 develop a new generation of Junior volunteers. We plan on

25 continuing with our fundraising which allows us to provide

1 resources to our veterans in need.

2 In the past we've been proud to donate most  
3 specific items of need and items they may not even think  
4 about including assisting VA&R by providing feminine  
5 hygiene products for female veterans at the Long Beach VA.

6 (Applause.)

7 HONORARY JUNIOR PRESIDENT THUNEY: We were also  
8 able to help our American Legion Family Thanksgiving  
9 dinner feast by providing a \$50 Vons gift card and four  
10 turkeys to help feed members of our post and active  
11 service members at the Joint Forces Training Base in Los  
12 Alamitos.

13 The Juniors provided Valentine's Day gift bags  
14 for the veterans at the VA filled with patriot box,  
15 treats, poppies, and a handwritten Valentine's Day card.  
16 We replaced an old stained faucet in our post kitchen by  
17 raising funds from baked good sales, which was on my to-do  
18 list since the very start. Very glad I can check that off  
19 my list.

20 Juniors were recognized for turning in written  
21 essays for Americanism and we played a part in the flag  
22 retirement ceremony at Post 716. We were proud to  
23 participate with serving lunch on Veterans Day and created  
24 a Veterans Are the Heart of America themed wall with  
25 decorative hearts made by the Juniors.

1           We helped Community Service with providing \$200  
2           of cleaning supplies on the Precious Life Shelters wish  
3           list and donating to Habitat for Humanity by donating \$400  
4           worth of games and movies to help fill gift baskets for  
5           veterans homes.

6           During Junior Conference we had the honor of  
7           visiting Camp Pendleton Veterans Memorial Park in  
8           Bakersfield and inspired us to donate \$200 to support its  
9           ongoing improvements. One of the new fundraisers we  
10          hosted was a cornhole tournament where we had 18 teams  
11          competing against each other for a friendly competition.  
12          This brought our American Legion Family and the community  
13          together. During this event, the Juniors raised \$1100.

14                    (Appause.)

15          HONORARY JUNIOR PRESIDENT THUNEY: And left  
16          everyone asking when will we be hosting the next  
17          tournament. We take pride in supporting our American  
18          Legion families by helping the Riders donating to Wreaths  
19          Across America, baking eight dozen cookies for their  
20          annual Toys For Tots fundraiser and supported the Riders  
21          Legacy Run fundraisers by purchasing \$50 worth of tickets  
22          which support scholarships for veterans and children,  
23          helped the Auxiliary with serving lunch to transition  
24          veterans at Villages at Cabrillo, along with serving over  
25          25,000 tacos on Taco Tuesday, assisted the Sons by working

1 in the kitchen for steak night, and helped the  
2 Legionnaires with Friday night dinners and baked cakes for  
3 St. Patrick's Day. And that's only a few of the many  
4 things we've done in our unit, we've done for our unit and  
5 community where our Juniors had a total of 682 volunteer  
6 hours just this year.

7 (Applause.)

8 HONORARY JUNIOR PRESIDENT THUNEY: This year I  
9 will be looking forward to immersing myself in activities  
10 aimed at making a positive impact on the lives of  
11 veterans, active duty and military personnel and their  
12 families. I'll be working close with our American Legion  
13 Family to have the Juniors provide assistance where and  
14 when needed.

15 It's my mission as well as theirs for more  
16 juniors to reach out to their local communities and  
17 veterans in need. I consider my Auxiliary and Post 716 as  
18 a part of my family and I aim -- and I aim to demonstrate  
19 to veterans that our generation generally cares about  
20 their welfare and the overall mission of the American  
21 Legion.

22 In closing, if I can have my fellow Juniors  
23 stand. They're already standing so I guess I don't have  
24 to wait for that anymore.

25 (Applause.)

1                   HONORARY JUNIOR PRESIDENT THUNEY: I would like  
2 to speak on our behalf to thank the Auxiliary for the  
3 opportunity to work with you and other Juniors across the  
4 Department of California this coming year. Thank you,  
5 Madam President, for this adventure on your Friendship  
6 Train.

7                   (Applause.)

8                   DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you.

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10                   JUNIOR CONFERENCE CONVENTION REPORT

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12                   HOSPITAL REP ALVAREZ: On behalf -- talk in the  
13 microphone. I'm presenting this report on behalf of my  
14 daughter Stacey Smith. There was a death in her office  
15 and two other ladies had to take off and go back east for  
16 that, so she's taking care of four different jobs.

17                   After checking in the 16 juniors and more adults  
18 plus one Son of the American Legion, we began with a  
19 prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance and the preamble. After  
20 the preamble, we had one adult and junior explain what the  
21 words of our preamble mean.

22                   We did have Honorary Department Junior Vice  
23 President Alyssa Hurtado read a short letter from our  
24 Honorary Department Junior President, Shakir Abdul-Rauf.  
25 She thanked the Juniors for showing up in their

1 communities and being there for the veterans.

2 She was unable to attend -- I know this is -- as  
3 she was studying abroad in Europe and congratulated the  
4 Juniors for attending this one day Junior Conference.

5 The girls were ready to clean up the tables and  
6 get ready for lunch which was enjoyed by all. A great big  
7 thank you to Past Department President Dee Ann Graham and  
8 Bakersfield Unit 26, District 15. During the lunch hour,  
9 raffle tickets that reached Department Junior Activities  
10 Chair Jackie were drawn. Third place for \$50 goes to  
11 Diane DeLashmit, Unit 299, District 25. Second place, the  
12 \$100 goes to Ann Sanchez, the Junior Conference Nurse, and  
13 first place for \$200 was won by Anita Rivera, Unit 534,  
14 District 16.

15 (Applause.)

16 HOSPITAL REP ALVAREZ: A great big thank you to  
17 our Department President Gloria and Vice President Glenda  
18 for conducting the junior graduation for two juniors,  
19 Adeline Edson, Unit -- oh, Adeline Edson, Unit 578,  
20 District 7 and Alyssa Hurtado, Unit 26, District 15.  
21 Congratulations to both girls and we hope you will enjoy  
22 future senior membership in the Auxiliary.

23 Then came the election campaigns and any speeches  
24 that any Junior wanted to give. The election results were  
25 counted by three ALA senior members, and the following are

1 the Honorary Junior Department Officers for '23-'24.  
2 Junior Sergeant-at-Arms at nine years old, Hailey Doidge,  
3 Unit 593, District 28.

4 (Applause.)

5 HOSPITAL REP ALVAREZ: Junior Historian  
6 11-year-old Annie Mae Edson, Unit 587, District 7.

7 (Applause.)

8 HOSPITAL REP ALVAREZ: Junior Chaplain  
9 12-year-old Kailie Williams, Unit 252, District 23.

10 (Applause.)

11 HOSPITAL REP ALVAREZ: Junior Secretary  
12 13-year-old Lexi Gigi, Unit 311, District 20.

13 (Applause.)

14 HOSPITAL REP ALVAREZ: Junior Vice President  
15 12-year-old Alyssa Alcaraz, Unit 233, District 6.

16 (Applause.)

17 HOSPITAL REP ALVAREZ: And we just met the newly  
18 elected Junior President Olivia Thuney, Unit 716, District  
19 29.

20 (Applause.)

21 HOSPITAL REP ALVAREZ: Please support these young  
22 members in your units and districts. Please also  
23 encourage and -- with any projects they might need some  
24 help with. Am not sure if Honorary President Olivia has  
25 recruited her program chairs for Americanism, Poppy,

1 Community Service, Children and Youth, and VA&R, and so if  
2 she has, congratulations to those Juniors as well.

3 Department VA&R Linda Hayes gave them a short  
4 talk about how Juniors can help their units with the VA&R  
5 program. She also gave them something to do for her. She  
6 asked them to write a story about how they have helped  
7 veterans, military members, and military families this  
8 year. The girls who write a story and get it to Linda by  
9 May 5th will be judged, and the first place winner will be  
10 sent on to National which might be shared at the upcoming  
11 National Convention.

12 So that was our day, and I would like to say a  
13 great big thank you to all the senior members at the 2023  
14 Junior Conference. I am hoping that 2024 will find us for  
15 an entire weekend at Junior Conference.

16 (Applause.)

17 HOSPITAL REP ALVAREZ: As I'm reading through  
18 this, I should have read it sooner, she didn't tell them  
19 that I helped the Juniors to learn how to make poppies.  
20 Thank you, Martha. That was great. But the kids were a  
21 little too small for that, the younger, so they -- I had  
22 them color out of the Poppy coloring book. They were  
23 attached to card stock. They put their name and age on  
24 the pictures and they were all hung in the nursing home  
25 and in one hallway at the veterans hospital in Long Beach.

1           This is from Stacey. Working with our Junior  
2 members is one of the most rewarding jobs we have to offer  
3 our members. We need to teach the Juniors about our past  
4 and present so they can carry our mission, purpose, and  
5 dedication to our veterans into the future.

6           Thank you, Madam President, from Stacey, for this  
7 appointment.

8           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you. Thank  
9 you, Pat.

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11                           JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CONVENTION REPORT

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13           JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR CLEVELAND: Madam  
14 President and unit members and guests, our meeting was  
15 held in the Plaza Room on June 22nd. We had 20 -- we had  
16 17 districts present, 12 visitors. Valerie Hill served as  
17 secretary, Pat Alvarez served as chaplain, Pat Davis  
18 served as Sergeant-at-Arms.

19           We read -- the code was read by all of the  
20 members in the meeting. No code changes. However,  
21 however, there was recommendations on a code number 28 to  
22 strike out "airfare" and put "travel." And we're going to  
23 do an estimated analysis on the cost because we have to  
24 increase the Junior Conference fees and the per diem for  
25 the girls going to National. Okay. So that will be done

1 at the DEC. That ends my report.

2 Okay. Madam President, may I read my  
3 supplemental report?

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes.

5 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR CLEVELAND: Okay. This  
6 year the 19th District jumped aboard the Friendship Train,  
7 whistle blowing, heels clacking, computers were popping.  
8 The train took off down the tracks heading to the  
9 districts, and boy was the train track hot.

10 We decided we were going to make a stop to see  
11 what was going on. We jumped off the train and the  
12 juniors greeted us with a big smile. They said: Come on.  
13 Let's attend the fundraiser and have dinner. The Juniors  
14 were amazing.

15 The train horn started blowing and off we went  
16 again heading down the track to see what we could get  
17 into. We attended the Day of Military Child, drinking  
18 plenty of fluids to stay hydrated. Then we attended the  
19 Olympics for children under three years old. The  
20 districts were very busy.

21 The conductors shouted, "All Aboard the  
22 Friendship Train. Let's get this train rolling. Toot  
23 toot." Down the track we went to the Veterans Day Parade.  
24 We placed lots of flags at the cemeteries and fed many  
25 veterans.

1           As the day began to end, we decided to settle  
2 down on the train and rest until our next stop. The train  
3 was rocking and rolling with the juniors' brilliant ideas.  
4 As the sun set, the computers were clacking.

5           As time went by, we began to make Christmas  
6 cards, wrap gifts, and give them to their families, give  
7 them to veterans and their families. The conductor  
8 shouted: Next stop is the Christmas parade. We put on  
9 our Christmas sweaters and joined the parade. Santa Claus  
10 was singing and we were dancing. The children were happy  
11 at the toys and the parents were grateful for the Juniors  
12 who provided such an amazing day.

13           The conductor shouted: Next stop Mission  
14 Training in Las Vegas. The train was rocking and rolling  
15 through the mountains. Juniors came from all of the  
16 western divisions to learn.

17           After Mission Training we were all aboard the  
18 Friendship Train for the Junior Conference in Bakersfield.  
19 A special thanks to Post 26 and Dee Ann Graham for  
20 allowing us to have the Junior Conference at their post.  
21 It was very amazing. If you didn't attend, you should  
22 ask.

23           Juniors came from far and near. They elected  
24 their officers for '23-'24. One unit collected over 1500  
25 Box Tops for Ronald McDonald House. Instruction on flag

1 folding was done by the seniors for the Juniors. Juniors  
2 were mentored by senior members, attend meetings with the  
3 seniors, learned the Preamble and understanding the  
4 meaning of it. They assisted in dinners and fundraisers,  
5 feeding the veterans and assistant with the homeless.

6 One unit had a project visiting senior living  
7 homes for veterans for Veterans Week. They made special  
8 bags and gave gifts. They also made tray table gifts  
9 which took many hours to do. We ordered 40 patches for  
10 the units and one SAL.

11 We had 16 units reporting with 100 percent. Our  
12 supplement winners, the third place were done at the --  
13 for the unit was done in the Plaza Room. I have the first  
14 place winner with me. Okay. Our first place winner is  
15 Teresa Lugo-Nunez from District 17.

16 (Applause.)

17 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR CLEVELAND: Her  
18 supplemental was referred to National for further judging.  
19 Okay. I got you. I got it right here for you. There you  
20 are. Thank you very, very much. It was very good.

21 (Applause.)

22 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR CLEVELAND: Okay. Let's  
23 see. Unit -- District 18 I have -- I had so many patches.  
24 And I ran out of patches, so if you don't have all the  
25 patches, let me know because the lady at the headquarters

1 ran out so she said they have to get some more made and  
2 then she's going to notify me and I will give them to you.

3 We have one SAL from Patricia -- from Pat's unit  
4 that he earned four patches. And the rest of them I will  
5 give out as soon as I get them.

6 Madam President, this concludes my report. Thank  
7 you very much.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you,  
10 Jackie, for a great job.

11 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR CLEVELAND: I have a  
12 certificate for District 27 and District 28. I didn't  
13 give them out because they weren't signed. I got them  
14 signed now. Thank you very much.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Historian come  
16 up, Valerie. And then VA&R will be after the Historian's  
17 report.

18 Okay. Val, it's your show.

19 Is Robin here?

20 LEADERSHIP CHAIR FALKENBERG: Yes, ma'am.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Did you do your  
22 report already?

23 LEADERSHIP CHAIR FALKENBERG: No, ma'am. I'm  
24 ready.

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1 HISTORIAN CONVENTION REPORT

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3 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN HILL: Hello, ladies. I  
4 hope everybody enjoyed that Friendship Train ride.

5 Okay. Madam President, can I begin?

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes, you may.

7 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN HILL: Okay. The Convention  
8 Committee on Historian met on June 22nd, 2023 in the Plaza  
9 Room. The statistical report of this Chairman appears,  
10 but it will be posted. Marguerite Blum was appointed  
11 secretary, Diana Livas offered prayer, and Erika Hernandez  
12 was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 16 district  
13 delegates answered to roll call. There were three  
14 visitors. There were three visitors present. The  
15 committee agreed upon no changes.

16 Madam President, may I continue with my final  
17 report?

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes, you may.

19 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN HILL: The Friendship Train  
20 has traveled full steam ahead making stops and visiting so  
21 many stations. So much history has been made during those  
22 stops. The Friendship Train is now at the DEC station in  
23 Visalia where a lot more history is in the making.

24 Thank you to all the units for submitting your  
25 photos and year-end reports. So much history has been

1 reported there is no way I'll be able to do it in five  
2 minutes. A total of 16 districts submitted their  
3 end-of-year reports. Three districts wrote supplementals.  
4 Eight districts with 100 percent reporting. Two units  
5 participated in the Veterans History Project. Two  
6 districts submitted picture history books, and two  
7 districts submitted written history books.

8 History is made every day and the units and  
9 districts have been very busy this year doing just that.  
10 Units have been involved in so many different types of  
11 activities such as raising the flags for major holidays,  
12 on Memorial Day with the Juniors placing flags on veteran  
13 graves, feeding veterans on Veterans Day, loading buses of  
14 veterans from the VA hospital and serving them  
15 Thanksgiving dinner and giving them care packages,  
16 adopting families for both Thanksgiving and Christmas and  
17 caring for our homeless veterans.

18 All of these -- all of these activities take a  
19 great amount of commitment and dedication, and with these  
20 actions can change, strengthen the Auxiliary and create a  
21 positive impact on others.

22 The Friendship Train has reached its final  
23 destination and it has been a challenging yet enjoyable  
24 year. Madam President, thank you for the --

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Appointment.

1 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN HILL: -- appointment.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: I'm here for you.

3 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN HILL: Last stop convention  
4 station, Visalia, California.

5 Madam President, may I continue with my awards?

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes, you may.

7 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN HILL: For the district --  
8 is she okay?

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Somebody get her  
10 some water.

11 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN HILL: District Written  
12 Historian Book, first place goes to Rodica -- somebody  
13 help me with the last name -- Andreescu, District 17, Unit  
14 302.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN HILL: For the District  
17 Picture Historian Book goes to Fay Elena Keenan, District  
18 21, Unit 79. And I'll give you the award afterwards. I  
19 have it.

20 And for supplemental first place goes to Marion  
21 Rocha-Carlos, District 16, Unit 211.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN HILL: Congratulations to  
24 all the winners.

25 Madam President, thank you for this appointment

1 again, and that is my report.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you. VA&R.  
3 Can you come down, Linda?

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5 VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION CONVENTION REPORT

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7 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: The Convention Committee on  
8 VA&R met on June 22nd, 2023 in the Maple Room. The  
9 statistical report of this Chairman appears on page 30 in  
10 the Book of Reports.

11 Debbie Butler was appointed secretary. Cynthia  
12 Mayfield offered prayer, and Linda Fercho was appointed  
13 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 21 district delegates  
14 answered roll call and there were four visitors present.

15 The committee agreed upon the following. The  
16 packets were handed containing awards for 100 percent  
17 reporting, second and third place supplementals.

18 The VA&R code was read and we don't have too many  
19 changes. There are housekeeping changes in Items 2, 4, 8  
20 and 9 that do not require member approval.

21 Medical Center Representatives. There was a  
22 housekeeping change to Items 1 and 3 that do not require  
23 member approval. Item number 4 now reads:  
24 "Representatives, Deputies, and Poppy Production Managers  
25 shall receive a copy of all policies pertaining to the

1 program, copies of the Department Chairman's bulletins,  
2 and a list of District Chairmen from the Department  
3 Secretary and a copy of the National Center For  
4 Development and Civic Engagement or CDCE."

5 "Work plan" was inadvertently left out of last  
6 year's code change. The committee recommends adding "work  
7 plan" after CDCE, which will now read: "Representatives,  
8 Deputies, and Poppy Production Managers shall receive a  
9 copy of all policies pertaining to the program, copies of  
10 the Department Chairman's bulletins, and a list of  
11 District Chairmen from the Department Secretary and a copy  
12 of the National Center For Development and Civic  
13 Engagement (CDCE) work plan."

14 Madam President, by direction of the VA&R  
15 committee, I move that this code be approved.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Are there any  
17 questions?

18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All in favor.

20 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed.

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Motion carried.

24 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: Okay. Then there's a  
25 housekeeping change to Item 6 that does not require member

1 approval.

2 Item No. 7 now reads: "Representatives who  
3 receive donations directly from any source, other than  
4 Department allowance, shall open a bank account or have a  
5 line item in the Unit/District account and keep all funds  
6 from all sources in that account. The Department  
7 Treasurer and a Representative or Deputy or an individual  
8 appointed by the District shall be included as a signatory  
9 on the account."

10 The committee recommends that Item No. 7 be  
11 rewritten to eliminate the need for the Department  
12 Treasurer to be a signatory on the account.

13 Item No. 7 will now read as follows:  
14 "Representatives who receive donations directly from any  
15 source, other than Department allowance, shall have a line  
16 item in the Unit or District account and keep all funds  
17 from all sources in that account (2023)."

18 Madam President, by direction of the VA&R  
19 committee I move that this code change be approved.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Is there a  
21 second?

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All in favor.

24 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Is there a

1 discussion? Do you want a discussion?

2 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: I'm sorry.

3 Did this go through the Finance Committee?

4 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: No.

5 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: You're  
6 changing this -- I'm sorry, Madam President. Anita Biggs,  
7 Past Department President. You're asking to have a line  
8 item that the funds can go into a unit bank account?

9 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: No.

10 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Well, it --  
11 there was a line item to go into the district, keep the  
12 funds from all other sources in that account and then the  
13 Department Treasurer and a rep or dep or an individual  
14 appointed by the district shall be included on the  
15 signatory on the account. Why -- are you trying to make  
16 this just one person being in charge of this account?

17 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: No. What we're trying to do  
18 is take out the Department Treasurer because she didn't  
19 feel that it was something that the -- she needed -- the  
20 Treasurer needed to make it -- because it's hard to get  
21 everybody together from different --

22 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Can I have the  
23 Treasurer speak on that? Because to me it -- this code,  
24 it appears that you're the allowing one person to be in  
25 charge of the donations. To me that's not acceptable in

1 my opinion.

2 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TOZIER: The reason why this  
3 code was originally placed in was to -- we had a  
4 representative years ago who died and she had a couple  
5 thousand dollars that belonged to the Department of  
6 California in her personal checking account. The family  
7 did not recognize this money belonged to the Auxiliary.  
8 And they were legally right because it was not separated.  
9 And it was to protect the Auxiliary's money should it -- a  
10 representative go out and earn donations from other  
11 people.

12 If you're raising money for benches or whatever,  
13 what facility you are, instead of going to your district  
14 and putting it in as a line item in their account, you're  
15 putting it in your personal bank account. You know, you  
16 may think your family will give it back to the Auxiliary,  
17 but they won't. They probably won't. So they don't need  
18 to be -- I don't know how you can get the Treasurer to  
19 meet with all those people to be on the signature on the  
20 account, but they're -- I just recommend that, you know,  
21 there's no way the Treasurer can travel 50 million places  
22 to sign on the account.

23 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Madam  
24 President, as it states here, it says they shall open a  
25 bank account or have a line item in a district account.

1 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TOZIER: Right.

2 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Or you can  
3 take out "shall open a bank account" and take out "or" and  
4 just have a line item in the District's account.

5 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TOZIER: I agree with that.  
6 That's how I do it.

7 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Okay. I move  
8 to amend this code to strike open a bank account or --  
9 "Representatives who receive donations directly from any  
10 source, other than Department allowance, have a line item  
11 in the District account and keep all funds from all  
12 sources in that account."

13 And I would still keep the Department Treasurer  
14 and rep or dep or an individual appointed by the District  
15 shall be included as a signatory on the account. This  
16 will give it -- Madam President, I move to amend. The  
17 rationale is it gives several options. You don't have to  
18 have the Department Treasurer. You can also have a  
19 district representative.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Did everyone  
21 understand the amendment?

22 DELEGATES: Yes.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All in --  
24 "Representatives who receive donations directly from any  
25 source, other than the Department allowance, have a line

1 item in the Unit/District account and keep all funds from  
2 all sources in that account. The Department Treasurer and  
3 a Representative or Deputy or an individual appointed by  
4 the District shall be included as a signatory on the  
5 account."

6 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: I'm sorry.  
7 Ma'am President did you say "unit"?

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: I might have.

9 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Okay. I did  
10 not state unit. Take out "unit."

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Just District, no  
12 unit. Are there any other questions? Yes, ma'am. She's  
13 giving you a microphone.

14 DISTRICT 5 DELEGATE DEMARTINI: Madam President,  
15 excuse the interruption, but I didn't hear "shall have a  
16 line item," and I think that that's kind of mandatory  
17 because --

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: We are taking  
19 that out.

20 DISTRICT 5 DELEGATE DEMARTINI: Yeah, you're  
21 taking out -- can you read the first part that you're  
22 taking out? Because --

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: "Representatives  
24 who receive donations directly from any source, other than  
25 Department allowance, shall have a line item." They took

1 out "shall open a bank account."

2 DISTRICT 5 DELEGATE DEMARTINI: "Shall have a  
3 line item." She read it that open an account or and then  
4 have a line item. She left out "shall have a line item."  
5 The first "shall" was left out of the reading when she  
6 read it.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: I think you're  
8 amending it. That's when they left it out. She left out  
9 "shall" in her amendment.

10 DISTRICT 5 DELEGATE DEMARTINI: I thought "shall"  
11 -- I thought -- the impression I received is shall be  
12 included because it doesn't give an option. It's just you  
13 shall have a line item.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Okay.

15 DISTRICT 5 DELEGATE DEMARTINI: Thank you.

16 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: You need to  
17 identify yourself.

18 DISTRICT 5 DELEGATE DEMARTINI: I'm sorry. I'm  
19 new at this. This is my first one. I have not yet  
20 received my charter which is why I drove five hours to be  
21 here. So excuse my ignorance or lack of protocol.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Okay. What's  
23 your name?

24 DISTRICT 5 DELEGATE DEMARTINI: I'm Deborah  
25 Demartini and I'm District 5's new Unit 28.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you.

2 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Madam

3 President, in the essence of grammar and clarification, I  
4 am changing my -- amend my motion to state:

5 "Representatives who receive donations directly from any  
6 source, other than Department allowance, shall have a line  
7 item in the District account and keep funds from all  
8 sources in that account." Continuing with, "The  
9 Department Treasurer and Representative or Deputy or an  
10 individual appointed by the District shall be included as  
11 a signatory on the account."

12 LEADERSHIP CHAIR FALKENBERG: Second.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All in favor.

14 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed.

16 (No response.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Motion carried.

18 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: Item No. 7(a) now reads:

19 "Representatives shall keep a record of receipts (to  
20 include source) and disbursements (to include amount and  
21 items purchased)."

22 The committee recommends that Item 7(a) add "by  
23 source" after "disbursements" to clarify how income and  
24 expenses are to be recorded and reported. It will be as  
25 follows: "Representatives shall keep a record of receipts

1 (to include source) and disbursements by source (to  
2 include amount and items purchased) (2023)."

3 Madam President --

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: You need to go by  
5 the direction.

6 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: Oh, I'm sorry. Madam  
7 President, by direction of the VA&R committee, I move that  
8 this code change be approved.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Is there's a  
10 question?

11 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Madam  
12 President, in the code right now, Code 7(a) there's more  
13 to 7(a) than just this one in my book. It states:  
14 "Representatives shall keep a record of receipts (to  
15 include" -- in parentheses -- "(to include source) and  
16 disbursements by check," and in parentheses, "(to include  
17 amount and items purchased). Representatives shall send  
18 copies of bank statements, record of receipts and  
19 disbursements to the Department Chairman semi-annually  
20 (December 1st and May 1st) who will review and forward to  
21 the Department Office." That's Code 7(a).

22 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: I left some out. I'm sorry.  
23 It was unintentional. It was an accident. So I think the  
24 only thing -- it would be all the same except for adding  
25 "by source" after disbursements.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: It should have  
2 been why is --

3 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Well, I wanted  
4 to know why was it was not in its entirety, but also I  
5 want to know why are you taking out disbursements by  
6 check. What do you mean "by source" when you're  
7 disbursing funds? It would be by check. I don't  
8 understand. I personally don't understand.

9 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: It was like with the -- I'm  
10 not leaving out the rest of it. That's a -- that's an  
11 error on my part not to get that in there. So the actual  
12 reading of it, what you read, that code, what you read is  
13 correct. We're just putting in "by source." If I  
14 remember right, that it's just to --

15 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Why are you  
16 removing checks?

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: She wants to know  
18 why you're removing checks and replacing it with source.

19 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: I don't -- this was again done  
20 at our luncheon and I can't -- I'm sorry, I don't remember  
21 why we put that in. There was nothing -- was there checks  
22 in there before?

23 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIR CANNON: Yes.

24 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: I completely didn't put that  
25 last part in.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: There is checks  
2 listed in the code, so that's what they're asking, why is  
3 it being taken out.

4 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: I think I'm going to change  
5 my --

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Just rescind it.

7 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: I'm just going to take this --  
8 take it back.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: You can take it  
10 back to committee and rescind it.

11 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: That was when the reps and  
12 deps meeting, and so I just missed these typos. So I'd  
13 like to just take that back and maybe next year they  
14 can --

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Okay. We can go  
16 to the next one.

17 Is there a hand? Yes, Kathie. I'm sorry.

18 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Kathie  
19 Martinez, Past Department President, Unit 46, District 24.  
20 Madam President to the Chair, we were discussing a code  
21 change that was amended. We voted on the amendment. Did  
22 we ever vote to accept the code change as amended? I did  
23 not hear. It was the first one we were talking about with  
24 the line items and the bank account. Did we ever --

25 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIR CANNON: Yes.

1 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: We did?

2 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIR CANNON: Yeah.

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: As amended  
4 and just -- thank you. Just a point of clarification.  
5 Trying to explain to new members what's going on.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yeah. Continue  
7 then, Linda.

8 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: Okay. Item No. 7(b) now  
9 reads: "Representatives who do not receive any monies  
10 from any source other than Department allowance will send  
11 a letter to the Department Treasurer and Department VA&R  
12 Chairman stating that no other funds are received and it  
13 is not cost effective for them open a bank account."

14 The committee recommends at 7(b) be deleted.  
15 With the changes to 7(a), 7(b) is no longer necessary. I  
16 think because of the error that I put -- that I made with  
17 7(a), that 7(a) and 7(b) should be readdressed at the next  
18 reps and depts.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: If we took 7(a)  
20 out and put in this particular recommendation, what do you  
21 wish to do with 7(b)?

22 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: I don't think we should  
23 address this because 7(a) is incorrect.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Okay. We can  
25 take it off the table.

1 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: Yeah.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Item 8.

3 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: Item No. 8 now reads:

4 "Applications for rehabilitation aid or casework from  
5 Hospital Representatives or Community Based Outpatient  
6 Clinics (CBOC) shall be completed and signed by the  
7 Hospital Representative/CBOC Deputy. Checks for Temporary  
8 Financial Assistance shall be made payable to the Medical  
9 Center Representative or the CBOC Deputy. Additional  
10 checks shall not be issued until receipts for previous  
11 expenditures have been received by the Department  
12 Chairman."

13 The committee recommends that "Medical Center  
14 Representatives or the" -- in parentheses, "Medical Center  
15 Representatives or the," be removed and replaced by the  
16 word "unit." TFA checks are currently made out to the  
17 unit or CBOC Deputy, whichever is making the request.

18 So it should now read: "Applications for  
19 rehabilitation aid (casework) from Hospital  
20 Representatives or Community Based Outpatient Clinics  
21 (CBOC) shall be completed and signed by the Hospital  
22 Representative/CBOC Deputy. Checks for Temporary  
23 Financial Assistance shall be made payable to the unit or  
24 CBOC Deputy. Additional checks shall not be issued until  
25 receipts for previous expenditures have been received by

1 the Department Chairman. (2023)."

2 Madam President, by direction of the VA&R  
3 Committee, I move that this code be changed, be approved.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: You have your  
5 hand up.

6 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Madam  
7 President, I would want to defer to medical -- the  
8 representative, the hospital reps, but my question is when  
9 a hospital representative is receiving applications for  
10 assistance, do you -- that's different from a unit  
11 requesting assistance for TFA. So am I correct they have  
12 a social worker, if my memory from being Department  
13 President, they're a social worker and all that are  
14 involved and the hospital rep who's making the application  
15 is the one who is going to be helping that patient. Why  
16 would it go through the unit is my question. That's for  
17 the committee that wants to change this from -- okay. Let  
18 Susie -- I need one rep, anybody to tell us.

19 DISTRICT 25 SECOND VICE PRESIDENT BELL: Madam  
20 President to the Chairwoman, please. Tami Bell, past Long  
21 Beach Deputy and Unit 835 President, District 25. I have  
22 done, as many of you know, many, many, many TFAs and  
23 Financial Assistance. And this last year with the change  
24 we did a TFA. And I was VA&R Chairman and at the  
25 direction of whomever, the check went to our unit and the

1 unit finance officer that was distributing the funds to  
2 the veteran messed it all up.

3 So my recommendation is that it only goes through  
4 the Unit VA&R Chairman through the CBOC and the deputy.  
5 That is my reasoning, Madam Chairman.

6 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TOZIER: That was a  
7 different instance. That was submitted by the -- oh,  
8 Susie Tozier, District 22, Madam President. May I speak?

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes, you may.

10 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TOZIER: Okay. That was a  
11 different -- that's a unit issue internal to the unit.  
12 That -- what we're talking about right now is when the  
13 social worker at the hospital approaches the hospital rep  
14 and they've done all their homework and you want to help  
15 somebody and everything, the rep should be able to  
16 disburse the funds.

17 And part of the problem, the reason why we have  
18 the units under the regular TFAs is it has the appearance  
19 tax-wise that this is income that person is receiving, and  
20 so there was questions that we need to give them a 1099 to  
21 keep it clean and simple.

22 The units get it, they disburse. They're  
23 responsible to work with their VA&R Chairman. If they're  
24 not, that's an internal problem the unit needs to fix.  
25 But it's up to the -- it does not appear tax-wise that

1 this is income for the unit, that they're going to get  
2 taxed. Me, I would get a 1099 because it's been  
3 questioned even by an auditor. We had to prove what this  
4 was for, okay, so that is why the unit -- for when the  
5 unit submits one, the hospital rep is okay because they're  
6 representing the hospital. You cannot send the money to  
7 the VA hospital because maybe in 20 years you'll get it  
8 out because they have all these hoops to go through and we  
9 can get things cheaper. I hope that answers the question.

10 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Madeline wants  
11 to say something.

12 ADVISORY COMMITTEE LEE: The two different types  
13 of applications, one is for the hospital and the other one  
14 is filled out by the unit which makes a difference in  
15 terms of how it's submitted. Does that clarify it?

16 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Yes.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: The committee  
18 recommends that Medical Center Representatives or the --  
19 excuse me. No. 8: "Applications for rehabilitation aid  
20 (casework) from Hospital Representatives or" --

21 "Applications for rehabilitation aid (casework)  
22 from Hospital Representatives or Community Based  
23 Outpatient Clinics should be completed and signed by the  
24 hospital representative. Checks for Temporary Financial  
25 Assistance shall be made payable to the Unit or CBOC

1 Deputy. Additional checks shall not be issued until  
2 receipts for previous expenditures have been received by  
3 the Department Chairman."

4 I'm ready for the question. All in favor.

5 DELEGATES: Aye.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed.

7 DELEGATES: No.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Ayes have it.

9 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: Okay. This is Medical Center  
10 Gift Shops/Patient Remembrance. Item No. 3(b) now reads:  
11 "Any welfare funds remaining may be used under the  
12 supervision of the Hospital Representative using criteria  
13 in Code #8 under Medical Center Representatives. A report  
14 of all remaining funds deposited as outlined in Code #8  
15 shall be reported to the Department Chairman and the  
16 Department Office at the close of Gift Shop/Patient  
17 Remembrance."

18 Since Item No. 8 in Medical Center  
19 Representatives has now been deleted, the Committee  
20 recommends that Item 3(b) be deleted.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Are there any  
22 questions?

23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All in favor say  
25 aye.

1 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed.

3 (No response.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Motion carried.

5 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: Medical Center Projects.

6 There is a housekeeping change in Items No. 2 and 3 that  
7 do not require member approval. And Service Veterans Code  
8 there is a housekeeping change in Item No. 2 that does not  
9 require member approval.

10 The committee suggests that Code No. 3 under  
11 Medical Center Representatives be addressed at the next  
12 reps and depts luncheon. A motion was made and seconded to  
13 accept the VA&R code as presented and the motion was  
14 approved.

15 Madam President, may I continue onto my  
16 narrative?

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes.

18 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: Good afternoon. We are an  
19 awesome Auxiliary. I urge you to check the Book of  
20 Reports to see just how awesome we have been. I want to  
21 tell you about some of the exceptional things that were  
22 reported. Before I start though, I want you to know that  
23 this is just a small example of what has been done.

24 Unit 348, District 20 adopted a 99-year-old World  
25 War II veteran when he was installed into the post on

1 August 21st. Soon after, a text message was received that  
2 his caregiver left him alone. This wheelchair-bound  
3 veteran was unfed and unable to take care of his needs. A  
4 member brought him food and helped him with his needs and  
5 put him to bed.

6 Marcy Velador stepped up and volunteered to help  
7 with his caregiving and often gave his caregiver a break.  
8 She took him to Coffee4Vets every Tuesday morning. She  
9 took him to local events and even to dinner at a favorite  
10 restaurant where he and his deceased wife often dined.

11 The veteran Lou turned 100 years old on October  
12 30th. She and his caregiver planned and organized a huge  
13 birthday bash. Lou informed them that he had a bucket  
14 list that included receiving 100 birthday day cards, and  
15 he received over 400, a motorcycle escort to escort him in  
16 a classic 1940s convertible car, hula dancers, mariachis,  
17 folkloric dancers, and a billboard featuring his turning  
18 100th birthday. Marcy and his caregiver got it all for  
19 him.

20 Can you believe Marcy was able to get a billboard  
21 featuring Lou?

22 Sadly six weeks after his birthday he passed  
23 away. Marcy helped organize his memorial service. She  
24 and another member eulogized him. And now Marcy and  
25 another member, Laura Collins, are currently helping with

1 the care of another World War II veteran who is 98 years  
2 old and has dementia.

3 Unit 26, District 15 has a member who has  
4 provided numerous hours helping an elderly veteran  
5 offering care and supplies as needed. They also helped a  
6 Marine veteran approaching death. The unit provided  
7 hands-on care for several hours along with outreach to the  
8 local veteran community to verify that last needs were  
9 met. They interacted with family and the member to  
10 discuss the importance of the little things she wanted to  
11 be honored in death as well as her life's work.

12 The unit is currently working with another  
13 at-risk female veteran who was homeless but recently  
14 housed.

15 One unit in District 16 helped fix up a veteran's  
16 home for him and his family. Another unit helped a  
17 handicapped veteran who had severe water damage to his  
18 mobile home by replacing his subfloor and covering it with  
19 flooring that allowed him to maneuver through his home.  
20 And another unit helped a veteran with providing gift  
21 cards for food and gas and paid his rent to save him from  
22 eviction.

23 Unit 302 in District 17 searched along freeways,  
24 under bridges, in parks and parking lots, in the hills and  
25 along skid row to find homeless veterans. These members

1 spend their Christmas and New Year's holidays looking for  
2 homeless veterans to make sure that the ones they know are  
3 safe and warm and take them food and water.

4 This unit is also working with several deported  
5 honoring discharged veterans to bring them home to their  
6 families. Four units in the Department of California  
7 requested Temporary Financial Assistance for veterans who  
8 were behind in rent and on the verge of being evicted.

9 One of these veterans was receiving chemo  
10 treatments while facing eviction. Their utilities, phone  
11 bills, and car payments were also past due. Money was  
12 collected to send boxes to active duty military personnel  
13 and provided backpacks and school supplies to active duty  
14 families. Money was sent for food to the Travis Air Force  
15 pantry and they donated money to Travis Air Force Base USO  
16 and Fisher House.

17 A unit in District 16 has an annual special  
18 project that involves collecting new and used baby clothes  
19 for Point Mugu Naval Base. They also collected fleece  
20 blankets, towels, wash cloths, diaper rash cream, bibs,  
21 bottles, diapers, outfits, handmade baby afghans and much  
22 more.

23 A unit in District 18 donated food and hygiene  
24 supplies to Ontario USO and also donated playground  
25 equipment for use in Fort Irwin Army Base schools.

1                   Unit 377 in District 20 has a junior member who  
2                   organized a Jot a Note program through Operation  
3                   Gratitude. She asked members of each unit to write notes  
4                   to active duty military to say thank you for what they do.  
5                   The notes were then put in boxes and shipped to deployed  
6                   soldiers. She provided blankets, note cards, pencils,  
7                   pens, markers and examples of what to write and a  
8                   decorated box to put the notes in for collection.

9                   Unit 26, District 15 members welcomed  
10                  approximately 200 World War II and Vietnam veterans home  
11                  from Washington D.C. upon their return from Honor Flight  
12                  trips. The veterans were welcomed home by Auxiliary  
13                  members, Little Miss Poppy and Boy Scouts with signs of  
14                  gratitude and handmade blankets of love.

15                  Unit 302, District 17 connected with a mental  
16                  health program called Women Vets on Point created by Women  
17                  Vets For Women Vets. They connected with this program to  
18                  help them with their needs such as housing, childcare,  
19                  employment services, jobs, and PTSD counseling. Sometimes  
20                  the women veterans feel stuck and unable to move forward.  
21                  They just need -- they need to just take a moment, take a  
22                  breath, and continue on their journey. There are two life  
23                  coaches who are providing guides and a strategic plan to  
24                  help these women get back on track.

25                  Unit 252 of District 23 hosted the first

1 Juneteenth celebration held at the West Los Angeles VA  
2 campus. They provided membership information, supportive  
3 literature, and assisted with all the events of the day.  
4 The VA requested that the unit assist with providing  
5 ethnic hygiene items for many of the patients. They  
6 collected shampoo, conditioners, combs and hard-to-find  
7 brushes.

8 One unit in District 25 held a funeral for a  
9 disabled service dog for a post member.

10 Before I finish this very last bit, may I ask  
11 that the Reps and Deps that are here this afternoon to  
12 please meet behind Linda Workman at the back.

13 DISTINGUISHED GUEST WORKMAN: Line them up,  
14 girlfriends.

15 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: So in closing, I sincerely  
16 thank Madam President Gloria for assigning this very  
17 important program to me. I have learned so much and know  
18 how -- and I know there was so much more to learn. Let's  
19 pray that the VA medical facilities and Cal Vet Homes can  
20 soon open back up so our reps and deps can get back to  
21 doing their important duties.

22 Madam President, this concludes my report. May I  
23 hand out the first place awards?

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes, you may.

25 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: I have a certificate of

1 recognition to Linda Fercho, District 16, first place for  
2 Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation '22-'23 supplemental  
3 report.

4 (Applause.)

5 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: I'm not going to try to  
6 pronounce her name. We know her by Rodi. Unit 302 is  
7 awarded the first place for Veteran Affairs &  
8 Rehabilitation 2022-2023 supplemental report.

9 (Applause.)

10 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: And, Madam President, may I  
11 ask your permission to introduce our hardworking reps and  
12 depts to our membership.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes.

14 (Processional.)

15 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: Okay. Who -- today we have  
16 with us from Loma Linda VA and Healthcare System Sandy  
17 Kurkoske.

18 (Applause.)

19 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: And we have from the Long  
20 Beach VA Medical Center Pat Alvarez.

21 (Applause.)

22 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: Is Becky Bullard here? Okay.  
23 Becky Bullard, Debbie Butler. Cynthia Mayfield had to  
24 leave for Girls State. Let's see. We have from Mather VA  
25 Medical Center Suzanne Winters.

1 (Applause.)

2 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: From the Palo Alto VA Medical  
3 Center hardworking, wonderful representative Connie Raya.

4 (Applause.)

5 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: And we have also from Palo  
6 Alto VA Medical Center Deputy Joyce Henderson-McLeod.

7 (Applause.)

8 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: And from the Livermore VA  
9 Medical Center Grace Huston.

10 (Applause.)

11 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: From the San Diego VA Medical  
12 Center Representative Susie Tozier.

13 (Applause.)

14 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: And also from the VA Medical  
15 Center San Diego Deputy Donna Smith.

16 (Applause.)

17 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: And then from Cal Vet Homes we  
18 have from Fresno Cal Vet home Gloria Jean Sinopoli.

19 (Applause.)

20 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: And I am here from Lancaster  
21 VA Home.

22 (Applause.)

23 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: And then we have from the  
24 Ventura Cal Vet Home Madeline Lee.

25 (Applause.)

1 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: And from West LA Cal Vet Home  
2 Deloris Artis.

3 (Applause.)

4 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: Is there anybody here that I  
5 didn't call your name? Lois. Lois is from the WAVE San  
6 Diego Poppy Production Manager.

7 (Applause.)

8 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: And she's also Chula Vista Cal  
9 Vet Home Representative. Yeah, I only call the ones that  
10 are here. Thank you.

11 HOSPITAL REP KURKOSKE: Okay. I have a  
12 presentation for Linda from all the reps and deps for a  
13 job well done.

14 (Applause.)

15 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: Beautiful flowers. Thank you.  
16 Thank you, guys. That is the sweetest.

17 (Processional.)

18 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: Those who are not here are  
19 Fresno Cindy Oliphant and Deputy Sandra Dowell. Loma  
20 Linda Healthcare System Deputy Leslie Vondra. Long Beach  
21 VA Medical Center the Villages at Cabrillo CBOC Jean  
22 Cooley-Desmuelles. Los Angeles VA Medical Center  
23 Representative Ellah Wallace. LA VA OPC Patricia  
24 Jackson-Kelley. West LA Ambulatory Care Center Deputy  
25 Diana Williams. East Los Angeles CBOC Pam Hicks.

1 Bakersfield POP -- CBOC Barbara Goodlow. Santa Maria COBC  
2 Loretta Lynch -- Marsh. And Fairfield Outpatient Clinic  
3 Deputy Kelly Germeraad.

4 Palo Alto VA Medical Center also not here is  
5 Deputy Arlene Muller. San Diego VA Medical Center Irma  
6 Mathai. VA Sierra Pacific Lorraine Sullivan. Barstow  
7 Angela Acosta and Deputy Judy Samples.

8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Can somebody  
9 please turn off that music, please? Thank you. She's  
10 giving her report.

11 VA&R CHAIR HAYES: Madam President, that  
12 concludes everything I have.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you. Thank  
14 you, Linda.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Can we have  
17 Leadership Robin Falkenberg. Go get them, Robin.

18 LEADERSHIP CHAIR FALKENBERG: No grass grows  
19 under this tree.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: If there are any  
21 chairmen in the house, after the close of this meeting if  
22 you're a chairman, come to the stage and meet with some of  
23 the Pages. We have something for you. You understand?  
24 Only the chairmen. Did you hear me? If you are a  
25 chairman, after the close of this meeting, come to the

1 stage on this side.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Chairman of what?

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Chairman of  
4 anything. Any chairman that I have appointed.

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6 LEADERSHIP CONVENTION REPORT

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8 LEADERSHIP CHAIR FALKENBERG: All right. I'm  
9 going to go ahead and start. The statistical report for  
10 the Leadership program can be found on page 29 of the Book  
11 of Reports. The preconvention committee for the  
12 Leadership program met in the Birch Room on Thursday, June  
13 22nd, 2023. The committee agreed upon the following  
14 report. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. in  
15 the Birch Room of the Wyndham Hotel in Visalia,  
16 California.

17 Joan Cannon -- sorry, Joan -- District 11 was  
18 appointed secretary. Dee Ann Graham, District 15 was  
19 appointed Chaplain, and Donna Mattox -- that's not easy to  
20 say. Donna Mattox, District 25 was appointed  
21 Sergeant-at-Arms. Roll call showed 17 district  
22 representatives in attendance and five guests.

23 The code was read and the committee agreed upon  
24 the following report. There's two housekeeping and one  
25 addition to the code to add. The first housekeeping is

1 No. 6(c) after the words "need to provide" insert the word  
2 "the." Simple spell check got me.

3 Next housekeeping. No. 7 after "Department  
4 Chairman" insert the word "to."

5 The code that is requested by direction of the  
6 committee reads as follows. It will be code 17: "The  
7 corsage and Past President Parley luncheon ticket for the  
8 Auxiliary Member of the Year who attends the luncheon will  
9 be paid out of the Convention Expenses."

10 By order or direction of the committee, I move to  
11 accept this change.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Are there any  
13 questions?

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Are there any  
16 questions?

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All in favor.

19 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed.

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Motion carried.

23 LEADERSHIP CHAIR FALKENBERG: Thank you. Further  
24 discussion regarding code 5, the last sentence reads: "A  
25 copy of the Auxiliary history should be provided to each

1 member in attendance." That's referring to Leadership  
2 trainings. The recommendation is that members visit ALA  
3 Academy on the National ALA website for this information.  
4 It will save time money and trees.

5 Second place supplemental awards for districts  
6 and units and 100 percent reporting were handed out to  
7 District 6, 10, 12, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 28 at the  
8 meeting.

9 May I continue with my supplemental, Madam  
10 President?

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes, you may.

12 LEADERSHIP CHAIR FALKENBERG: Thank you. The  
13 Department of California has been very busy this year.  
14 Many members participated in various activities to promote  
15 our organization, to support members, both new and those  
16 of us who have been around for a while, as well as learn a  
17 new thing or two.

18 Of the 30 districts in California, 21 submitted  
19 year-end reports. Those that took the time to write a  
20 supplemental, thank you. I appreciate you taking the time  
21 to paint a picture of what your district has been doing  
22 throughout the year.

23 This Chairman started out the year in Clovis with  
24 hopeful aspirations and expectations for the coming year.  
25 Boarding the Friendship Train sounded exciting and was a

1 wonderful way to see the state.

2 After the Northern and Southern Workshops, this  
3 Chairman headed up north to District 4. Thank you, Nancy  
4 Brown, and all your members from the north for a wonderful  
5 day. I was honored to meet you all and personally I had a  
6 lot of fun. The holidays were upon us and before you knew  
7 it, it was time for DEC. This provided the opportunity  
8 for members to get together and share what they have done  
9 thus far.

10 The next stop on the Leadership train was in the  
11 south. Bakersfield to be exact. Thank you Dee Ann, Zana,  
12 and all the ladies of Districts 14 and 15 -- wherever you  
13 are, ladies. District 11, you joined us -- who came out  
14 to spend the day with us. Thank you also, Susan Baker,  
15 Department Children and Youth Chairman, for making the  
16 trip with me. It's always more fun to have a travel  
17 partner.

18 We were able to hit on topics at both workshops  
19 that made the most impact for the specific members. They  
20 knew what they needed and wanted more than I did. I was  
21 more than happy to facilitate their adventure.

22 Heading home to my home station, District 28  
23 requested an end-of-year and supplemental writing  
24 workshop. Thank you, ladies, from the Tremendous 28. A  
25 good time was had by all.

1           The Leadership training has come to an end of its  
2           journey. Thank you, Madam President, for this  
3           appointment. It has been an honor to serve our great  
4           Department. May I continue with my first place awards,  
5           please?

6           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes, you may.

7           LEADERSHIP CHAIR FALKENBERG: Thank you.  
8           Leadership best district supplemental, first place  
9           District 29 Cynthia. And I'm not sure how to pronounce  
10          it.

11          (Applause.)

12          LEADERSHIP CHAIR FALKENBERG: Best unit  
13          supplemental, the first place District 16, Unit 741 Linda  
14          Fercho, Chair. And it was sent on to National.

15          (Applause.)

16          LEADERSHIP CHAIR FALKENBERG: That concludes my  
17          report, Madam President.

18          DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you very  
19          much.

20          Oh, Ms. Linda Workman, Distinguished Guest, my  
21          concierge.

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23                   DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN CONVENTION REPORT

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25                   DISTINGUISHED GUEST WORKMAN: Hi, guys. Madam

1       President, well, I'm back. Whoops.

2               Hello, Madam President. Well, I'm back. And  
3       although I was not able to be your social secretary,  
4       better known as Distinguished Guest Chairman, for your  
5       mid-year meeting, I want to thank Linda Fercho. Where are  
6       you? Thank you very much. For stepping up and  
7       entertaining our Western Division Vice President Eva in my  
8       absence.

9               It was an honor to walk you down the center aisle  
10       as a newly elected Department President, and this little  
11       engine that could, or at least tried, was so happy to do  
12       so.

13               We had many fun times together driving, eating; I  
14       like that part the best. And even though most of our  
15       adventures took place in the pouring rain. Our National  
16       President Vickie spent a week wondering how in the heck  
17       people could drive in California. And I let her know that  
18       as long as we were moving, we weren't in a traffic jam.

19               I did have to dust off my heels and hats to make  
20       this come back, and I hope that I have done you proud. A  
21       big thank you to the Convention Committee. You are always  
22       so helpful in assisting this Chairman and your team has  
23       been absolutely fabulous. Thank you.

24               I look forward to the banquet this evening and  
25       hope to see all of you there. Well, that kind of

1 concludes my report, but here goes my thoughts to ponder.

2 So a man and a woman got on a train and went to  
3 their assigned stateroom. Now this man and woman were not  
4 married to each other, and to their astonishment, they  
5 were assigned to the same stateroom.

6 They told the porter about this mishap and were  
7 informed that there were no other staterooms available.  
8 Well, they thought it's just for one night and there are  
9 bunkbeds, so we will make it work. So the gentleman takes  
10 the top bunk and the lady takes the lower bunk and they  
11 bed down for the night.

12 A little time passes and the man says to the  
13 lady: Excuse me, but I'm really cold. Could you get me a  
14 blanket?

15 The lady says: Well, seeings how we're only here  
16 for one night, how about we act like we're married?

17 The man perks all up and he says: Well, that's  
18 sound great.

19 So he starts to get down from the bunk, and she  
20 says: Get your own damn blanket.

21 (Applause.)

22 DISTINGUISHED GUEST WORKMAN: Madam President,  
23 this concludes my platform remarks.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you very  
25 much, Linda.

1                   Convention Committee, we'll hear from them.  
2                   Convention Commission. Then we're going to recess.

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4                   CONVENTION COMMISSION CONVENTION REPORT

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6                   CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIR BIGGS: I have no  
7                   jokes. Nothing funny about Convention Commission.

8                   Madam President, the Auxiliary Convention  
9                   Commission -- oh, and let me add my wonderful committee  
10                  who we never meet together, Linda Fercho and Gloria  
11                  Sinopoli. But I talk to them often, so I keep them  
12                  informed a little bit here. Not a lot of change because  
13                  it's in the same location, but they know what's going on.  
14                  Gloria and I have been in a lot of meetings together.

15                  So the Auxiliary Convention Commission met with  
16                  the American Legion Convention Committee on May 3rd, 2023  
17                  to discuss the decision of the upcoming convention  
18                  locations by their Department Executive Committee. After  
19                  comparing other potential convention sites, the American  
20                  Legion three-year contract has been extended to 2024, '25,  
21                  and '26 conventions all here in the city of Visalia.

22                  (Applause.)

23                  DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: That's not a  
24                  joke. I have the official dates. The official dates are  
25                  on the last week in June. June 26th through 30, 2024.

1 June 25 through 29, 2025. And June 24 through 28, 2026.

2 At this time the Auxiliary's preferred housing  
3 location and our convention will be held where we are  
4 right here in the Wyndham Hotel Visalia. There has been  
5 discussion about another room. We will -- if we learn it,  
6 we will tell you about it.

7 But right now the Wyndham is well equipped to  
8 handle the entire Auxiliary. The room rates for the next  
9 three years will remain affordable with a small increase  
10 from 119 per night to \$125 per night for 2024 through  
11 2026.

12 The Wyndham offers free parking, while parking is  
13 charged daily at the Marriott. So we do get a little bit  
14 of break monetarily.

15 As a reminder, there are additional affordable  
16 hotels approximately three miles away. The convention  
17 center where the American Legion and the Sons of the  
18 American Legion are meeting is located approximately six  
19 miles from the Wyndham.

20 The Marriott Hotel is The Legion's preferred  
21 housing that is attached to the Convention Center. The  
22 Sons of the American Legion are housed at the Comfort Inn  
23 & Suites which is across the street from the Convention  
24 Center.

25 Our 2019 convention delegation voted to hold our

1 convention exclusively to the Wyndham and not have  
2 meetings at the Visalia Convention Center due to the  
3 difficulty of traveling back and forth to the location.  
4 If we stayed here in the Wyndham as well, they can  
5 accommodate us for preconvention committee meetings. So,  
6 you know, for those of you who don't know, there's a rhyme  
7 and a reason as to why we're here.

8           The last two years we searched several cities and  
9 I personally searched several cities myself to present to  
10 the committee: Ontario, Long Beach, San Diego, and Los  
11 Angeles for the three-year block for 2024 through 2026.  
12 Each and every one of these locations, convention centers,  
13 and room rates are extremely expensive with additional  
14 charges for daily parking and not cost effective at this  
15 time.

16           We still are looking and searching for affordable  
17 locations for conventions as well as The American Legion.

18           Gloria and Linda, do you have any words you would  
19 like to add?

20           CONVENTION COMMISSION ONE YEAR SINOPOLI: No, you  
21 did them all. You're doing great.

22           DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: I do love my  
23 committee. We did come here to the -- I met with the  
24 Convention Committee April, was that 9th or 10th? It was  
25 right after Easter. We did come here to the location to

1 try to ensure a better stay, you know, them to do more  
2 things that weren't done last year. They're trying. But  
3 if there are any problems that you're having, please let  
4 me or one of our committee members know. We can try to  
5 make things as comfortable for you and praying that you  
6 continue to come each year while we are still here. We do  
7 need to convene and we do need to meet.

8 So, Madam President, that concludes my report.

9 (Applause.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you. We  
11 will reconvene tomorrow morning at 8:30. We have a lot to  
12 do. Reconvene tomorrow at 8:30 a.m. We're in recess now.

13 Oh, hold on just a minute. We have whistles.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: First and foremost,  
15 somebody lost a poppy badge. If you found -- or if it's  
16 yours, come see me.

17 I've had multiple people ask about --

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Hold on just a  
19 moment. I would like for the flag bearers to line up  
20 because we have to retrieve the flags. If you can be  
21 lining up.

22 Go ahead, Liz.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: We've had several  
24 people ask about banquet tickets. Please see Sharon Moore  
25 at the close of session today. She will be at the table

1 where the court reporter currently is.

2 Hila Estrada lost a poppy earring if anybody  
3 found it.

4 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS MEYI: It's back there.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: See Phyllis.

6 Reminder that all the Department Chairmen, please  
7 come up this way so you can see Gloria. She has a gift  
8 for you guys. Never mind. Go see Phyllis. She's got  
9 them.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Go see Phyllis.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Wait a minute,  
12 everybody. So we've been called on our 50/50 raffle. As  
13 you know, we're technically not supposed to have them  
14 because of the IRS. If you want your money back from your  
15 50/50 tickets, please see Mahala Beery. If you don't take  
16 your money back, it's going to be considered a donation to  
17 the Department to Gloria's Special Project.

18 And on that note, this morning the donations that  
19 you guys did in the bag this morning, we raised \$700. So  
20 thank you.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Joan's Sunflowers,  
24 please meet in the cafeteria -- or the cafe after session  
25 today. And then Sharon Mordetzky, please see me. You're

1 not in trouble.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you, Liz.  
3 Our flag bearers. Flag bearers, are you ready? Are you  
4 ready, flag bearers?

5 (Processional.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: The meeting will  
7 reconvene at 8:30 a.m.

8 (The American Legion Auxiliary Convention  
9 was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.)

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2 COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN ) 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 103rd Annual  
9 Convention was taken Saturday, June 24, 2023, 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 103rd 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 103rd 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 12th day of July, 2023, at Ripon,  
23 California.

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25 Karen A. Aufdermaur, CSR No. 10919