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CALL TO ORDER

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: This meeting is about to reconvene. Invocation will be given by our Chaplain Grace Huston.

INVOCATION

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HUSTON: Okay. It's got a blinking red light. Does that mean battery? Okay. Okay. Can you hear me now?

Dear Heavenly Father, as we meet on this final day of convention, we give thanks for this opportunity to continue our work again to fulfill our obligations to you and your country. Working together we can better serve our veterans, our military, and all their families that have given so much. Amen.

DELEGATES: Amen.

DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HUSTON: I'd just also like

1 to add that we just got word this morning that a
2 98-year-old Veteran Frank Lushan passed this morning. We
3 got this information from Unit 130. He was a Normandy
4 survivor and one of his two purple hearts was awarded to
5 him by General Patton.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you. Good
7 morning, everyone.

8 Liz, can we have the roll call?

9 Distinguished Guest Chairman, she's going to be
10 presenting us with a special distinguished guest at this
11 time. Would you come forward with your guest.

12 (Processional.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: This is our
14 newly-elected Commander of the 15th District.

15 (Applause.)

16 LEGION DISTRICT 15 COMMANDER WENZINGER: Hi.
17 Good morning.

18 DELEGATES: Good morning.

19 LEGION DISTRICT 15 COMMANDER WENZINGER: Well, we
20 can do a little bit better than that, Auxiliary.

21 DELEGATES: Good morning.

22 LEGION DISTRICT 15 COMMANDER WENZINGER: All
23 right. Let me tell you I love you guys. So just a real
24 quick vote.

25 Zana, if you can keep track of this for me,

1 please.

2 You met my brother the other day. Who's more
3 handsome, him or me?

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: You.

5 LEGION DISTRICT 15 COMMANDER WENZINGER: Okay.
6 That's just kind of a running joke. For those of you who
7 don't know me, my name is Chris Wenzinger. I'm the
8 incoming District Commander for the 15th District for the
9 Department of California.

10 I want to first apologize for not coming out here
11 sooner and welcoming you to my city, to welcome to the
12 city of Visalia. I hoped you enjoyed your stay.

13 (Applause.)

14 LEGION DISTRICT 15 COMMANDER WENZINGER: If we
15 are here again next year, I hope, if nothing changes, I
16 will be out here sooner to welcome you. But I wanted to
17 share a quick message and a thank you, a very big thank
18 you to Zana and the 15th District officers that over this
19 past year have spent time with me and discussed with me
20 and explained things about the Auxiliary that I did not
21 know. So thank you very much, Madam President.

22 (Applause.)

23 LEGION DISTRICT 15 COMMANDER WENZINGER: So to
24 me, what's very important is long-lasting relationships
25 and communication. That's how we're successful. And

1 together we're doing the same thing. We're taking care of
2 veterans, the families of veterans, and we're making
3 things better for the future.

4 And so there's a message that I am going to give
5 on July 22nd at the installation of officers' dinner here
6 in Visalia at our Memorial Building, but I'm going to give
7 it to you all right now, the very short version because I
8 know you have a lot of business to handle.

9 Here's my message. As long as I am the 15th
10 District Commander, the Auxiliary will be invited in for
11 opening and closing ceremonies and having a social every
12 meeting. We will continue to work together to support --
13 The Legion will support the Auxiliary.

14 And at the post level, so I am Vice Commander of
15 Post 18 and I can speak for my Post Commander, we will do
16 the same. We appreciate you and we love you and we thank
17 you for everything that you do to help us and support us.

18 So again, welcome to the City of Visalia, County
19 of Tulare, the 15th District. We love you. And let me
20 tell you, you guys are a much better looking crowd than
21 what I am about to go back to. I would rather hang out
22 with you, but I really need to get back.

23 And, Madam President, I want to thank you for
24 allowing me to interrupt your meeting.

25 (Applause.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: On behalf of me
2 and our Department, I would like to give you our
3 President's pin. This year's theme is Friendship Train -
4 Serving Veterans.

5 LEGION DISTRICT 15 COMMANDER WENZINGER: Thank you
6 very much.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Wear it proudly.
8 And another hug.

9 LEGION DISTRICT 15 COMMANDER WENZINGER: By the
10 way, I was a little worried whether I was going to be
11 taken to the train station.

12 (Processional.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Linda, get away
14 from my man.

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16 ROLL CALL

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18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I get to do roll
19 call from here because we're down to one mic. So
20 Department President Gloria Williams.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Here.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Vice President
23 Glenda Schultz.

24 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Here.

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Secretary Elizabeth

1 Doidge. I am here.
2 Treasurer Susie Tozier.
3 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TOZIER: I'm here.
4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: NEC Person Joan
5 Cannon.
6 NEC CANNON: Present.
7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Alternate NEC
8 Person Kathie Martinez?
9 ALTERNATE NEC MARTINEZ: Good morning.
10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
11 Chaplain Grace Huston.
12 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HUSTON: Amen.
13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Historian Valerie
14 Hill.
15 DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN HILL: Good morning, Liz.
16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
17 Parliamentarian Anita Biggs.
18 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Good morning,
19 Liz.
20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
21 Sergeant-at-Arms Phyllis Meyi.
22 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS MEYI: I'm here, Liz.
23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Assistant
24 Sergeant-at-Arms Alberta Cummings.
25 ASSISTANT SERGEANT-AT-ARMS CUMMINGS: Right here.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Finance Committee
2 Linda Workman.
3 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: Present.
4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Katherine Tellyer.
5 FINANCE COMMITTEE SR. MEMBER TELLYER: Yes.
6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: And Teresa
7 Lugo-Nunez.
8 FINANCE COMMITTEE JR. MEMBER LUGO-NUNEZ:
9 Present.
10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Advisory Committee
11 Diane DeLashmit.
12 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIR DeLASHMIT: Present.
13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Ruby Kapsalis is
14 excused. And Madeline Lee.
15 ADVISORY COMMITTEE LEE: Here.
16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Americanism Suzanne
17 Winters.
18 AMERICANISM CHAIR WINTERS: Praying and getting
19 ready to go home.
20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Auxiliary Emergency
21 Fund Marion Rocha-Carlos.
22 AEF CHAIR ROCHA-CARLOS: Good morning.
23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
24 Children and Youth Susan Baker.
25 CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHAIR BAKER: Present.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Community Service
2 Sharon Moore.

3 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIR MOORE: Good morning,
4 Liz.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
6 Constitution & Bylaws Glenda Schultz.

7 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: Here.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Convention Chairman
9 Deborah Hurado.

10 CONVENTION CHAIR HURADO: Here.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Gloria Sinopoli.
12 CONVENTION CO-CHAIR SINOPOLI: Present.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Convention
14 Commission Anita Biggs.

15 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIR BIGGS: I'm still
16 here.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Convention
18 Commission Two Year Linda Fercho.

19 CONVENTION COMMISSION TWO YEAR FERCHO: Here.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Convention
21 Commission One Year Gloria Sinopoli.

22 CONVENTION COMMISSION ONE YEAR SINOPOLI:
23 Present.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Credentials
25 Patricia Galatioto. I saw her this morning. She's here.

1 Distinguished Guest Workman.

2 DISTINGUISHED GUEST WORKMAN: Still here.

3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Editor Nancy
4 Heinisch. Education Tracy Varnell-Fercho.

5 EDUCATION CHAIR VARNELL-FERCHO: Good morning.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Elections Rebecca
7 Glenny.

8 ELECTIONS CHAIR GLENNY: Present.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I'm going to bypass
10 Girls State because they're all on their way to Girls
11 State.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, I'm not. I'm from
13 Girls State and I'm here.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Let me fix my
15 minutes. Or not my minutes, my roll call.

16 Junior Activities Chair Jackie Cleveland.

17 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR CLEVELAND: Present.

18 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Jackie?

19 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIR CLEVELAND: Here.

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

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

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

1 Junior Conference Lele Dooley. Junior Conference Nurse
2 Ann Sanchez.

3 JUNIOR CONFERENCE NURSE SANCHEZ: Here.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Leadership Robin
5 Falkenberg.

6 LEADERSHIP FALKENBERG: Leadership cart fell off
7 the track. Woo-woo.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Legislative Dee Ann
9 Graham.

10 LEGISLATIVE CHAIR GRAHAM: Here.

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

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

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

18 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AREA TWO HARVEY: Good
19 morning, Liz.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
21 Membership Support Area Three Marcia Munroe.

22 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AREA THREE MUNROE: Present.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Membership Support
24 Area Four Diana Livas. Membership Support Area Five Donna
25 Mattox.

1 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AREA FIVE MATTOX: Good
2 morning.
3 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
4 Membership Support Area Six Patricia Martinez.
5 MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT AREA 6 MARTINEZ: Here.
6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Music Yve
7 Evans-Hanna.
8 MUSIC CHAIR EVANS-HANNA: Good morning.
9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
10 National Security Joyce Henderson-McLeod.
11 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIR HENDERSON-McLEOD: Good
12 morning, Liz.
13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning. PPP
14 Joan Cannon.
15 PPP CHAIR CANNON: Present.
16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Poppy Martha
17 Romano.
18 POPPY CHAIR ROMANO: Present.
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 Chairman Mahala Beery.

4 WAYS & MEANS CHAIR BEERY: Here.

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

7 WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE MUNROE: Present.

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: Present.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: And Pat Davis.

15 PERSONAL PAGE DAVIS: Present.

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

18 MID-YEAR CHAIR BIGGS: Still here.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Mid-year Co-Chair
20 Sharon Moore.

21 MID-YEAR CO-CHAIR MOORE: Good morning again,
22 Liz.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
24 Clovis Workshop Debbie Hurado.

25 CLOVIS WORKSHOP CHAIR HURADO: Present.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Clovis Workshop
2 Co-Chair Gloria Sinopoli.
3 CLOVIS WORKSHOP CO-CHAIR SINOPOLI: Present.
4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Northern California
5 Workshop Madeline Reed.
6 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WORKSHOP CHAIR REED: Good
7 morning.
8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
9 Southern California Workshop Rebecca Stewart-Wilson.
10 Webmaster Rebecca Glenny.
11 WEBMASTER GLENNY: Present.
12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 2 Judy
13 Henderson.
14 DISTRICT 2: Good morning, Madam President.
15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Good morning.
16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 3 Lola
17 Ramey.
18 DISTRICT 3 PRESIDENT RAMEY: Here.
19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 4 Nancy
20 Brown.
21 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT BROWN: Good morning, Liz
22 and Madam President and all you all.
23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 5 Linda
24 Karnstedt.
25 DISTRICT 5 PRESIDENT KARNSTEDT: Good morning,

1 Liz.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

3 District 6 Suzanne Winters.

4 DISTRICT 6: District 6 is on the fast train to
5 home. Woo-hoo.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 7 Melise
7 Munroe.

8 DISTRICT 7: Chugga chugga choo-choo. Good
9 morning, Madam President.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 8 Teresa
11 Canonizado.

12 DISTRICT 8 PRESIDENT CANONIZADO: Good morning,
13 Madam President.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Good morning.

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 9 Vicky
16 Bean.

17 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT BEAN: Good morning, Liz and
18 Madam President.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Good morning.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 10 Susan
21 Mar.

22 DISTRICT 10: Good morning, Madam President.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 11 Arlene
24 Smith.

25 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT SMITH: Good morning, Madam

1 President. Today no cadence, no song. Just a simple
2 sentiment to let you know that after today, the Great Wine
3 Country Express will no longer be in service. We have
4 enjoyed the ride with you. Station 11 looks forward to
5 new destinations and a new platform. Good morning and
6 remember, it's not the destination, but the journey.

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 12
9 Elizabeth Estavillo.

10 DISTRICT 12: Good morning, Madam President. We
11 got on board President Gloria's Friendship Train. And
12 what a ride it was. Love and Harmony is the key for ALA
13 sisters. See you, Gloria. Shake a hand, make a friend.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 13 Helen
16 Hymes.

17 DISTRICT 13: Good morning, Madam President.
18 District 13 is ready to roll on home.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 14 Deborah
20 Hurado.

21 DISTRICT 14: Down by the station early in the
22 morning District 14 is chugging on home.

23 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 15 Zana
24 Chaney.

25 DISTRICT 15: Good morning, Madam President.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Good morning.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 16 Terry
3 Oclaray.

4 DISTRICT 16: We are having a great time partying
5 with you, Madam President, on your train, but we are all
6 partied out and going home. So long.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 17 Teresa
8 Lugo-Nunez.

9 DISTRICT 17: Good morning, Madam President.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Good morning.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 18 Yolanda
12 Zuniga.

13 DISTRICT 18: Good morning, Madam President.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 19 Becky
15 Bullard.

16 DISTRICT 19: Good morning, Madam President.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 20 Carol
18 Harville.

19 DISTRICT 20: Fee-fi hippy ti-yo. Fee-fi hippy
20 ti-yo. Fee-fi hippy ti-yo. Goodbye until next year.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 21 Ellen
22 Federowski.

23 DISTRICT 21: All aboard.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: District 22
25 Maureen Giacalone.

1 DISTRICT 22: Good morning, Madam President.
2 District 22 on board the Friendship Train headed back to
3 San Diego to continue serving our veterans. Choo-choo.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 23
5 Cassandra Brown.

6 DISTRICT 23: (Whistling.) All aboard. Last
7 call. The train is leaving the station.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 24 Martha
10 Romano.

11 DISTRICT 24: Engine 24 is leaving the station.
12 Toot-toot.

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 25 Cindy
14 Rogers.

15 DISTRICT 25: The trail we thought we left
16 behind, our needs were truly blessed. The Friendship
17 Train is ready now to take us home to rest. Bye, Madam
18 President Gloria.

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 26 Peggy
20 Toye.

21 DISTRICT 26: Good morning.

22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.
23 District 27 Danielle White.

24 DISTRICT 27: Good morning, Madam President.
25 District 27 is still on the track.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 28 Esther
2 LePore.
3 DISTRICT 28 PRESIDENT LePORE: Good morning,
4 Madam President.
5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Good morning.
6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: District 29 Carol
7 Borgman.
8 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT BORGMAN: Good morning.
9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: District 30 Irene
10 Imhoff. She's absent.
11 Past National President Nancy Brown-Park is
12 excused. Past Department Presidents. 1989-'90 Beverly
13 Sparks. '92-'93 Willie Burke. '95-'96 Judy Lloyd.
14 '96-'97 Ruby Kapsalis. '98-'99 Linda Workman.
15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Here.
16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: '99-2000 Diane
17 DeLashmit.
18 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DeLASHMIT: Present.
19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2001-'02 Madeline
20 Lee.
21 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT LEE: Here.
22 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2002-'03 Nancy
23 Brown-Park. Excused. 2003-'04 Linda Caples. Two
24 thousand- - I lost where I was -- '04-'05 Melanie Taylor.
25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Good morning,

1 Liz.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning.

3 2005-'06 Bonnie Christner.

4 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: I'm going

5 to bebop home now.

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2005- -- no.

7 2006-'07 Sandy Jacob. 2007-'08 Shelby Hitch. 2010-'11

8 Pilar Reyes. Too many lines. 2011-'12 Linda Fercho.

9 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: I'm here.

10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2013-'14 Anita

11 Biggs.

12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Still shooting

13 hoops.

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2015-'16 Susie

15 Tozier.

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Present.

17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2016-'17 Wendy

18 O'Brien. 2017-'18 Loretta Marsh. 2018-'19 Joan Cannon.

19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Present.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2019-'21 Kathie

21 Martinez.

22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: Eagle One is

23 headed south.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: 2001-'22 Dee Ann

25 Graham.

1 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT GRAHAM: Cowabunga.
2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Fresno
3 Representative Cynthia Oliphant. Fresno Deputy Sandra
4 Dowell. Loma Linda Representative Sandra Kurkoske.
5 HOSPITAL REP KURKOSKE: Here.
6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Loma Linda Deputy
7 Leslie Vondra. Loma Linda -- Long Beach Representative
8 Pat Alvarez.
9 HOSPITAL REP ALVAREZ: Good morning.
10 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Long Beach Deputy
11 Becky Bullard. Long Beach Deputy Cynthia Mayfield.
12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Girls State.
13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: And Long Beach
14 Deputy Debbie Butler.
15 HOSPITAL DEP BUTLER: Still here.
16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Villages of
17 Cabrillo CBOC Jean Cooley-Desmuelles. Los Angeles
18 Representative Ellah Wallace. LA VA Op Clinic Deputy
19 Patricia Jackson-Kelley. West LA Ambulatory Care Center
20 Diana Williams. Downtown East LA OPC Deputy Pam Hicks.
21 Bakersfield OPC Deputy Barbara Goodlow. Santa Maria
22 Community-based OPC Deputy Dorothy Davis. Sierra Nevada
23 Deputy Bonnie Chavoya. Southern California -- Northern
24 California Mather Representative Suzanne Winters.
25 HOSPITAL REP WINTERS: Here.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Redding OPC Deputy
2 Barbara Dailey. Fairfield OPC Deputy Kelly Germeraad.
3 Palo Alto Representative Connie Raya.
4 HOSPITAL REP RAYA: Present.
5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Palo Alto Deputy
6 Arlene Muller. Menlo Park Deputy Joyce Henderson-McLeod.
7 HOSPITAL DEP HENDERSON-MCLEOD: I'm here.
8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Livermore
9 Representative Grace Huston.
10 HOSPITAL REP HUSTON: Here.
11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: San Diego
12 Representative Suzanne Tozier -- Susie Tozier.
13 HOSPITAL REP TOZIER: Present.
14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yeah. San Diego
15 Deputy Irma Mathai. San Diego Deputy Donna Smith.
16 HOSPITAL DEP SMITH: Good morning, Liz.
17 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Good morning. WAVE
18 Clinic Poppy Production Manager Lois Cornish. And San
19 Francisco Fort Miley Representative Laurie Sullivan.
20 Barstow Veterans Home Representative Angie
21 Acosta. Barstow Veterans Home Deputy Judy Samples. Chula
22 Vista Veterans Home Lois Cornish.
23 HOSPITAL REP CORNISH: Still here.
24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Fresno Veterans
25 Home Representative Gloria Sinopoli.

1 HOSPITAL REP SINOPOLI: Present.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Lancaster

3 Representative Linda Hayes.

4 HOSPITAL REP HAYES: Good morning.

5 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Ventura

6 Representative Madeline Lee.

7 HOSPITAL REP LEE: Here.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: West LA

9 Representative Deloris Artis.

10 HOSPITAL REP ARTIS: Good morning, Madam

11 president.

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: West LA Deputy

13 Marisa Naylor-Jones. Honorary Junior President Olivia

14 Thuney.

15 HONORARY JUNIOR PRESIDENT THUNEY: Here.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Honorary Junior

17 Vice President Alyssa Alcaraz is excused. Honorary Junior

18 Secretary Lexi Gigi.

19 HONORARY JUNIOR SECRETARY GIGI: Here.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Honorary Junior

21 Chaplain Kailie Williams is excused. Honorary Junior

22 Historian Anna Mae Edson. And Honorary Junior

23 Sergeant-at-Arms Hailey Doidge.

24 HONORARY JUNIOR SERGEANT-AT-ARMS DOIDGE: Hi,

25 Mom.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Hi, baby.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: If you're one of
3 the chairmen yesterday and unfortunately you didn't
4 complete your reports, I would like at least three of you
5 to come forward and sit on the stage so that you can be
6 called. And we're going to start with -- we're going the
7 start with AEF. By a show of hands, who didn't complete
8 your report yesterday?

9 Donna, you need to come up here, please. And
10 someone else. Grace. Yes, I know.

11 Did you complete your report, Grace? Okay.
12 There's no other. Okay.

13 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Can Marion
14 give us just a second. Will she need this microphone?

15 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Yes.

16 AEF CHAIR ROCHA-CARLOS: Can you hear me okay?

17 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: I'm getting
18 in the highchair.

19 AEF CHAIR ROCHA-CARLOS: May I go?

20 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Go ahead,
21 Marion.

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23 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND CONVENTION REPORT

24

25 AEF CHAIR ROCHA-CARLOS: The Convention Committee

1 on the Auxiliary Emergency Fund met on June 22nd, 2023 at
2 10:30 a.m. in the Laurel Room of the Wyndham Hotel in
3 Visalia, California. The statistical report of this
4 Chairman will be found in the Book of Reports.

5 Linda-Lara Guzman, District 28, was appointed
6 secretary. Marcia Munroe, District 11, served as
7 Chaplain. Teresa Welch, District 16, was appointed
8 Sergeant-at-Arms. There was a total of 17 District
9 Delegates answered roll call. There were four visitors
10 present.

11 The committee agreed upon the following. The
12 code was read and there were no changes.

13 (Applause.)

14 AEF CHAIR ROCHA-CARLOS: 100 percent reporting
15 certificates were awarded to District 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10,
16 11, 15, 16, 18, 21, 22, 26, and 28. The second place best
17 district and unit supplemental reporting certificates were
18 announced. No third place awards were given.

19 The Chair thanked District Chairmen for their end
20 of the year reports and the work that they did for the AEF
21 this year. A closing prayer was given and the meeting
22 adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

23 Madam President, may I continue with my
24 statistical report?

25 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes, you may.

1 AEF CHAIR ROCHA-CARLOS: Thank you. We
2 experience disasters daily throughout our country and our
3 state. Rainstorms, flooding, excessive snowfall,
4 earthquakes, tornados, and fires just to name a few.
5 Department of California Districts and Units have prepared
6 themselves to assist immediately, knowing the urgency when
7 funds are needed. Some examples of projects and events
8 held by units to raise funds for AEF are --

9 (Applause.)

10 AEF CHAIR ROCHA-CARLOS: I'm not done.

11 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: She's just
12 taking a breath. It will just be a minute.

13 AEF CHAIR ROCHA-CARLOS: The Gonzales Unit 81 AEF
14 Chairman organized a cupcake walk fundraiser that took
15 place on October 15th, 2022 during the City's 75th
16 Anniversary. Nine Auxiliary members volunteered a total
17 of 20 hours baking 20 dozen cupcakes and setting up and
18 helping to make the event run smoothly. The cupcake walk
19 is very similar to an old fashioned cake walk and 325
20 happy participants took part.

21 Apple Valley Unit 256 passes around a collection
22 jar for AEF donations. Everyone attending the meeting
23 contributes what they can, which was \$65.70 this year.

24 District 18 members held some fundraising events
25 for AEF, including breakfasts, Taco Tuesdays, opportunity

1 drawings, luncheons just to name a few.

2 Now on to numbers. The California Department of
3 California has 30 districts with 22 of them reporting. A
4 combined total of 786.25 was given to AEF by four
5 districts. Eighty-six units actively support the AEF.
6 The total amount donated from these units is \$4,893.76.

7 Fifty-four units have a line item in their annual
8 budgets for AEF. There are five units that discussed an
9 increase in their AEF budget.

10 Nine units held fundraisers for the AEF that
11 included meals, opportunity drawings, and passing a jar
12 around to collect donations at meetings just to name a
13 few.

14 Four members reported submitting applications for
15 assistance, three members reported submitting applications
16 for emergency assistance, and three members reported
17 submitting applications for education assistance.

18 Fifty-seven units actively shared information
19 about the AEF program. AEF brochures, applications were
20 made available to members. Nine units reported
21 distributing AEF applications to members.

22 Nine Auxiliary members donated \$100 or more to
23 the Auxiliary Emergency Fund.

24 Madam President, may I continue with my awards?

25 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes, you may.

1 AEF CHAIR ROCHA-CARLOS: Thank you. Okay. First
2 place unit goes to Connie Arellano, Unit 81, District 28.

3 (Applause.)

4 DISTRICT 28 DELEGATE: On behalf of Unit 81,
5 Connie Arellano, she's not here. This is her first year.

6 (Applause.)

7 DISTRICT 28 DELEGATE: This is the amazing job
8 that she did, but I do have to say she went to mid-year
9 and end-of-year trainings with Robin and she obviously
10 learned something and she put her heart into it. Thank
11 you.

12 (Applause.)

13 AEF CHAIR ROCHA-CARLOS: Yolanda Zuniga, District
14 18, first place best supplemental for the District.

15 Now I have two more. The district for the
16 largest monetary donation, and it was \$420, District 28.

17 (Applause.)

18 AEF CHAIR ROCHA-CARLOS: And for the largest
19 monetary donation made by a unit for AEF, \$500, Monterey
20 Cypress 694.

21 (Applause.)

22 AEF CHAIR ROCHA-CARLOS: Before closing I am
23 passing around a donation station for AEF. They're
24 actually envelopes. Thank you for your donations.

25 Thank you, Madam President, for this appointment.

1 It has been an honor to serve as your AEF Chairman this
2 year. This concludes my report.

3 (Applause.)

4 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you,
5 Marion. Great job.

6 Next we have Grace Huston, our Chaplain, doing
7 her Chaplain report.

8 And, Donna Smith, if you could be ready after
9 that. You're up here. Okay. Thank you. And then after
10 that we'll have Finance.

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12 CHAPLAIN CONVENTION REPORT (Resumed)

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14 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HUSTON: So yesterday and the
15 day before. So I'm here to today to give out first place
16 awards. First to the Chaplain's Prayer Book, and that was
17 Allied Unit 302.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HUSTON: And the first place
20 unit award goes to Diane DeLashmit, District 25, Unit 299.
21 And I believe this was her first year as Chaplain.
22 Congratulations, Diane. Thank you, Diane.

23 And the unit first place -- oh, that was the
24 unit. The district first place goes to District 25,
25 Sylvia Alhambra. I hope that's the right name.

1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HUSTON: Thank you.

3 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Donna.

4 Sorry. I need to pay attention. It looks like someone
5 else needs to pay attention.

6

7 PUBLIC RELATIONS CONVENTION REPORT

8

9 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR SMITH: Madam Department
10 President Gloria, the Public Relations committee met on
11 Thursday, June 22nd in the Maple Room at the Wyndham
12 Hotel. By consent of delegates, Linda Fercho, District 16
13 served as Secretary. Denise Verback of District 6 served
14 as chaplain. Peggy Toye of District 26 served as
15 sergeant-at-arms.

16 The meeting was opened with prayer and the Pledge
17 of Allegiance. Roll call showed 15 delegates and one
18 guest was present.

19 The code was read with the following changes.
20 Four through 8 will now be 5 through 9 and there will be a
21 new number 4 to read. Madam President, 4 is like the
22 really big font, the last page.

23 Number 4: "Managing social media risks. Leaks
24 of harmful usage of social media. Risks to consider when
25 using social media includes the potential misuse includes

1 of intellectual property and employee/volunteer
2 misconduct. Do not post political content, gossip, or air
3 dirty laundry. Do not post items unrelated to our ALA or
4 our mission. Do not respond negatively to message and
5 comments. Using social media tools can have a great
6 impact on how people view our department/unit and the ALA.
7 Social media can be a quick, easy way to spread your
8 message, engage in conversation with others, promote
9 active participation from your members, and possibly
10 recruit new members. Just remember that the impact you
11 want is a positive one; therefore, think before you post."

12 By the direction of the committee, I move for the
13 adoption of this change.

14 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a
15 motion on the floor to change number 4 --

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I second.

17 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Did I say
18 that wrong, Donna? She's adding. Okay. We're adding
19 number 4. Sorry.

20 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR SMITH: What we are doing
21 is changing 4 through 8 will now read 5 to 9, and then
22 we're adding a new number 4.

23 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: The motion is
24 to add a new number 4.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I second the motion.

1 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Madam
2 President to the Chair, did you consider just making a
3 3(a) instead of renaming? Because you're referring to
4 social media which is code 3, and instead of changing your
5 code and renumbering them down, you can make a code 3(a)
6 to reference 3.

7 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR SMITH: I amend that
8 motion to add number 3(a).

9 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. The
10 motion is to add number 3(a) that will read: "Managing
11 social media risks, leaks, or harmful usage on social
12 media. Risk to consider when using social media includes
13 the potential misuse include of intellectual property and
14 employee/volunteer misconduct. Do not post political
15 content, gossip, or air dirty laundry. Do not post items
16 unrelated to our ALA or our mission. Do not respond
17 negatively to message and comments. Using social media
18 tools can have a great impact on how people view our
19 department/unit and the ALA. Social media can be a quick,
20 easy way to spread your message, engage in conversation
21 with others, promote active participation from your
22 members, and possibly recruit new members. Just remember
23 that the impact you want is a positive one; therefore,
24 think before you post."

25 Any discussion?

1 (No response.)

2 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All in favor.

3 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

4 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed.

5 (No response.)

6 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion
7 carried.

8 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR SMITH: Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR SMITH: Certificates were
11 handed out for the following: 100 percent reporting and
12 second and third place for districts and unit
13 supplementals.

14 Madam President, this concludes my preconvention
15 committee report. May I continue with my supplemental?

16 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes, you may.

17 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR SMITH: It has been a
18 pleasure working with such wonderful and dedicated members
19 in the State of California. As we come to the end of our
20 year and look back at all our accomplishments, it is
21 amazing to see how dedicated our members are to our Public
22 Relations program.

23 District 25 has a 25th District American Legion
24 Family Facebook page. On this Facebook page you can see
25 all the wonderful events and fundraisers that are going on

1 in their district. One of their events is the Walk For
2 Kids which is an annual Legion Family fundraiser that
3 supports the children and families who rely on its life
4 changing service that the Ronald McDonald House located in
5 the Inland Empire offers. A member even came down from
6 Wrightwood to attend the tamale fest in this district.
7 Way to go regarding getting the word out.

8 Not only did the District 25 submit an article to
9 the ALA National Magazine, but a junior from Unit 299 was
10 featured on the cover.

11 (Applause.)

12 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR SMITH: District 22 has a
13 Legion newspaper that is issued quarterly which includes
14 articles written by the Auxiliary. This District also has
15 a District website along with a Facebook page. Most of
16 the units within this district have a Facebook page. This
17 district held an auction via Zoom to help recruit from the
18 pandemic as a fundraiser and it was a great success. Talk
19 about thinking out the box.

20 District 2 when they launched their Facebook page
21 this year, it was announced on their local news station.

22 District 27 had two units develop a local media
23 list and three of the units were on their local radio
24 station. Some units ordered 100 assorted ALA brochures
25 from the department that were distributed to schools and

1 American Legion posts.

2 District 19 has -- over half the unit has social
3 media accounts including Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

4 District 18 gives a gift subscription of the ALA
5 magazine to their local public libraries, doctor office,
6 and dentist offices.

7 The Department of California is using the Public
8 Relations program to its full potential. Many units and
9 districts are doing such a great job with this program
10 that I am unable to mention all in this work -- all their
11 work in this report.

12 This concludes my supplemental. May I present my
13 first place winners?

14 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes, you may.

15 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR SMITH: First place for
16 unit supplement to Unit 457, District 27.

17 (Applause.)

18 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR SMITH: Anybody here from
19 District 27? Thank you. And first place for best
20 district supplemental goes to District 20 Linda Hayes.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Madam
23 President is going to be excused for a short time. She'll
24 be right back. She said no, I won't be right back.

25 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR SMITH: I submitted Anita

1 Biggs to National for the ALA Brand Ambassador Award.

2 (Applause.)

3 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR SMITH: Members, Madam
4 President, this is your call to wish you public speaking.
5 The train is about to leave the station. Please stand
6 clear of the closing doors. It's been a great train ride.

7 Madam President, it was an honor to serve you and
8 the Department of California and thank you very much for
9 this appointment.

10 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you so
11 much, Donna. Great job.

12 Next are you ready over there in Finance?

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14 FINANCE COMMITTEE CONVENTION MEETING

15

16 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Well, before -- hello,
17 guys. How are you this morning? I hope we're all happy.
18 Yes.

19 Madam President, first I would like to introduce
20 the committee members. Katherine Tellyer, better known as
21 Kathy, our senior member. And Teresa Nunez, our junior
22 member. Excuse me.

23 The committee on Finance met on June 22nd at 9:06
24 a.m. in the Oak Room of the Wyndham Hotel. Senior Member
25 Kathy Tellyer served as secretary and Junior Member Teresa

1 Nunez served as chaplain. And Kathie Martinez, you know
2 what a hard person she is, she served as sergeant-at-arms.
3 She kept everybody in line.

4 Prayer was offered and the pledge was recited. A
5 total of 18 district delegates answered roll call and
6 there was one visitor present. The committee agreed upon
7 the following report. The code was read and exceptions
8 for several housekeeping changes were submitted and the
9 following code changes are for your approval.

10 Department Code No. 9. We want to change the
11 amount from \$25 to \$35. So department Code No. 9 now
12 reads: "A fee of \$25 will be charged to any Unit,
13 District, Department Officers and Chairman, Past
14 Department Presidents, and individual members who wish to
15 receive bimonthly mailings in paper form. All recipients
16 of bimonthly mailing via email will not be charged."

17 Department Code No. 9 will then read: "A fee of
18 \$35 will be charged to any Unit, District, Department
19 Officers and Chairman, Past Department Presidents, and
20 individual members who wish to receive bimonthly mailings
21 in paper form. All recipients of bimonthly mailing via
22 email will not be charged."

23 Madam President, by the direction of the
24 committee, I move the acceptance of this code change.

25 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a

1 motion on the floor to change Department Code 9 that now
2 reads: "A fee of \$25 will be charged to any Unit,
3 District, Department Officers and Chairman, Past
4 Department --

5 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Madam President, that's
6 not the change. The change is the one below, the fee of
7 \$35.

8 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: I'll just
9 read the change. Sorry. Department Code No. 9 will then
10 read: "A fee of \$35 will be charged to any Unit, District
11 Department, Officers and Chairman, Past Department
12 Presidents, and individual members who wish to receive
13 bimonthly mailing in paper form. All recipients of
14 bimonthly mailing via email will not be charged."

15 Any discussion? Any discussion? Sorry.

16 (No response.)

17 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those in
18 favor.

19 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

20 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those
21 opposed.

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion
24 carried.

25 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Changes to reword Code

1 No. 10. Code No. 10 now reads: "The sum of all
2 outstanding credit memos in excess of \$10 will have a
3 reimbursement check to the unit" -- "issued to the unit if
4 funds are not expended by the fiscal year end of June 30."

5 Department code 10 will now read: "The sum of
6 all outstanding credits not expended by fiscal year end
7 June 30 will be reimbursed by check to each unit within 30
8 days after fiscal year end."

9 Madam President, by direction of the committee I
10 move the acceptance of this code change.

11 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: We have a
12 motion on the floor to change Code No. 10 to now read:
13 "The sum of all outstanding credits not expended by fiscal
14 year end June 30th will be reimbursement by check to each
15 unit within 30 days after fiscal year end."

16 Any discussion?

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those in
19 favor.

20 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

21 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion
24 carried.

25 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: There was discussion that

1 ensued regarding the new California state law regarding
2 exempt employees' minimum salary. It was determined that
3 DEC approval was needed. This action was taken care of at
4 the DEC following the opening at this convention.

5 There was discussion in regards to how checks
6 were written and et cetera. And I really won't go into
7 it, but if you are writing a check for your Girls State
8 fees, please don't put the payee as or who it's payable to
9 to Girls State. It's the American Legion Auxiliary
10 Department of California earmarked for Girls State. So
11 just be careful and let your treasurers know how to write
12 their checks properly.

13 There being -- well, we read the budget and there
14 being no further changes, the meeting was adjourned at
15 11:23 a.m.

16 So now for the fun stuff, guys. Yeah, is
17 everybody happy this morning? Because we're going to read
18 the budget. Yay, yay. Now I was going to be very, very
19 nice and give everybody the revised budget that was
20 revised in committee. So I went to Office Depot, and when
21 I put my little thumb drive in and typed out how many I
22 needed, I saw how much it was going to cost. I'm sorry, I
23 only get 50 bucks and it was like almost \$1,000 to do it.

24 So what I'm going to do, I'm going to read to you
25 -- we're going to try -- there were a few changes, so when

1 those changes come up, we'll try to let you know that that
2 one was changed.

3 And, Liz, I'm going to email you the budget once
4 it's approved here and you're going to email it out to the
5 list of emails. Is that okay?

6 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I can do that.

7 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: I didn't have
8 a copy.

9 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: So actually we will --
10 oh, here, everybody.

11 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: So the
12 conversation between them was that Liz will email out the
13 budget?

14 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes.

15 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: So we're going to start
16 with -- I'm not going to read the GL number. We're just
17 going to read the description line if that's okay. It
18 gets a little confusing.

19 Okay. Online dues \$208,000. The Americanism
20 donations \$5,000. Dues membership seniors, juniors
21 \$180,000. Dues for Unit 1000 \$4,500. Postage income
22 \$1,000. Department supply orders \$100. Ways & Means
23 other \$3,000. Current Department President pins, that's
24 the -- like the choo-choo train she got this time, \$3,000.
25 Donations for In-Loving Tribute \$1,000. President's Club

1 \$100. Interest income unrestricted \$100. Admin income
2 other accounts \$9,250.

3 Fidelity bond. This year all units will be
4 paying up. You know, we called up and had everybody pay
5 at the same time. So this year is your year. That's
6 \$5,200.

7 Delegate fees for convention \$18,000. Income
8 reimbursement from National \$500. Department Convention
9 proceedings \$300. The California disaster fund \$3,500.
10 Live units \$4,500. Department President's special project
11 \$8,000. Department Convention Banquet \$9,000, which is
12 kind of a wash. You know, they pay and so it will be the
13 same.

14 Department Presidents -- Department Past
15 Presidents Parley luncheon \$7,000. Mid-year DEC meals
16 \$4,500. General fund miscellaneous \$400. National
17 Convention income \$2,500. National candidate -- national
18 campaign fund \$500, for a general fund program income of
19 \$478,950.

20 So we'll move on to the expenses. Salary 6400.
21 64,000. Sorry, Liz, you got a real drop in pay there.
22 She loves this organization and just wants to do what's
23 right. Okay?

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I do, but I have
25 two children.

1 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: \$64,000. Sorry. Payroll
2 taxes SDI 6,400. Insurance and Medicare 3,500. Supplies
3 3,000. Postage mailing services 2,500. Telephone
4 telegraph -- telecommunications. Telegraph. Beep, beep,
5 beep, beep, beep. You know, when we were on the train
6 that's how they did it; right? I mean, you know.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: That's -- that's
8 why my salary got put down.

9 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: 1,200. I'm glad we can
10 all have a sense of humor. Okay.

11 Workmen's comp insurance \$500. Equipment rental
12 and maintenance \$1200. No, that's -- I'm sorry. Where
13 are we? \$5,000. This is very small. The lines are
14 really tight. The rent for the War Memorial Building
15 \$2,400. Fidelity bond \$5,200. Finance company, we're not
16 taking any money. We're just zooming all the time so
17 that's a blank.

18 Accounting and audit \$16,500. Payroll services
19 \$2,000. Auxiliary News editor \$50. Finance Chair \$50.
20 If only my fingers here. Filing fees for the FTB fees is
21 \$400. Bank fees and return checks \$400. New equipment or
22 office equipment \$1,000. Management fees, that's Sierra
23 Financial that does our investments, \$2500. Charitable
24 trust \$150, giving us a General Fund Administrative
25 Expense of \$117,950.

1 So now we'll move on to general fund expense
2 other expenses. Okay. So we've got National Dues
3 \$125,000. Turn the page. Department President's Pins
4 \$2,000. Ways & Means \$50. Department President's Special
5 Project \$8,000. Membership for PUFL 2,500. Live unit
6 access \$5,000. Temp admin staff expense is nothing
7 because it's Robin Falkenberg and I. We're temps and
8 we're really cheap, so --

9 LEADERSHIP CHAIR FALKENBERG: That we are.

10 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Online dues \$170,000.
11 General fund miscellaneous \$400, for a general fund other
12 admin expense \$315,350. So where are we right now.
13 General fund, the admin expense total is \$433,300.

14 So you want to do executive expense seeming how
15 you're such an executive?

16 FINANCE COMMITTEE TELLYER: Executive expense.
17 So Department President \$8,000. Department Vice President
18 \$200. District Presidents \$5,000. Training and program
19 workshops \$5,000. Parliamentarian \$2500. Authorized
20 travel by Department President \$400. Executive Committee
21 Meeting \$22,000. Distinguished Guest \$400. Secretary and
22 Treasurer travel \$500. National Candidates Reserve \$500.
23 National President's visit \$1500. Officers and Chairmen
24 Liability \$1400. Music Chairman allowance \$2500 -- or
25 \$25. General fund executive expenses is \$44,950. General

1 fund outsourcing, micro project management company
2 \$40,044.

3 So next is the general fund convention expense.
4 Department Convention including mileage is \$8,000.
5 Department Convention proceedings \$1,000. Convention
6 Reporter \$7500. Convention Commission Chair \$200.
7 Department Convention Chair \$150. ALA convention expenses
8 \$20,000. National Convention \$5,000. General fund
9 convention expenses is \$41,850.

10 General fund committee and chair expense.
11 Auxiliary Emergency Fund Chair \$50. Americanism Chair
12 \$75. Constitutional & Bylaws Chair \$250. Chaplain
13 Memorial Program Chair \$300. Community Service Chair
14 \$100. Historian Chair \$250. Junior Activities Chair \$50.
15 Leadership Chair \$150. Legislative Chair \$50. Membership
16 UD&R Chair \$600. Membership promotion \$500. National
17 Security Chair \$50. Public Relations Chair \$50. Ways &
18 Means Chair \$50. Salute to Active Duty Servicewoman \$50
19 -- or \$250. This is for six servicewomen to attend
20 convention. We didn't have any this year.

21 California Disaster Fund \$3500. Americanism
22 Essay Awards \$6200, per code. Americanism Admin Fee
23 \$1,250. For a general fund committee chair of \$13,725.
24 The general fund expense is \$573,869.

25 So going through the program expense, admin

1 expense is \$117,950. Other admin expense \$315,350.
2 Executive expense \$44,950. Convention expense \$41,850.
3 Outsourcing expense \$40,044. Committee expense \$13,725.
4 Excuse me. For a total program expense of \$573,869 with
5 program income of \$470,950. We have a deficit of \$94,919.

6 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: And, ladies, you will
7 notice that all of the --

8 DELEGATES: We can't hear you.

9 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: If you would have looked
10 in your Book of Reports, you would have noticed all the
11 blanks of donations that came in. That's what happens
12 when there are so many blanks. Even if your unit sends in
13 five, \$10, it helps out. So please, please ask your units
14 to please send in their donations.

15 FINANCE COMMITTEE LUGO-NUNEZ: Summary of general
16 funds reserved restricted. General fund reserves,
17 Ameritrade 470,000. It's cut off so it's reserves general
18 fund. General fund \$188,261.71. Americanism Essay
19 \$103,543.94. California Disaster \$84,717.77. National
20 candidate 6,000, for a general fund restricted of
21 382,523.42 and general fund reserves \$87,476.58.

22 So a summary of the welfare funds. Poppy
23 Production Fund income \$20,000. Poppy distribution 4,000.
24 Interest income restricted \$5. Poppy donations \$350. For
25 Poppy Production fund income total of \$24,355 -- \$24,355.

1 So Poppy Production fund expense. Postage Poppy
2 production manager 1,000. Poppy proceeds distribution
3 1,000. Administration fee 2,000. Poppy production labor
4 6,000. Poppy production poppy kits 15,000. Miss Poppy
5 Awards \$200. Poppy Chair \$175. Bank fees service charges
6 \$150. Poppy fund miscellaneous \$350. Poppy production
7 fund expense total is \$25,875. With a deficit of \$1,520.

8 We'll move on to Welfare Fund VA&R income. VA&R
9 donation unit income 15,000. Poppy proceeds distribution
10 \$400. Donation gifts patient remembrance is 10,000.
11 Interest income restricted \$5. VAR TFA \$8,500. Children
12 of Warriors Scholarship \$500. Welfare income
13 miscellaneous \$100 for a total of \$34,505.

14 Welfare fund VA&R expense administrative fee
15 \$3,750. TFA cases \$8,500. Patient welfare funds \$1,200.
16 VAMC tours \$2,000. Gift shop patient remembrance \$10,000.
17 Hospital representative allowance mid is 2,200. Chairman
18 \$400. Bank fees service charge \$150. Spirit of Youth
19 Fund \$500, for a total of \$28,700. Total income and
20 expense is \$5,805. Welfare Fund Children and Youth income
21 \$5,000. Poppy Fund distribution \$400. Children and Youth
22 TFA \$2500 for a total of \$7,900. Welfare fund Children
23 and Youth expense administrative fees \$1,250. TFA welfare
24 cases \$5,000. Chairman 150,000 -- I'm sorry \$150. I'm
25 sorry.

1 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: I resign as
2 president. I want that one.

3 FINANCE COMMITTEE LUGO-NUNEZ: Total income --
4 welfare fund Children and Youth total income and expense
5 \$1500. Welfare fund Education income donations income
6 6,000. Poppy 10 percent distribution \$400. Income
7 restricted fund Poppy Seals 600. The Connie Settle
8 Memorial Scholarship \$5,000. Welfare funds education
9 other \$25. For welfare fund education income total
10 expense of \$12,025.

11 Welfare fund education case expense
12 administrative fee \$1500. Scholarship general \$13,500.
13 That's \$13,500 per code. Connie Settles Memorial
14 Scholarship \$5,000. Poppy Seals chairman \$225, for a
15 welfare fund education expense total of \$20,225 with a
16 deficit of \$8,200.

17 Welfare funds. PPP Past Presidents Parley
18 income. PPP donations unit income \$6,000. Poppy fund
19 distribution \$400. Welfare funds PPP income total of
20 6,400. Welfare fund PPP expense. Administrative fee
21 \$1500. Scholarship -- nurse scholarship 4,000. Chairman
22 a hundred dollars, for a welfare fund PPP expense total of
23 \$5,600. Total income and expense \$800. Summary of
24 income. Poppy production fund income \$24,355.

25 Welfare fund VA&R income \$34,505. Welfare fund

1 Children and Youth income \$7,900. Welfare fund Education
2 income \$12,025. Welfare fund PPP income 6,400. Welfare
3 income accounts \$85,185. Summary of expenses. Poppy
4 production fund expense \$25,875. Welfare fund VA&R
5 expense \$28,700. Welfare fund Children and Youth \$6,400.
6 Welfare fund educational expense \$20,225. Welfare fund
7 PPP expense \$5600, for a total of \$86,800 with a \$1,615
8 deficit.

9 Summary of welfare reserves. Welfare fund
10 Ameritrade \$394,112.25. Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
11 \$193,000 -- \$193,115. Children and Youth \$55,175.72.

12 Education. Education \$70,940.21. Past
13 Presidents Parley 30 -- I'm sorry. \$74,881.33. And
14 Ameritrade is \$108 -- \$108,556.14. Total reserves of
15 \$502,678.39.

16 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: And I'm sorry, ladies,
17 that we couldn't get this budget, but we will send it to
18 every district to make sure that you have it to dispense
19 to your units.

20 So, Madam President, by direction of the
21 committee, I move the adoption of this budget for the year
22 2023-'24 fiscal year.

23 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. We
24 have a motion on the floor to accept this budget that was
25 just read. Are there any questions? And I have one.

1 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Oh-oh. Hey, hey.

2 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: I don't even
3 have one.

4 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay.
5 Under -- part of the line is cut off, but it's part of the
6 code number. Okay. It's on -- for page 2 at the bottom
7 it says Membership/UDR Chairman. I don't think we want
8 those together. It's two separate chairmen.

9 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: It's two separate
10 chairmen. All right. Well, the -- we have to do another
11 GL account to separate it. So we can do that, but you'll
12 need to tell us how to split that money.

13 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: It's split on
14 the side already.

15 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. We've split it
16 already, so we'll just have to do a new GL account to do
17 that.

18 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you.

19 Any other questions? Okay. If you have
20 questions, please line up over here. Yeah, let's come to
21 the center and have one line, one microphone.

22 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR WORKMAN: We're short
23 mics today, so --

24 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS MEYI: I have it.

25 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Phyllis has it. Here you

1 go.

2 POPPY CHAIR ROMANO: Okay. So the --

3 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Identify
4 yourself.

5 POPPY CHAIR ROMANO: Martha Romano, District 24.
6 I have a question. On the Salute to Activity Duty,
7 because we voted on having the 2500, so it got reduced to
8 250.

9 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Where are you?

10 POPPY CHAIR ROMANO: Oh, I'm sorry. On GS62504.

11 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Top of page 3.

12 POPPY CHAIR ROMANO: On mine it says page 2.

13 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: What's the header?

14 POPPY CHAIR ROMANO: The header says, "General
15 Fund Committee and Chair Expense."

16 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay.

17 POPPY CHAIR ROMANO: And this is 62504, so linked
18 to Active Duty Servicewoman. Because we had voted to
19 create that line item when it was -- I was in Finance and
20 to put money in there. And we have been putting money in
21 there. It got reduced to 250 so -- to cover six
22 servicewomen to attend. What was the rationale to reduce
23 it if we have six?

24 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: We haven't had one for a
25 while and they've moved that to another -- National

1 Security.

2 POPPY CHAIR ROMANO: Right, but the expense still
3 remains; right? Because if we do have one -- I understand
4 they moved it to a different program, but in our -- in our
5 budget, it wouldn't be impacted because the expense would
6 still remain.

7 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Well, we figured, and I'm
8 sorry to say this, but we figured because we're already in
9 a deficit budget, we have not had anyone attend for the
10 last three years, that we would put a minimal in there.
11 And then that could be approved at the point if we do
12 start having people, then the Finance and the Department
13 President could approve travel rather than just hitting a
14 deficit budget a little higher and higher each time.

15 POPPY CHAIR ROMANO: Okay. I just -- I know that
16 we had a lot of discussion and it took a vote to actually
17 put that in there.

18 My second one on the Poppy awards, it just says
19 Miss Poppy awards, but there's a Poppy Poster Contest. So
20 there's two awards, but it only had one line item. And
21 that's on page 3.

22 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Yes.

23 POPPY CHAIR ROMANO: Poppy Production fund
24 expense. I think the amount is accurate, but it should be
25 for awards, not just Miss Poppy.

1 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. That's how the GL
2 was written a long time, so we will correct that and take
3 Miss Poppy out.

4 POPPY CHAIR ROMANO: And then my last one under
5 micro project management page 2.

6 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Yes.

7 POPPY CHAIR ROMANO: I thought we voted just for
8 a one-year extension.

9 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: We're still -- we still
10 have them working for us. That's part of our --

11 POPPY CHAIR ROMANO: I thought we were -- that
12 that one-year contract is expiring, but it doesn't -- so
13 it doesn't have a date. I just wanted to confirm that we
14 only did -- the last time we voted was a one year and it
15 was expiring.

16 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: And it was until
17 September -- oh, go ahead, Susie.

18 DEPARTMENT TREASURER TOZIER: Susie Tozier,
19 District 22. It was originally a two-year extension. We
20 decided to do it, split the two years up. So we have one
21 more year on the contract.

22 POPPY CHAIR ROMANO: Okay. So my suggestion is
23 just to put the expiration of the term or the term of the
24 contract on there.

25 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: And actually we don't put

1 expiration on our court reporter, we don't expiration on
2 our auditors, we don't put expiration on any of those
3 other fees. So, I mean, we can do that, but then we would
4 have to do it for all outside --

5 POPPY CHAIR ROMANO: Well, the court reporter we
6 do it annually anyway.

7 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Right.

8 POPPY CHAIR ROMANO: So it does expire. It's
9 understood it expires every year. And that was the only
10 one we did on a multiple year.

11 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Okay. We will add that
12 to that. Thank you.

13 DISTRICT 25 DELEGATE BELL: Madam President, if I
14 may. Tami Bell, District 25, Unit 835. I would just like
15 it noted for the court reporter and for the rest of the
16 body that we cannot speak intelligently to the budget
17 unless we can actually look at it.

18 You are reading out all of these numbers. We
19 possibly cannot even remember or even comprehend what you
20 are saying because we can't see it. It would have been
21 very fair to perhaps email the budget out to us so that
22 everybody could have printed it out and brought it with
23 us. I do understand that it was very expensive to print
24 it out, but we cannot intelligently speak to it and vote
25 on it as a body of the State of California American Legion

1 Auxiliary unless we can see it.

2 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: And, Tami, can I address
3 that? Because we used to have --

4 DISTRICT 25 DELEGATE BELL: Yes.

5 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: We had some units that
6 would donate the copy machine in the office and it was
7 very easy for those copies to be made. And unfortunately
8 we don't have a copy machine in the office this year. And
9 I really apologize. If we would have known that, we would
10 have sent out.

11 DISTRICT 25 DELEGATE BELL: Thank you, Linda. I
12 do understand.

13 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Yeah, we'll do that for
14 future reference. Actually I think by the time the budget
15 is prepared, it's going to change in committee obviously,
16 but perhaps the budget should be put in the Book of
17 Reports and then everyone can register and see it in the
18 Book of Reports.

19 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you,
20 Tami.

21 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HUSTON: Grace Huston,
22 District 11, Unit 249. Sometimes you can rent a copy
23 machine and maybe that might be something we want to add
24 to the budget.

25 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: And that's what we used

1 to do. We used to rent a copy machine to have in the
2 office.

3 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HUSTON: Oh, that was the
4 donation.

5 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Yes, yes.

6 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HUSTON: Thank you.

7 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Someone else paid for it,
8 the Department didn't.

9 Thank you, Pacific Palisades, wherever you may
10 be.

11 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Any other
12 questions?

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Is that it?

15 LEADERSHIP CHAIR FALKENBERG: Oh, I'll use my
16 teacher voice. Is there any way that in the future if you
17 don't have a copy --

18 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Identify
19 yourself, please.

20 LEADERSHIP CHAIR FALKENBERG: Sorry. Robin
21 Falkenberg, District 28, Unit 512 Carmel. With the copy
22 issue, is there any way that we can project it?

23 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you,
24 Robin. That is my plan for next year.

25 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: That's the

1 plan for next year.

2 LEADERSHIP CHAIR FALKENBERG: Thank you.

3 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: See, new ideas are coming
4 up all the time. Thank you. Now if we just had your
5 money, it would happen. Get those donations.

6 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: I can do it
7 and someone else can pay for it.

8 Okay. So we have a motion on the floor. I'm
9 sorry. We already did the motion. All those in favor of
10 accepting the budget, say aye.

11 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

12 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: All those
13 opposed.

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Motion
16 carries. We thank you very, very much. Have we missed
17 any chairmen for a report? It looks like it's going to be
18 me. So give me one second here to figure out my piles
19 because she has her stuff.

20 Oops, we have the Advisory Committee.

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22 ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONVENTION REPORT

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24 ADVISORY COMMITTEE DeLASHMIT: Good morning.

25 Madam President, the Advisory Committee -- oh, there she

1 is. Okay. First want to tell you there's no code
2 changes. We don't have a code. This has been an
3 exhausting year on our Friendship Train with a few
4 incidences of coming off the tracks.

5 Hopefully we have added some new passengers that
6 have come aboard and not losing any along the way. My
7 assistant here is Madeline Lee. And by the way, Ruby
8 Kapsalis is also on this committee, but she was not able
9 to attend. She was going to send me a message, but I
10 think I left home too early so I didn't get it.

11 So Madeline.

12 ADVISORY COMMITTEE LEE: Well, I want to say
13 thank you for this appointment, but I didn't do very much
14 advising. I had to rely on the big partner over here.
15 But I wanted to thank everybody for all of the support
16 that I received on the loss of my husband of 63 years this
17 year. And without this Friendship Train and my strength
18 in God, I wouldn't have made it through. And I would like
19 thank everybody for that.

20 And as far as the train, the train fell off a
21 little bit, but we made it to the end.

22 (Applause.)

23 ADVISORY COMMITTEE LEE: And we have served
24 tremendously our veterans, our children, and our
25 communities.

1 ADVISORY COMMITTEE DeLASHMIT: Thank you,
2 Madeline. I too want to thank everyone. It has been a
3 great convention in as much as everywhere I turned, I had
4 help. And it didn't matter who it was or where you're
5 from or whatever, there are good people out there. We
6 only hear about the bad ones, but truly there are a lot of
7 good people in not only our organization, but in the
8 public.

9 So, Madam President, thank you for the experience
10 of assisting when needed so that we will have fond
11 memories of your year as our engineer. It has been a
12 pleasure to serve you.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank both of
14 you.

15 ADVISORY COMMITTEE LEE: Rock on. Toot-toot.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Toot-toot.

17 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Okay. We
18 have a guest so will the Distinguished Guest Chairman
19 along with the Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant
20 Sergeant-at-Arms please escort her to the podium.

21 (Processional.)

22 LEGION BASEBALL REP LEONARDI: Just don't scream.
23 Some of you heard me speak before. Hi, everyone. I'm
24 Judy Leonardi. I'm actually an Auxiliary president, or I
25 was for the past four years, in District 22. But I have

1 been speaking on American Legion Baseball so I'm the
2 spokesperson for the Department of California.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You go, girl.

4 LEGION BASEBALL REP LEONARDI: Thank you so much.
5 So, ladies, we all have kids and grandkids. You are
6 grandmas, you are moms, you are aunts, you are sisters,
7 you are nieces. And it is built into us to nurture our
8 youngins. Yes or yes? Absolutely.

9 And so with that, we all know the value of life
10 lessons, especially learned through sports. And we all
11 know the value of patriotism which is so needed in this
12 country with our young Americans today.

13 So if you don't know about American Legion
14 Baseball, it was started in 1925. And Babe Ruth was the
15 director of operations. Yes, he was. He believed in our
16 program so much, even though he never played Legion
17 Baseball, that he went around the country promoting it.
18 That's huge.

19 Do you know that Ted Williams, Yogi Berra, Albert
20 Pujois, Tony Gwynn are all playing American Legion
21 Baseball? Or did. And there's 75 percent who do go on to
22 college. 51 percent go on to the major leagues. Over 80
23 are inducted into the Hall of Fame. So we are a national
24 institution that has survived World War I, great
25 prosperity, and national tragedies and we are still here.

1 American Legion Baseball is a program that's been
2 around for almost 100 years. Unfortunately as I go around
3 to speak, nobody knows what the word "veteran" means. We
4 do. I think we take it for granted. I know I did, but
5 these young Americans have no idea when your fathers, your
6 grandfathers, your sons, your relatives, whoever served in
7 the military know what they did to serve our country so we
8 can all live freely in the greatest country in the world.
9 And they need to know that; right? Absolutely.

10 So American Legion Baseball was always in
11 Northern California in Yountville. It's extremely
12 expensive for any family to go up there. We have decided
13 -- not we. Excuse me. Past Department Commander Ed
14 Grimsley decided to move it. There's a lot of people who
15 know nothing about Legion Baseball, but now they do.
16 Because we were in the Fresno area the past two years.
17 And let me give a shout out to District 14 who were
18 servant leaders who sat in the heat from sunrise to sunset
19 over 103 degrees every single day. And a lot of them are
20 right there.

21 (Applause.)

22 LEGION BASEBALL REP LEONARDI: They gave up their
23 time, their donations, and resources. We are now at UCLA
24 in the next two years next month. Guess what? For the
25 first time ever we are going to have our own American

1 Legion Auxiliary all women's color guard opening ceremony.

2 (Applause.)

3 LEGION BASEBALL REP LEONARDI: You guys happen to
4 know who that is; right? Yes. So being an Auxiliary
5 member and knowing of them, who do you think asked? I
6 want this to be known out there because, you know what,
7 the Auxiliary are the backbone of American Legion because
8 they go out there and support our veterans; right? So I
9 want to make sure that everybody knows about the
10 Auxiliary.

11 But unfortunately District 14, Jackie Robinson
12 Unit -- where is Ronald Reagan Post 295 or Unit 291? 282.
13 I'm so sorry. You guys are our major sponsors for the
14 past two years. And New Port Harbor 291 are the only
15 Auxiliary, except for Vista and 365 in District 22, who
16 have supported American Legion Baseball. I think we need
17 to jump on the train, no pun intended; correct? Yes.

18 And so as a mom of three who are all in college,
19 single mom, yeah, guess what my four letter word is? And
20 it starts with an F. Free. Right? So with free, we are
21 going to have every single individual enter the Jackie
22 Robinson stadium on July 20 through the 24th for free.

23 (Applause.)

24 LEGION BASEBALL REP LEONARDI: We used to charge,
25 but not now. There's no parking fee from us either. So

1 we encourage your support in attending those games because
2 these kids need to know. If they overhear you guys
3 talking about your past experience as a dependent, as a
4 wife, as a daughter, as a mom of a veteran, don't you
5 think it would encourage them to listen a little bit more?

6 And guess what? The side effect of you guys
7 being there, we need new members. A lot of these teams
8 have no idea that they are qualified to be Sons of the
9 American Legion, let alone their moms or sisters or
10 grandmothers are eligible to be part of the Auxiliary.
11 And we need more people to step up. Amen?

12 DELEGATES: Amen.

13 LEGION BASEBALL REP LEONARDI: Absolutely. Guess
14 what? Jackie Robinson Post is sponsoring the uniforms for
15 our eight teams.

16 (Applause.)

17 LEGION BASEBALL REP LEONARDI: Anita, do you have
18 one of those pins available? To help sponsor the teams
19 that are -- they're going to each be branches of the
20 military as well as law enforcement and first responders.
21 And when you see these uniforms, you're going to be glad
22 you're an American Legion Auxiliary member because these
23 uniforms are amazing.

24 And for them to sponsor the uniforms, they are
25 going to be selling these pins when they get more of it.

1 And they are -- they are a picture of Jackie Robinson.
2 They are top-notch, first class. I encourage you to
3 donate because we need those uniforms out there. They are
4 beautiful.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: How much are they?

6 LEGION BASEBALL REP LEONARDI: They are \$20.

7 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: My son, Lonnie
8 Biggs, is a member of Jackie Robinson SAL his life, his
9 whole life. And he opened a company called Xclusive Pins.
10 And his first pin he designed was a Jackie Robinson pin
11 with Jackie Robinson at the bat. And they're gorgeous.
12 He just did a wonderful job. And it was his idea to do
13 this pin, charge \$20. And \$5 for the purchase of the pin
14 goes to Jackie Robinson Post 252 for the support of the
15 American Legion Baseball.

16 So my problem is I don't have any more pins with
17 me. I sold out on the way up and -- but I can take orders
18 or you can go on his website and order there directly and
19 get it, you know, delivered to your home. I can pass
20 around a list, take your orders, and then I can get the
21 pins to you.

22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: I will be the
23 first one here.

24 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: I appreciate
25 your support. It's such a great idea.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What's the website?

2 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: It's xclusive,
3 without the E. So it starts X-C-L-U-S-I-V-E, pins,
4 P-I-N-S, altogether, dot com. You can order them online.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Repeat that, please.

6 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS:
7 xclusivepins.com. Xclusive without the E. So start
8 X-C-L-U-S-I-V-E-P-I-N-S.com. xclusivepins.com. Him and
9 his wife. I can't leave out Brandy; she's the master mind
10 behind everything he does. But this is -- this is --
11 thank you for coming because we were able to promote this.
12 And I was almost going to tell him drive up here to
13 Visalia and bring your pins because he could have done
14 that as well. But we'll take the orders and you guys can
15 order online. Thank you.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It says they're sold out.

17 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Oh, they're
18 sold out already? He has them and we can get them to you.
19 I'll make a list, pass it around. Okay?

20 LEGION BASEBALL REP LEONARDI: So, ladies, do you
21 know how important you are? You're very important. Like
22 I said, you guys are the backbone. We need your support.
23 The VFW believed in our program so much that they put
24 their money where their believe was and they were our 2021
25 major sponsors of our programs. That's huge; right?

1 Last year was the first time American Legion
2 families came together and supported it. It cost \$100,000
3 to be at UCLA and to house these boys. When I was just
4 over there at the Sons and at the Legionnaires, they
5 passed the hat around and they were able to raise over
6 \$2,000 from each group. My goal is to raise \$20,000 by
7 the end of this weekend. I have raised \$17,384, so we
8 only need about \$2500 more.

9 So if you guys so choose to donate cash, check,
10 or charge is so acceptable, just send in a check. And
11 please email me that you did because we want your
12 recognition on the board that's going all over the stadium
13 and at the banquet, if we do have a banquet, to American
14 Legion Baseball. And send it to the Department of
15 California. And it's extremely important to put baseball
16 on there. We want the funds to go directly to baseball
17 and not to the general funds.

18 And I will definitely make a poster board, and I
19 should have brought it; I am so sorry, but it has little
20 checks and it says each post or each individual donating
21 and the amount. And I want to make sure a special one is
22 made for the Department of California Auxiliary. Any
23 questions?

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: How do you sign up?

25 LEGION BASEBALL REP LEONARDI: My email is

1 baseball@calegion.org.

2 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: So our Honorary
3 Junior Vice President Alyssa is away this weekend at a
4 softball tournament. As many of you know, my girls play
5 softball. Is there talks of getting a girls softball team
6 or girls baseball team?

7 LEGION BASEBALL REP LEONARDI: So girls softball
8 for the American Legion is only in three states and
9 they're on the east coast. But guess what? Girls can
10 play American Legion Baseball. Wouldn't it be nice if a
11 girl and a girls team entered from California to the State
12 Championship Tournament? Yes, yes, exactly.

13 We are talking to a group right here in Visalia,
14 but they backed out because they thought that they would
15 get paid for doing it and we don't pay our players or our
16 coaches. So please -- yes, ma'am.

17 DISTRICT 18 FIRST VICE PRESIDENT RAMOS: Gabby
18 Ramos, District 18, Unit 261. You said that the girls are
19 able to play on the team. What are the ages that they're
20 accepting?

21 LEGION BASEBALL REP LEONARDI: The ages right now
22 for the State Championship Tournament are 15 to 19. So
23 they can be in college as long as they're 19 years old.
24 But how awesome if we started planting the seeds that in a
25 year or two we have an all girls team from California all

1 because of your efforts. So I'm asking you please come
2 out and support. It is free and we need donations as
3 well. Please.

4 LEADERSHIP CHAIR FALKENBERG: Would you repeat
5 the dates and the exact time of the opening ceremony,
6 please?

7 LEGION BASEBALL REP LEONARDI: Yes, because we
8 want you guys there to witness a historical moment with
9 our Color Guard. It is July 20th 5:00 p.m. Jackie
10 Robinson Stadium on the VA grounds. Little history. It
11 was built by -- Jackie Robinson Stadium was built by the
12 American Legion.

13 (Applause.)

14 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: My question actually if
15 you could just give all the information to Liz, she can
16 put that on our Auxiliary website and then everybody else
17 will have the information, not just here.

18 LEGION BASEBALL REP LEONARDI: Thank you so much.
19 Liz, just email me at baseball@calegion.org.

20 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Give it to Lyle.

21 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: I don't know.

22 LEGION BASEBALL REP LEONARDI: Okay. I'm sure
23 they'll get it all straighten out. They're organized
24 leaders up here for sure; right? Yes.

25 So thank you very much. I appreciate your time,

1 your attention, and let's go out there and make a
2 difference like you already have been. Amen.

3 (Applause.)

4 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Just so you guys all
5 know, Lyle, he's the best Auxiliary member I know. That's
6 my husband and he'll be doing the website next year.

7 (Processional.)

8 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you so
9 much for coming and sharing with us.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: We'll now hear
11 from Glenda Schultz, Constitution & Bylaws Chairman.

12 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS MEYI: Madam President?

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes, ma'am.

14 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS MEYI: May I be excused?

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes, you may.

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I've got train
17 whistles really quick. I've got two pieces of jewelry.
18 And I think somebody asked me about one of them. One of
19 them is a ring. I've still got it if somebody wants to
20 claim it. The second one is a cancer ribbon with a poppy
21 on it. It's still in packaging.

22 Ways & Means is planning on drawing the tickets
23 at our -- oh, and the District, they're planning to draw
24 our tickets at the first break.

25 Judy Henderson is missing a red, white, and blue

1 water bottle with a straw. It looks like a soda pop
2 bottle. If it's found, please return to her.

3 We have some extra ditty bags. District 14 and
4 15, they have a bucket back there to put tickets in. If
5 anyone would like an extra basket -- or ditty bag, put
6 your name on the ticket in the basket and you'll be part
7 of that drawing. We have some extra ditty bags, the white
8 ones. If you would like an extra one, they're doing a
9 drawing for the extras.

10 The end of convention today all districts need to
11 take your banners. Not the poles, just the banners. The
12 poles will get taken down if needed. And please clean up
13 your areas when we're done. As you probably noticed, the
14 hotel has not been doing it for us.

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16 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CONVENTION REPORT

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18 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: Okay. We
19 can still say good morning. Good morning. Good morning,
20 Madam President, and welcome back.

21 The convention committee on Constitutions &
22 Bylaws met on June 22nd, 2023 -- this fly is trying to get
23 in my mouth -- in the Cedar Room. The statistical report
24 of this chairman was inserted into the Book of Reports
25 because I'll have to tell you I'm really sorry I was late.

1 And if you're late, that's what happens, you don't get
2 included.

3 With the approval of the committee, Jennifer
4 Turner was appointed as secretary, Fran Roseman offered
5 prayer, and Maureen O'Brien-Sacco was appointed
6 sergeant-at-arms. There were a total of 18 district
7 delegates answering roll call and there were two visitors.

8 We did unfortunately have a code change.
9 Actually two of them. And it is number 6(a). "When
10 rewriting the Unit Bylaws, two complete sets" -- this is
11 as it is now. I'm sorry.

12 "When rewriting the Unit Bylaws, two complete
13 sets (including five signature pages) are required for
14 submission to the Department Chairman. Three signature
15 pages will be returned" -- it really wants me -- "will be
16 returned to the Unit after the Department President signs
17 them. The signature pages are to be attached to three
18 copies of the new Unit Constitution & Bylaws."

19 The proposed change reads: "When rewriting the
20 Unit Bylaws, mail two copies or two complete sets
21 (including five signature pages) to the Department
22 Chairman. Three signature pages will be returned to the
23 unit after the Department President signs them. The
24 signature pages are to be attached to three copies of the
25 new Unit Constitution & Bylaws. If submitting by email,

1 only one copy is required."

2 By direction of the committee, I move for
3 approval of this code change.

4 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: The President
5 needs a copy. She doesn't have a copy of the --

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Are there any
7 questions?

8 (No response.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All in favor.

10 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed.

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Motion is
14 carried. You were very quiet. You didn't have any
15 discussion, did you?

16 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: Okay. The
17 next one is 6(b), and it currently reads: "When District
18 Bylaws are rewritten, two complete sets, including four
19 signature pages, are required for submission to the
20 Department Chairman. (2014)."

21 The proposed change for 6(b) is: "When District
22 Bylaws are rewritten, two complete sets, including four
23 signature pages, are required for submission to the
24 Department Chairman. Two signature pages will be returned
25 to the District after the Department President signs them.

1 The signature pages are to be attached to the new District
2 Constitution & Bylaws."

3 Upon recommendation from the committee, I move
4 for the acceptance of this code change.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Are there any
6 questions?

7 (No response.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All in favor,
9 please say aye.

10 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed, no.
12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Motion granted.

14 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Thank you.

15 My next changes will be on the Department Constitution,
16 and it's Article III Eligibility. And I'm not sure if I
17 need to read the whole thing. All I'm doing is adding
18 Space -- Space Force. I'm sorry.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Space Force.

20 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Space Force.

21 Madam President, do you want me to read it all?

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: I think you
23 should read it.

24 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: You need to
25 read the entire Eligibility.

1 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: No. It's start of
2 the Constitution change.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: This is Article
4 III?

5 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: Yes, Article
6 III, Section 3 proposed change: "Gold Star Members.
7 Entitled to wear Gold Star pins are mothers, wives,
8 sisters, daughters, granddaughters, and great
9 granddaughters, and grandmothers of one who was regularly
10 enlisted, drafted, inducted, or commissioned and who was
11 accepted for and assigned for and assigned to active duty
12 in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force,
13 or Space Force of the United States who served in either
14 of the following periods: April 6th, 1917 to April 11th,
15 1918 and any other time after December 7th, 1941 or who,
16 being a citizen of the United States at the time of their
17 entry therein served on active duty in the Armed Forces of
18 any governments associated with the United States during
19 any of the said wars or hostilities, and who did not
20 refuse on conscientious, political or other grounds to
21 subject himself/herself to military discipline or
22 unqualified service; or who was separated from service
23 under circumstances amounting to dishonorable discharge
24 which has been subsequently restored to an honorable
25 status, and who died during such service. (2023)."

1 Madam President, upon direction of the committee
2 I move the acceptance of this change.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Are there any
4 questions?

5 (No response.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All in favor, say
7 aye.

8 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed.

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Motion granted.

12 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: Thank you.
13 Number 2, Article V, Department Executive Committee.
14 Proposed change. And the proposed change is changing "NEC
15 Person" to "National Executive Committee Person."

16 Do you want me to read the whole thing?

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: I'm trying to
18 find out where you are right now.

19 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Which
20 correction are you on?

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: I don't see it.

22 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Article V.

23 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: Article V,
24 Section 2.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: So Article III?

1 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: Article V,
2 Section 2.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Go ahead and read
4 it, Glenda. I just don't have it.

5 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: Sorry. My
6 copies got passed out early and so I didn't have enough
7 copies for everybody up here so it's a little bit
8 confusing.

9 So the proposed change on Article V reads,
10 Section 2 reads: "The Department Executive Committee
11 shall be comprised of the Department President, Department
12 Vice President, Junior Past Department President (National
13 Executive Committee Person), Parliamentarian, Department
14 Secretary, Department Treasurer, District Presidents,
15 District Chairmen of Standing Committees, Members of the
16 Finance Committee, Girls State, Director and Junior
17 Conference Director all with voting privileges. The
18 Department Secretary, Treasurer (if paid) and
19 Parliamentarian shall be a non-voting member of the
20 Executive Committee and a voting member of the Department
21 Convention. (2023)."

22 Madam President, upon direction of the committee
23 I move for the acceptance of this code change.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Is there any
25 discussion on the code change?

1 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Yeah, I don't
2 see the change, Glenda. Plus when you read it, you said
3 "District President," then you said "District Chairman,"
4 which should say "Department Chairman" for outstanding
5 committees. But what is the change?

6 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: The change
7 is from "NEC Person," spelling it out to "National
8 Executive Committee Person."

9 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: So you should
10 further state -- you should -- you should further state
11 because NEC Person was in parentheses to reflect it being
12 the Junior Past Department President, that is a change to
13 make it another designation and a comma to National
14 Executive Committee Person. That's the actual change.
15 It's two people, not one.

16 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: Okay.
17 So --

18 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: I just want
19 the body to understand that's the actual change. Because
20 the Junior Past used to be automatically the National
21 Executive Committee. Now we're electing a National
22 Executive Committee Person. It should be designated there
23 are two separate people with a comma, not parentheses.

24 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: Okay. So
25 it's okay?

1 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: As you read
2 it.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Does everyone
4 understand?

5 DELEGATES: Yes.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Are there any
7 other questions?

8 (No response.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All in favor.

10 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed.

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Motion carried.

14 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: Thank you.

15 Okay. The next one is under Article V, Department
16 Executive Committee (b). And the proposed change would
17 read: "All other Department Officers and Past Department
18 Presidents in good standing in their respective units in
19 the Department of California, shall be notified of time
20 and place of meetings and be extended courtesy of being
21 seated with voice but no vote (2023)."

22 Madam President, upon direction of the committee,
23 I move the acceptance of this code change.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Are there any
25 questions?

1 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: I'm sorry.
2 Could you please repeat where you were? You were
3 interrupted.

4 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: Under
5 Article V Department Executive Committee, Section 2(b).

6 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Thank you.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Are there any
8 questions?

9 (No response.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Here's the change
11 here. Liz gave me this. That's the proposed change.
12 They're just adding.

13 Are there any other questions?

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All in favor say
16 aye.

17 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed.

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Motion carried.

21 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: Thank you.
22 Article VII Amendments, Section 2. The proposed change:
23 "This Constitution may be amended by any Department
24 Convention by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the
25 delegates present and voting; providing that the proposed

1 amendments shall have been submitted to the Department
2 Office not later than 75 days prior to the opening of the
3 Department Convention and distributed through the
4 Department Office, to the Units and personnel of the
5 Department" -- excuse me -- "of the Department Convention
6 60 days prior thereto."

7 And the change is we were removing the last line
8 of that, "Triplicate copies provided via USPS mail."

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Are you going to
10 move?

11 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: Sorry.
12 I've been talking too much. Madam President, on direction
13 of the committee I move the acceptance of this change.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Are there any
15 questions?

16 (No response.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All in favor say
18 aye.

19 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed.

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Motion carries.

23 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: All right.

24 So now under the bylaws of the American Legion Auxiliary
25 Department of California, Article I, Section 8. I think I

1 need to read how it is now first. "Subsidiary
2 organizations of the Department of California shall be the
3 County Councils, California Girls State Alumnae
4 Association, and all other groups as may be organized
5 under the name and jurisdiction of the Department of
6 California."

7 The proposed change is Section 8: "Subsidiary
8 organizations in the Department of California shall be the
9 Girls State Alumnae Association and any other groups as
10 may be organized under the name and jurisdiction of the
11 Department of California (2023)."

12 And the rationale is we don't have County
13 Councils anymore. So, Madam President, by direction of
14 the committee I move for the acceptance of this change.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Are there any
16 other questions?

17 ADVISORY COMMITTEE DeLASHMIT: Madam President?

18 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: You have a
19 question behind you.

20 ADVISORY COMMITTEE DeLASHMIT: Just a
21 clarification. You are saying "association," but on my
22 paper it says "foundation." Are we making it a foundation
23 or are we making it an association?

24 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: In the current
25 of the bylaws it says "association." Where did you get

1 that?

2 ADVISORY COMMITTEE DeLASHMIT: My paper it says
3 County Councils and the California Girls State Alumnae
4 Foundation are subsidiary organizations, and then it says
5 the proposed change is the California Girls State Alumnae
6 Foundation.

7 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: You've got the
8 wrong one.

9 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: This refers to
10 association. This is foundation.

11 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: But our
12 current bylaws state "association."

13 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yeah.

14 ADVISORY COMMITTEE DeLASHMIT: Okay. Then this
15 paper is written incorrectly.

16 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: Sorry,
17 Diane, maybe I gave you the wrong one.

18 ADVISORY COMMITTEE DeLASHMIT: Oh, okay. Thank
19 you.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Are there any
21 other questions?

22 (No response.)

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

25 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed.

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Motion carried.

4 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: Okay. The
5 next change -- thank you. The next change is Article VII,
6 Subsidiary Organizations, Section 2. Proposed change
7 would read: "Section 2. Subsidiary organizations in the
8 Department of California shall be the Girls State Alumnae
9 and all other groups as may be organized and listed in the
10 Department Standing Rules under the name jurisdiction of
11 the Department of California. (2023)."

12 Madam President, upon recommendation of the
13 committee I move the acceptance of this change.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Are there any
15 questions?

16 (No response.)

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

19 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed.

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Motion carried.

23 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: Thank you.
24 Okay. Number 7 under Subsidiary Organizations --

25 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Are you saying

1 Article VII?

2 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: Yes. I'm
3 sorry. Article VII. Proposed change: "The California
4 Girls State Alumnae Foundation are subsidiary
5 organizations of the American Legion Auxiliary Department
6 of California (2023)."

7 There is a typo there with Alumnae. Sorry. Upon
8 recommendation of the committee, I move for the acceptance
9 of this change.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Are there any
11 questions?

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All in favor.

14 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Just a minute.
16 We have a question.

17 ADVISORY COMMITTEE DeLASHMIT: Back to my point
18 -- Diane DeLashmit, Unit 299. We need to be consistent.
19 And so this one says "foundation." So should we not be
20 consistent, either association or foundation. And we
21 voted the other one to be association, so should that not
22 be the same?

23 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: Yes, it
24 should be. Would you like for me to reread it to add it
25 in?

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Please add it in
2 and reread it.

3 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: Okay. So
4 just a second here. So number VII proposed change is:
5 "The California Girls State Alumnae Association" should
6 say "is a subsidiary organization of the American Legion
7 Auxiliary Department of California."

8 Madam President, I --

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes.

10 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: -- amend
11 my -- I guess I'm amending my motion to the word change.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Could you read it
13 as --

14 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: Yes.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: -- amended? Did
16 you reread it?

17 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: Yes, I
18 did.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Does everyone
20 understand?

21 DELEGATES: Yes.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Okay. Is there
23 further discussion?

24 (No response.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All in favor.

1 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed.

3 (No response.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Motion granted.

5 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: Okay.

6 Number VIII. I'm going to read how it is now because I'm
7 asking for the deletion of it. So it currently reads:
8 "County Council. It shall require a request to Department
9 President from the membership of a majority of the units
10 of any county to organize the County Council or organize a
11 Council within the said county. All council shall
12 maintain a continuous membership of said units at all
13 times in order to function."

14 And because we don't have County Councils, I'm
15 asking for the deletion of that code. Madam President,
16 upon -- I'm sorry. I shouldn't have said. I'm saying
17 upon recommendation of the committee, I'm asking for
18 approval of that change, the deletion of that code.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Are there any
20 questions?

21 (No response.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All in favor.

23 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed.

25 (No response.)

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Motion granted.

2 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: Thank you.

3 I do have -- under Bylaws I do have a lot of changes that
4 actually are housekeeping, and that is anywhere that it
5 talks about revoking or suspending a charter, according to
6 National they've already changed theirs and it was be
7 cancellation instead of revoking or suspending. So all
8 through the rest of the Standing Rules where that appears,
9 that will be changed with housekeeping.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you.

11 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: So under
12 Personnel Policies, I did receive some changes from the
13 Finance Committee that were passed on. And the first one
14 is Terms of Employment. "Terms of employment for regular
15 employees, nonexempt employees covered" -- should have
16 said the proposed change.

17 "Terms of employment of regular employees,
18 nonexempt employees covered under the State of California
19 and the Federal Wage and Hour Law are subject to payment
20 for overtime. This includes hourly and clerical staff.
21 The exempt employees. Staff who is exempt from State of
22 California and the Federal Wage and Hour Law regarding
23 payment of overtime because of managerial
24 responsibilities."

25 So we're just adding in "State of California."

1 This law was change the first of the year. So upon
2 recommendation of the committee, I'm asking for -- I'm
3 moving for acceptance of the changes.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Are there any
5 questions?

6 (No response.)

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All in favor, say
8 aye.

9 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed.

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Motion carried.

13 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: Thank you.

14 One other addition to the personnel policy. The benefit
15 plan paid holidays. On the following holidays the
16 Department Office will be closed. Those days now are New
17 Years Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents' Day,
18 Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day,
19 Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, Thanksgiving Friday,
20 Christmas Day.

21 On department of -- excuse me. On recommendation
22 of the committee, I'm asking -- I'm moving that we
23 should -- I'm moving to include Juneteenth as a paid
24 holiday. It's not as a national holiday. It's not a
25 national holiday, no.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Federal holiday.
2 It's a federal holiday.

3 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: Federal
4 holiday. Federal holiday, but not a California holiday,
5 but we're asking to include it in our benefit plan. I
6 move.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: You didn't say
8 move.

9 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: Yeah, I
10 did.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: I didn't hear it.

12 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: On
13 recommendation of the committee I move we accept this
14 change.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Are there any
16 questions?

17 (No response.)

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 carried.

24 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: Thank you.

25 My next is a request for our help from the Department of

1 Minnesota in changing the number of delegates that go to
2 National Convention. So they're asking National to
3 increase it based on membership. And that rationale is
4 more candidates and more delegates that go, the more money
5 to fund convention and the more information that comes
6 back to the departments.

7 So I don't know that I need it as a motion, a
8 motion to support Minnesota. I don't have it -- do you
9 have it? I'm sorry.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Who has it?

11 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: No, no,
12 I'm not asking for a paper to write on. Does somebody
13 else have the amendment? I saw it. I do have it, thanks
14 to my committee member.

15 Okay. This amendment will be presented to the
16 delegates at the ALA Department of California for
17 consideration to align with Minnesota in support of this
18 amendment. If adopted, we'll restructure the delegate
19 composition by Department to allow more delegate strength
20 by department at ALA National Convention.

21 Change is: No. 1: Delegates per Department
22 allowed from five to seven. No. 2: Delegates for each
23 major fraction thereof changed from 1500 to 1200.
24 Example. Currently we have 17 delegates total. Going
25 forward with the same membership, they would have 22

1 delegates total.

2 ALA Department of California Constitution &
3 Bylaws Committee recommends adoption. The ALA Department
4 of California Constitution & Bylaws Committee recommends
5 the adoption of this amendment and encourages California
6 to join Minnesota in support.

7 Madam President, upon recommendation from the
8 committee, I move the acceptance of this change.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Are there any
10 questions?

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Hearing none, all
13 in favor say aye.

14 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed.

16 (No response.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Motion carried.

18 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: Thank you.
19 Madam President, may I continue with my report.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes.

21 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: Madam
22 President Gloria, our Units and Districts have worked
23 diligently all year long making sure that their governing
24 documents were in order. Five districts and 68 units
25 submitted rewrites of their Constitution & Bylaws. I

1 received 22 end-of-the-year reports and nine supplemental
2 reports. I would like to personally say thank you to
3 those that were so proud of what their Units and Districts
4 accomplished that they took the time to proudly report
5 their accomplishments.

6 One unit reported spending Constitution Day,
7 September 17th, which is the day in 1787 that our
8 constitution was signed, with 370 children at a local
9 Orange County elementary school. The post's color guard
10 proudly presented the colors for the school-wide assembly.
11 A unit member gave an informative speech about the history
12 and meaning of the United States Constitution. Each grade
13 level participated by presenting a patriotic song or poem
14 reciting the preamble to the constitution.

15 Another unit had an initiation ceremony for new
16 members. They provided new members with a copy of updated
17 Unit Bylaws and Standing Rules along with a new member
18 kit, a poppy, a U.S. flag, a unit pin, and a member
19 benefits brochure. They went the extra mile in educating
20 their new members. Great work done by great people.

21 My 100 percent reporting awards along with the
22 second and third place supplemental report award winners
23 were presented in our preconvention meeting.

24 May I present our first place winners?

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes.

1 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: Come
2 forward, Valerie.

3 (Applause.)

4 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: First
5 place winner of the Constitution & Bylaws District
6 supplemental award goes to District 23 Carolyn Harris.

7 (Applause.)

8 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ: Anita,
9 will you please come down. My first place unit
10 supplemental report goes to Anita Biggs, Unit 252,
11 District 23 first place.

12 (Applause.)

13 CONSTITUTIONS & BYLAWS CHAIR SCHULTZ:
14 Congratulations to both of you for a job well done.

15 Madam President Gloria, it has been an extreme
16 honor to ride along beside you this year. This concludes
17 my report.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you,
19 Glenda. Wonderful report.

20 (Applause.)

21 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR O'BRIEN-SACCO: Madam President,
22 Maureen O'Brien-Sacco, District 18, Unit 13. I just want
23 to announce happily that you will be going to National
24 Convention as 100 percent.

25 (Applause.)

1 MEMBERSHIP CHAIR O'BRIEN-SACCO: Thank you to all
2 of your donations. We needed 197 to make goal and have
3 enough for 306.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you for
6 that information, Maureen. That's wonderful.

7 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Great job,
8 Maureen.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you,
10 California.

11 Okay. Linda. Linda Fercho, would you like to do
12 Resolutions? And then after that we're going to do Ways &
13 Means.

14

15 RESOLUTIONS CONVENTION REPORT

16

17 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR FERCHO: Good morning,
18 everyone. We're almost, almost on that train heading
19 home. Real close. I'm probably going to have to have a
20 train. These prizes are amazing, are they not? Wow, you
21 guys are going to have to have a train or a truck to get
22 them all home.

23 Well, the Resolution Committee met in the Maple
24 Room on June 22nd. We have no statistics so don't look in
25 the book for them, but -- and there were no code changes.

1 There was some recommendations though, and I'll give that
2 to next year's Resolution Chairman. Oh, I think that's
3 me. But anyway.

4 Because there's only two codes, there's only two
5 paragraphs, 1 and 2. And the first one talks about a -- I
6 have it right here with me. But it has a reference to the
7 Constitution & Bylaws. They ask that the referenced
8 wording be added just for clarity. And then the second
9 one refers to the resolution dates that have to be in for
10 Finance or Constitution & Bylaws, and they ask that that
11 be added for reference only so that you look at one code
12 and you saw it and you didn't have to search for other
13 places. So next year we'll talk about that.

14 I want to thank Janet Payne, District 6, who was
15 appointed secretary. Rochelle Billet-Smith offered prayer
16 from District 15, and Rosemary Weber was our
17 sergeant-at-arms from District 16. A total of 11
18 delegates answered roll call and there were three
19 visitors.

20 And here is my report. It doesn't have a nice
21 heading because I couldn't copy it here. So yours does
22 not have my train that says "All Aboard." So it's rather
23 plain, but it has the same wording.

24 May I present my stage remarks now?

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes, you may.

1 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR FERCHO: Thank you. Good
2 morning, Madam President, members, guests. Whereas, I
3 want to thank you, Madam President Gloria, for giving me
4 this appointment. Whereas, your theme "Get on Board the
5 Friendship Train" has been fun and very inspiring.
6 Whereas, it had been fun writing your bread and butter
7 resolution.

8 Whereas, I want to thank Debbie Hurado, District
9 14 President, and Zana Chaney, District 15 President.
10 Because of all their hard work from those two districts, I
11 felt I would like to have them join me and help read the
12 resolutions.

13 So I'm going to start with the first one only
14 because it's -- I had to handwrite a whole bunch of stuff
15 and you can't hardly read it but me. I might have been a
16 doctor the way I write, but anyways.

17 Whereas, a number of distinguished guests found
18 time in their busy schedule to accept our President's
19 invitations to attend our Department Convention; and
20 whereas, we were honored to welcome them and enjoyed their
21 warm greetings and informative remarks. Now therefore be
22 it resolved, that we express our appreciation to the
23 following for their attendance at this meeting.
24 Department Commander Jere Romano; Wyndham sales and
25 catering director Christina Da Silva; Visalia City

1 Councilmember Liz Wynn; Honorary Department Junior
2 Auxiliary President Olivia Thuney; American Legion 15th
3 District Commander 2022-2023 Ralph Wenzinger. Is that
4 correct? Okay. And then Chris Wenzinger, his brother,
5 American Legion 15th District Commander for '23-'24; Zana
6 Chaney, American Legion Auxiliary 15th District President;
7 Jeff Flint, Sons of the Legion Detachment Commander; Mike
8 Smith, Director of the California American Legion Riders.
9 Okay.

10 DISTRICT 15 PRESIDENT CHANEY: Whereas, the
11 management and staff of the Wyndham Hotel, Christina Da
12 Silva, who has made the most effective and courteous and
13 have made every effort to make our stay in Visalia
14 enjoyable. Therefore be it resolved, that we express our
15 gratitude and appreciation for their outstanding service;
16 and be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution
17 be sent to the management of Wyndham Hotel.

18 Whereas, Past President Parley Joan Cannon and
19 her team did a fantastic job providing us with a wonderful
20 Past President Parley program and luncheon. Whereas, the
21 individual little gift baskets, peanuts wooden ornament
22 were such an darling unexpected surprise. We recognize
23 all efforts provided by everyone. Whereas, the special
24 touch of delicious cupcakes provided were enjoyed by
25 everyone. So it be resolved, that we give Past President

1 Parley Joan and her team a round of applause. Thank you.

2 (Applause.)

3 DISTRICT 15 PRESIDENT CHANEY: And be it
4 furthermore resolved that this -- that we send a copy of
5 this resolution to Past President Parley Chairman Joan
6 Cannon to share with her team.

7 One more thing. Whereas, Past Department
8 President Anita Biggs and Department Community Service
9 Chairman Sharon Moore from Jackie Robinson Unit 252,
10 District 23 took on a task of organizing our enjoyment at
11 the Past Presidents Banquet and Commander Ball. Whereas,
12 the entertainment that was arranged was fantastic and fun
13 we all had. Whereas, this body needs to recognize the
14 hard work that it takes to arrange entertainment,
15 organization, and all dinner tickets.

16 So be it resolved, that all members of this
17 convention recognize their hard work with a standing
18 ovation.

19 (Applause.)

20 DISTRICT 15 PRESIDENT CHANEY: And it be further
21 resolved, that we send a copy of this resolution to Past
22 Department President Anita Biggs and Department Community
23 Service Sharon Moore.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT 14 PRESIDENT HURADO: Whereas, the

1 Department Commander of the American Legion Jere Romano
2 has joined us at our Department of California Auxiliary
3 Convention meeting and whereas, his cooperation in working
4 together with our Department President and Auxiliary
5 members reinforces the close relationship of the
6 California American Legion Family and further enhances all
7 the programs of our organization. Now therefore be it
8 resolved, that we express to Commander Romano our deep
9 appreciation for the kindness and many courtesies that he
10 has extended to our Department President and we thank him
11 for his presence at our Department Convention meeting.

12 And be it further resolved, that copies of this
13 resolution be mailed to the Department Commander and the
14 to the American Legion Department Office.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT 14 PRESIDENT HURADO: Whereas, there
17 were 11 Past Department Presidents in attendance at this
18 Department Convention. Whereas, their presence and
19 willingness to make themselves available to share their
20 knowledge, insight, and experience with others
21 demonstrates a true genuine concern for our members and
22 our organization.

23 Therefore be it resolved, that we give a rising
24 vote of appreciation to the Past Department Presidents for
25 their continued dedication and service to our

1 organization.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT 14 PRESIDENT HURADO: Whereas, the
4 Department of California takes great pride in the members
5 of this department who are serving in the National
6 Organization. Therefore be it resolved, that we recognize
7 the following members: Nancy Brown-Park, who brought
8 honor to this Department by serving as the National
9 President. Joan Cannon, National Executive Committee
10 Woman. Melanie Taylor, National Community Service
11 Chairman. Linda Workman, National Western Division.
12 Anita Biggs, National Western Division Leadership
13 Chairman. Lauralee Gooch, National ALA Foundation
14 Director. Kimberly MacKinney, National Western Division
15 Girls State Chairman. Valerie Hardy, National Western
16 Division Junior Activities Chairman. Tamara Bell,
17 National Western Division National Security Chairman.
18 Maureen O'Brien-Sacco, National Western Division
19 Americanism Chairman.

20 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR FERCHO: And I apologize. I
21 need to add one, and that's our very own Kathie Martinez,
22 Alternate NEC Woman.

23 (Applause.)

24 DEPARTMENT 14 PRESIDENT HURADO: And it be
25 further resolved, that we give a standing ovation to thank

1 these members for their honor and prestige they bring to
2 this Department.

3 (Applause.)

4 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR FERCHO: Thank you. Whereas,
5 and this is a little special thing and I noticed it from
6 Madam President's remarks during the convention, I would
7 like to have -- whereas, Legionnaire Henry Sanchez, Post
8 233, District 6 has given up his valuable time to take
9 fabulous pictures of our Auxiliary and our Auxiliary
10 events. Whereas, he is not only a fantastic photographer,
11 a wonderful husband, a very handsome man, but always
12 willing to help when asked.

13 So be it resolved, that we express our sincere
14 thanks to a job with the clapping of our hands.

15 (Applause.)

16 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR FERCHO: And so be it further
17 resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to
18 Legionnaire Henry Sanchez, Post 233, District 6.

19 Now whereas, the Honorary Junior Auxiliary
20 President Olivia Thuney joined us for the entire
21 convention as well as the Junior Auxiliary members. She
22 demonstrated her amazing leadership skills during the
23 Junior Conference held in Bakersfield 2023 resulting in
24 her election as the Honorary Junior Auxiliary President.
25 Whereas, her remarks and plans for the future were very

1 inspiring. Whereas, the information she gave during her
2 remarks regarding what the Junior Auxiliary members have
3 already accomplished, which was amazing, whereas her plans
4 for the future assure us that indeed our Junior Auxiliary
5 are our future and in good hands.

6 So be it resolved, that the members assembled at
7 this meeting express our deep and sincere appreciation
8 with a rising applause for Olivia Thuney, our 2023-2024
9 Honorary Junior President.

10 (Applause.)

11 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR FERCHO: And if I might take a
12 little point of privilege on her behalf, Madam President,
13 are any of the Juniors that have been running around doing
14 a fantastic job as Pages, would you just make a march
15 around here and show everyone who you are? Our future
16 Auxiliary members. They need to take a little march
17 around. We want to see your darling faces. You've done
18 an amazing job.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Come on up the
21 center aisle just take a little walk around. Thank you,
22 girls.

23 (Applause.)

24 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR FERCHO: Thank you, girls.
25 Thank you, thank you, thank you. Thank you, girls.

1 So be it resolved, that a copy of this resolution
2 be given to Olivia to share with her Junior Auxiliary
3 members.

4 Whereas, Convention Chairman Deborah Hurado and
5 Co-Chairman Gloria Jean Sinopoli have gone above and
6 beyond expectations to make this 2023 Department
7 Convention the outstanding convention that it has been.
8 Whereas, this, as you can imagine, has been quite a
9 challenge. With the help of Doreen Long, Diane Rapport,
10 Past Department President Dee Ann Graham and her District
11 15 team, District 14's team, American Legion Post 147,
12 Past Department President Joan Cannon and Marcia Munroe,
13 they have been able to overcome all the challenges
14 presented to them, I think.

15 Whereas, this body needs to recognize all their
16 hard work, from the gorgeous decorations to the organizing
17 of all the many tasks that are needed to put on a
18 convention. So be it resolved, that all the members of
19 this convention recognize all their hard work with a
20 standing ovation.

21 (Applause.)

22 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR FERCHO: And be it further
23 resolved, that we send a copy of this resolution to Debra
24 Hurado and Gloria Jean Sinopoli with copies for all of
25 them that have helped in the enormous task of putting on

1 the American Legion Auxiliary Department of California
2 Convention Year 2023. Thank you.

3 I have one more very special. And I'm honored to
4 give this last resolution. But Department President, I
5 know it's a little difficult to be getting up and down so
6 I'm not going to have you join me at my station here, but
7 I do want to read my special resolution to you.

8 Whereas, Department President Gloria Williams has
9 shown friendly and capable leadership as she represents
10 our organization nationwide and throughout the great state
11 of California. And whereas, her theme The Friendship
12 Train has called all of us to get on board. And quoting
13 the lyrics from Tim McGraw's song Humble and Kind: "When
14 those dreams you're dreamin' come to you," which your
15 dream of being Department President did, "When the work
16 you put in is realized," and that it has through all the
17 accomplishments your members have done under your
18 presidency, "Let yourself feel the pride," as well you
19 should, "but always stay humble and kind."

20 And that certainly sums up the message your
21 Friendship Train theme instilled in all of us this year.

22 Therefore be it be resolved, that the members and
23 guests assembled in this Department Convention express a
24 deep appreciation and sincere thanks to President Gloria
25 Williams for her dedication and service to the American

1 Legion Auxiliary. Please stand.

2 (Applause.)

3 RESOLUTIONS CHAIR FERCHO: And be it further
4 resolved, that copies of this resolution be sent to Gloria
5 and to her Unit 252 Jackie Robinson, District 23.

6 Thank you, Madam President, and that concludes my
7 resolutions.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you, Linda.
10 Past Department Presidents' donations.

11 Would you like to report on that now?

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Number one, AEF
13 collection this morning, we collected \$361.45, so thank
14 you.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: We're closing up
17 the baskets. If you still have tickets, you now have ten
18 minutes to get them in there before they do the drawings.
19 They're already drawing. It's up to you, Mahala. That
20 side is already drawing.

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22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DONATIONS

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24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Madam
25 President, do I still have any of Linda's Workmen here? I

1 know Lois is here. Do I have any District Presidents? On
2 behalf of Linda's Workmen, we are donating \$100 to
3 Children and Youth TFA.

4 (Applause.)

5 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DeLASHMIT: Are there
6 any Gandy's Engineers here? Judy Lloyd's Editors?
7 Anybody here from Judy Lloyd here? And the Circus Acts,
8 my Circus Acts, anybody here? There they are. Okay. And
9 LuAnn's Ship Captains. Okay. Great. Okay. On behalf of
10 this group, we have \$100 for Education, we have \$25 for
11 Junior Conference, we have \$30 for Children and Youth,
12 \$110 for VA&R, and \$170 for general fund.

13 (Applause.)

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Do I have any
15 of my Rodeo Queens? How about standing up, Rodeo Queens?
16 Yeah, Rosemary. There they are. All right. All right.
17 We're donating \$55 to the Education Scholarship Fund and
18 \$50 to Junior Conference for their supplies.

19 Now I'm doing Loretta Marsh also. So do I have
20 any of Loretta Marsh's Superheros in the audience?
21 Superheros. All right. All right. They're donating \$60
22 to Madam President's Special Project.

23 (Applause.)

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT LEE: Okay. Madeline's
25 Queen Love-a-Lots, Love Princesses, and Bev Sparks' Stars.

1 So we're donating -- and please stand up. I have two I
2 know who are here. I see one. There's one over there.
3 And then where's Rosebud? Where's my Princess Rosebud?

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: She's working the corner.

5 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT LEE: Yeah, okay. But
6 we're donating \$150 to the general fund.

7 (Applause.)

8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Do we have any
9 of Sue Hooker's Lighthouses besides me? Oh, here's one.
10 Oh, Vickie. Okay. And Melanie's Hot Air Balloon Pilots?
11 Joyce. Oh, great, great. Okay. What about Bonnie's Prom
12 Princesses? Deloris. Sandy Jacobs' Colonels? Just stay
13 standing, Deloris. Okay. On behalf of all of us we are
14 donating a total of \$370 to the VA&R TFA.

15 (Applause.)

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Would Anita's
17 Dream Team Captains please stand. Please rise. We happen
18 to have a President, a Department President Elect. We're
19 so proud of you, Glenda, my first Team Captain. Thank
20 you. Let's see where am I going to put this. Okay.
21 We'll put it to TFA.

22 We are giving \$100 to Girls State in honor of our
23 Fallen Team Captain Tammy Sollazzo. We are giving \$120 to
24 the Department President's Special Project for PTSD
25 females. We are giving \$100 to TFA VA&R. And with our

1 last donation from Ms. Fletcher, I made an executive
2 decision to add this to our last one. \$125 to Junior
3 Conference.

4 (Applause.)

5 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Making our
6 total of \$445 donation. Thank you, ladies, so much.

7 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TOZIER: Do we have
8 DeAnn's Surfers? DeAnn's Surfers and Susie's Farmers? We
9 are giving \$160 to the Junior Activities program.

10 (Applause.)

11 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Okay. My
12 other name. Sunflowers. I know there's two of you here.
13 We are giving the total donation \$190. \$95 to VA&R, \$50
14 to Juniors, and \$45 to Junior Conference.

15 (Applause.)

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: I'm not giving
17 this microphone up. I am the -- I'm donating for all Past
18 Department Presidents, so we're giving \$50 donated to
19 District 18's Memorial -- Odette Cuccaro's Memorial
20 Scholarship, \$50 donated to Department VA&R in memory of
21 LuAnn Capazzi.

22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MARTINEZ: My turn.
23 Can I have all my Freedom Fighters stand up? I know
24 you're here, unless you've gone home because Eagle One is
25 ready to fly out of here. Teresa is there, Martha is,

1 Kathy over there, Cece, Pat Davis. There's a lot of you
2 all out here. And I want to say thank you very much. On
3 behalf of the Freedom Fighters, we have \$250 going to help
4 offset our budget in the general fund.

5 (Applause.)

6 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Well, we have
7 a tradition in Past Department Presidents. When we have a
8 significant other, they become a PDG. They're a gopher.
9 Past Department Gophers. They go for anything we forget.
10 I mean they've bought nylons, they've bought some
11 unmentionable things, but they always are the help.

12 Now my husband, Dennis, has probably been one
13 about four or five times a gopher. He's always willing to
14 run around and do stuff. So they meet on Friday night and
15 they all get -- oh, no. They all enjoy a meal and a few
16 libations.

17 Madam President, they weren't able to come over.
18 They're doing some really big elections over there, and so
19 they apologize for that or they would be here. So they --
20 and I am talking to you. And they did come to your dinner
21 when you weren't supposed to be talking, but you were, so
22 that's okay. And they are donating to your special
23 project \$230.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Please tell them

1 thank you so much. They've been wonderful.

2 Linda, you already took my mic.

3 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: And you ain't getting it
4 back.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: And, members,
6 I've chosen that some of the money should go to GI Josie.
7 They were here. And then the rest will go to the VA
8 Hospitals to have special programs for PTSD.

9 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: And while we're here, we
10 normally don't have another PDP meeting, but, Madam
11 Chairman, I move that we take this old broad off of
12 probation and just let her join our club.

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Second.

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: I vote yes.

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: All in favor.

16 DELEGATES: Aye.

17 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Opposed?

18 DELEGATES: No.

19 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CANNON: Motion
20 carried.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you.

22 FINANCE CHAIR WORKMAN: Welcome to the PDP's.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Yes, it was quite
24 a meeting.

25 Okay. Mahala Beery Ways & Means.

1 DISTRICT 20 PRESIDENT HARVILLE: Hold on one
2 minute, ladies. Okay. Last year at Clovis, Melanie
3 Taylor came up to Baby in the stroller and she says I have
4 to give you a dollar to hold the puppy. And I said, no,
5 you don't have to give me a dollar to hold the puppy. You
6 can hold the puppy. No, I have to give you a dollar to
7 hold the puppy. I said no. She says yes. And I said,
8 okay, hold the puppy.

9 And she holds her, takes her picture, puts her
10 down. She said thank you and walks away. I looked at the
11 dollar and I said to Jackie Landon: Now I'm going to pimp
12 out my puppy. So light bulb goes off.

13 I did. I cleared it with our Parliamentarian
14 Anita Biggs and other members of the department. I said,
15 okay, if Tina creates a thing to donate money towards
16 Madam President's PTSD fund, what better way than a
17 service animal raising money for service animals for our
18 veterans with PTSD.

19 So at DEC my husband forget to put it out so we
20 were a little short. She has raised \$13.58 at Clovis for
21 the half day on Sunday because that was when the idea pop
22 in my brain. And then the other \$208 we have turned in.
23 And I'm a little disappointed, but we've raised enough
24 funds all the way around that we're not too embarrassed.

25 This was, if you didn't see it, this is the box

1 that I made for Tina. This is Tina's project. And
2 anyways, you ladies, I thank you. Tina was always being
3 told to me she is the American Legion Auxiliary Department
4 of California's mascot. She has an engineer cap. She has
5 all kinds of stuff.

6 So sorry to say because of all the other stuff
7 going on, we only have a dollar for this time around. But
8 that's okay, we did the other thing. But I want to
9 present Ms. Gloria with this box from Tina for her
10 mementos.

11 (Applause.)

12 DISTRICT 20 PRESIDENT HARVILLE: Thank you very
13 much for letting me do this. And I do have plans for the
14 next president coming in. Tina has already got her ideas
15 going.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you very
17 much. Bye, Tina.

18 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Wait a minute.
19 I want that baby. Wait a minute.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Okay. Are we
21 ready for Ways & Means?

22 Okay. Ways & Means Chairman.

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24 WAYS & MEANS CONVENTION REPORT

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1 WAYS & MEANS CHAIR BEERY: Okay. I know
2 everybody is ready to go home, but we had a wonderful year
3 so please be patient with me. My name is Mahala Beery. I
4 am the Ways & Means Chairman for '23-'24. This is Marcia
5 Munroe. She is on the Ways & Means committee. And we are
6 the Ways & Means committee. And we worked.

7 Marcia, I couldn't have done it without you. You
8 truly have been wonderful. She mentored toward me. I'm
9 brand-new chairman. I was touched. Thank you.

10 I'm kind of like Wendy O'Brien, so forgive me.
11 Just go with the flow. I'm okay.

12 We started the year by ordering railroad themed
13 table rolls, tablecloths, numbers, pictures of railcars
14 for the bags used to collect tickets for all the donated
15 baskets or items for our opportunity drawings. We ordered
16 tickets, so many tickets. And I arrived here with I
17 thought plenty of tickets and we had to go get more.

18 (Applause.)

19 WAYS & MEANS CHAIR BEERY: Last year at the end
20 of convention, I was given two large plastic totes and
21 they were full of Past Department President pins, Past
22 Department President charms, and other items. I knew I
23 couldn't load them in my car by myself because there were
24 too heavy. I come by myself.

25 But I do want to send a special thank you to

1 Barbara Garrison and Angie Ayon from Panorama City who was
2 here last year. And those two girls loaded those totes
3 and took them home for me on their own. And one of those
4 totes probably weighs over 50 pounds. Truly impossible
5 for me to lift.

6 And my husband is a really big guy. He is six
7 foot five. I have seen him lift oak cabinets and nail
8 them to the -- hold them with one hand and nail them with
9 the other. Trust me, he's strong. And he went out and
10 picked up that one tote, and I saw him in the driveway
11 struggling. And he came in the house and he said, "I
12 almost dropped this thing." It's really heavy and, you
13 know, it's big.

14 So I knew I couldn't do anything with it. I
15 could barely scoot it on the floor. So he told me, he
16 said: You can't lift that. You can't move it. What are
17 you going to do? How are you going to get this stuff
18 around?

19 So he goes out to his garage and he found an
20 organizer toolbox drawer that he has. He's like Tim The
21 Toolman Taylor. And so he said: How about this, will
22 this work for you? I said yeah. Well, we need to go to
23 Home Depot and buy this system for you. And we did. And
24 I rolled into Clovis with it all organized. It's a
25 stacking drawer. You guys have all been back there I

1 hope. And I've invited most of you to go through my
2 drawers. Good, good, good.

3 So now we have the opportunity to see what our
4 Past Department President pins look like. And we can buy
5 them and we can find the charms and it's relatively
6 organized. Of course every year we'll get new ones and we
7 have to get reorganized, but that's up to the next Ways &
8 Means Chairman, but now they have a system.

9 Because when I walked into Clovis -- Susie Tozier
10 used to work at Home Depot; I don't know if you know that
11 about her, but she -- she looked at me and she said: You
12 got at Home Depot, didn't you? And I said: Yeah, but
13 come here. I've got to show you this. And so I showed
14 her and she said: Oh, my goodness, that's such a great
15 idea.

16 And of course, then she left me and went --
17 because I told her when I'm done as Ways & Means Chairman,
18 my husband wants that organizer back. And I said unless
19 you guys would like to buy it, I have the receipts. And
20 she went and got Linda and Linda -- Linda Workman and
21 Linda approved that purchase for our Ways & Means
22 committee. So I really want to thank Susie and Linda for
23 doing that because it made a huge difference as to what we
24 sold.

25 The Friendship Train Ways & Means car arrived at

1 Clovis ready to go. We were on a roll. We had a lot of
2 help setting up the tables at every event, and I want to
3 thank you to each and every one of you. I might not even
4 know all of your names, but if you helped us lift baskets,
5 move baskets, organize them on the table, put up bags, it
6 is work and it takes -- you know, many hands make short
7 work and you guys are all wonderful in helping.

8 I want to send out another special thank you to
9 those of you that helped me get the charm bracelets
10 together. I don't know how many of you have ever tried to
11 put those charms together or take them apart, but they
12 wear out your fingers so bad. The other day I was trying
13 to take one apart and I just couldn't get it, I couldn't
14 get it. I kept working and working.

15 I finally had to go get ice water and put the ice
16 on my hand just so I could make my hands work again. It's
17 difficult to do, so thank you very much for -- there were
18 a few ladies that helped me especially at Clovis.

19 I want to thank Linda Hayes for donating pocket
20 calendars. And a lot of you have bought those pocket
21 calendars, and she just donated them freely. And thank
22 you very much.

23 (Applause.)

24 WAYS & MEANS CHAIR BEERY: I also want to give a
25 very special shout out to Marion Rocha-Carlos. She was so

1 patient in explaining to me what I needed to do. She was
2 patient with me asking her to repeat it. She emailed me
3 things. She was so kind.

4 And at this convention -- some of you got them.
5 There weren't a lot of them, but some of you got them.
6 The little hand crocheted poppy earrings. And I had told
7 her at the beginning of last year, you know what would
8 sell like hotcakes, if I could find somebody that could
9 crochet those little poppies. And I'm telling all of you,
10 if you don't have a pair, I'm sorry, but if you know how
11 to crochet and you're willing to crochet and donate to the
12 Ways & Means committee, we sold them for \$10 each and you
13 can help the next Ways & Means Chairman.

14 But thank you very much, Marion. You are
15 fabulous.

16 (Applause.)

17 WAYS & MEANS CHAIR BEERY: So at the Clovis
18 workshop -- I'm a brand-new chairman. I arrived. I
19 didn't know anything. I didn't even know I was supposed
20 to have a report. Okay. My mentor here clued me in,
21 thank God, but we came away from Clovis having collected
22 \$1,879.

23 (Applause.)

24 WAYS & MEANS CHAIR BEERY: And I have a friend
25 that lives in Wine Country, so my husband and I planned a

1 trip to Wine Country. I planned it around the Hayward
2 workshop. So I took all that stuff up to Hayward. We
3 didn't sell a lot, but I was there and it helped. So we
4 got I believe it was \$72 at Hayward.

5 (Applause.)

6 WAYS & MEANS CHAIR BEERY: And then we went to
7 Hollywood. Well, Hollywood, you know, I mean who doesn't
8 love Hollywood. And if you haven't been in that post,
9 you're really missing something. But at the Hollywood
10 workshop we did pretty well because basically I didn't ask
11 for opportunity baskets, but I had the pins and charms.
12 We told \$221 worth at Hollywood.

13 So for the three workshops we had \$2,172
14 collected. I do also want to give a special thank you to
15 Laurie Kellgreen who is from my unit and my friend because
16 she helped me at the southern workshop in Hollywood
17 because I didn't have anybody else to help because Marcia
18 lives up north, of course.

19 So thank you, Laura, for being so kind.

20 We slowed The Friendship Train to give the unit
21 and the district and the department chairman reports and a
22 whirlwind of the holiday season was happening at the same
23 time, of course. The Friendship Train finally stopped in
24 January in Anaheim. It was time for the Department
25 Executive Meeting where we collected \$1,075.

1 (Applause.)

2 WAYS & MEANS CHAIR BEERY: We collected a total
3 of \$3,247 for the Ways & Means committee before arriving
4 to this convention. Our budget for this year was \$3,000.
5 Thank you all once again for responding, for all the
6 donations of the baskets. I put out one bulletin. You
7 ladies are amazing. You rock. We have 65 baskets.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you,
10 Mahala.

11 WAYS & MEANS CHAIR BEERY: Just a few more. The
12 Friendship Train has reached its destination in Visalia,
13 California. Thank you to everyone who helped set up our
14 Ways & Means tables again. We did collect \$75 for the
15 Presidents Club.

16 At this convention we collected \$3,076.

17 (Applause.)

18 WAYS & MEANS CHAIR BEERY: Your total for the
19 year, \$6,398.

20 (Applause.)

21 WAYS & MEANS CHAIR BEERY: Thank you again.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank you.

23 WAYS & MEANS CHAIR BEERY: I love each and every
24 one of you.

25 And, Madam President, thank you for the

1 opportunity to serve.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: You're welcome.
3 Thank you for all your hard work.

4 WAYS & MEANS CHAIR BEERY: We need to finish in a
5 few minutes. Sixty-five baskets, it takes a while.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: I would like to
7 welcome all new members. Would you stand if this is your
8 first convention.

9 (Applause.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Now don't let it
11 be your last. If there is no more unfinished business --
12 oh, is there any unfinished business to come before this
13 assembly?

14 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIR CANNON: I just
15 wanted to give some information about DEC in January 2024
16 will be at the Double Tree by Hilton in Sacramento.
17 Unfortunately, high-priced area. The room rates are going
18 to be \$172.54 a night with \$5 a day parking, and we got
19 that reduced. That's where we're at right now. That
20 includes the tax. That's the total fee.

21 They do have a 24 hour fitness center, an outdoor
22 pool, a restaurant and bar, business center, three high
23 speed -- got the Internet for free and it's all free. So
24 it will be posted on the website. Yeah, it's in
25 Sacramento. 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, California.

1 It's about 11, 12 miles from the airport, so it will be
2 close for people who want to fly in. It will be on the
3 department website. It starts January 19th through the
4 24th, but there's some rooms for people who want to come
5 in on Thursday.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Madam Secretary,
7 will you please read the minutes of the Department
8 Executive meeting held January 14th-15th, 2023.

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10 READING OF MEETING MINUTES

11

12 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: The Department
13 Executive Committee DEC meeting was called to order by
14 President Gloria Williams in Orange, California from
15 January 14th-15th, 2023.

16 The following actions were taken: Department
17 Secretary Liz Doidge moved that we make the following
18 changes to the department personnel policy. Working hours
19 -- working hours regular employees. The work -- the
20 workweek shall be five days, Monday through Friday, with a
21 40-hour maximum. The hours of work shall be 8:30 a.m. to
22 4:30 p.m., or otherwise prearranged, with a one half hour
23 lunch period. Each nonexempt employee will record time
24 worked by electronic means at the beginning and ending of
25 shift and also at lunch break to comply with state law.

1 Motion seconded and carried.

2 Department Secretary Liz Doidge moved that we
3 make the following changes to the Department Personnel
4 Policy Benefit Program. Number 1, Social Security.
5 Number 2, Unemployment/State Disability Insurance/paid
6 family leave. Number 3, dental-permanent part-time
7 employees are not eligible for employer dental insurance.
8 I removed the dental insurance stuff because there is no
9 insurance for employees of the Department. Motion
10 seconded and carried.

11 Department Secretary Liz Doidge moved that we
12 make the following changes to the Department personnel
13 policy dress code. The Department expects employees to
14 dress appropriately in business attire of a casual nature.
15 Our work environment for employees encourages employees to
16 dress comfortably for work. Please do not wear anything
17 that other employees might find offensive or that might
18 make coworkers uncomfortable.

19 It includes clothing with profane language,
20 profane language statements, or clothing that promotes
21 causes that include, but are not limited to politics,
22 religion, sexuality, race, age, gender, and ethnicity.

23 Our goal is to provide a work place environment
24 that is comfortable and inclusive for all employees. We
25 expect that your business attire, although casual, will

1 exhibit common sense and professionalism.

2 Employees are expected to demonstrate good
3 judgment and professional taste. Courtesy towards
4 coworkers and your professional image to coworkers are the
5 factors you need to use to assess whether you are dressing
6 in business attire that is appropriate. We will deal with
7 employees who wear business attire that is inappropriate
8 in this workplace on an individual basis rather than
9 subjecting all employees to a more stringent dress code
10 for appropriate business attire.

11 Motion seconded and carried.

12 Finance Committee. Motion by Teresa Lugo-Nunez
13 to correct the '22-'23 budget from line item GF62453,
14 District President Allowance, and increasing this amount
15 to \$4,700. Motion seconded and carried.

16 Motion by Diane DeLashmit to amend the motion to
17 \$4,750. The motions -- the first one was only seconded.
18 It was amended by Diane to increase to 4,750. Motion was
19 seconded and carried.

20 Motion to correct the 2022-2023 budget for line
21 item GF62453, District President Allowance, and increasing
22 the amount to \$4,750. Motion seconded and carried.

23 Americanism. Suzanne Winters moved to approve
24 the Americanism Essay Contests as read. Category I,
25 Grades 4-5, Why do we honor the Flag? Category II, Grades

1 6-7, Why is voting important? Category III, Grades 8-9,
2 Who is responsible to keep our country safe? Category IV,
3 Grades 10, 11, and 12, Is service to our country
4 important? Category V, exceptional needs, How should the
5 flag be disposed of?

6 Suzanne moved to amend the motion to Category V,
7 exceptional needs, How should the flag be properly
8 disposed? Motion seconded and carried.

9 Motion to move to approve the Americanism
10 contests as to: Category I, Grades 4-5, Why do we honor
11 the Flag? Category II, Grades 6-7, Why is voting
12 important? Category III, Grades 8-9, Who is responsible
13 to keep our country safe? Category IV, Grades 10, 11, and
14 12, Is service to our country important? Category V,
15 exceptional needs, How should the flag be properly
16 disposed?

17 Motion seconded and carried.

18 The following motions were made by the respective
19 District Presidents, seconded and carried: District 4,
20 Unit 95 Oroville, remain on probation until June 2023.
21 District 4, Unit 673 Durham, placed on probation until
22 June of 2023. District 5, Unit 21 Theodore Roosevelt,
23 remain on probation until June of 2023.

24 Remember that these are the minutes from DEC in
25 January. They don't match up right now. That's why.

1 District 5, Unit 111 Sotoyome, thank you, placed
2 on probation until June of 2023. District 5, Unit 178 Rio
3 Vista, remain on probation until June of 2023. District
4 5, Unit 194 Thredway, remain on probation until June of
5 2023. District 9, Unit 202 Roy Frerichs, placed on
6 probation until June of 2023.

7 District 12, Unit 872 Scranton & Qualle, remain
8 on probation until June of 2023. District 13, Unit 217
9 Gilroy, remain on probation until June of 2023. District
10 14, Unit 4 Charlie Waters, remain on probation until June
11 of 2023. District 14, Unit 11 Madera, remain on probation
12 until June of 2023. Unit -- District 14, Unit 346
13 Firebaugh, remain on probation until June of 2023.
14 District 14, Unit 511 State Center, remain on probation
15 until June of 2023.

16 District 15, Unit 94 Exeter, placed on probation
17 until June of 2023. District 15, Unit 213 Leslie L.
18 Robinson, placed on probation until June of 2023.
19 District 15, Unit 711 Kern River Valley, placed on
20 probation until June of 2023. District 16, Unit 49 Santa
21 Barbara, remain on probation until June of 2023.

22 District 17, Unit 309 Los Angeles Sheriff's Star
23 surrendered their charter. District 18, Unit 75 La
24 Puenta, remain on probation until June of 2023. District
25 18, Unit 397 Monterey Park, remain on probation -- placed

1 on probation until June of 2023.

2 District 19, Unit 270 Downey, placed on probation
3 until June of 2023. District 20, Unit 520 Sun Valley,
4 remain on probation until June of 2023. District 21, Unit
5 742 Joe Dominguez, remain on probation until June of 2023.
6 District 21, Unit 951 Fellowship, remain on probation
7 until June of 2023.

8 District -- District 22, Unit 149 JB Clark,
9 removed from probation. District 22, Unit 201 Dewitt C.
10 Mitchell, remain on probation until June of 2023.
11 District 22, Unit 364 Santee, removed from probation.
12 District 22, Unit 416 San Dieguito, placed on probation
13 until June of 2023. District 22, Unit 619 Sergeant Alan
14 K. Walker, remain on probation until June of 2023.
15 District 22, Unit 731 Larry E. Homberg, remain on
16 probation until June of 2023. District 22, Unit 853
17 Borrego Springs, remain on probation until June of 2023.

18 District 25, Unit 106 Redlands, removed from
19 probation. District 25, Unit 112 Ontario, remain on
20 probation until June of 2023. District 25, Unit 426
21 Yucaipa, remain on probation until June of 2023.

22 District 28, Unit 121 Edward H. Lorenson
23 surrendered their charter. District 29, Unit 131 Santa
24 Anna was removed from probation. District 29, Unit 227
25 Tustin surrendered their charter. District 29/354 Buena

1 Park, removed from probation. District 29, Unit 679
2 Richard M. Nixon, removed from probation.

3 Endorsements for the 2023-'24 year will be as
4 follows: Glenda Schultz was endorsed for Department Vice
5 President by Jean McGinnis. Linda Hayes was endorsed for
6 Department Vice President by Roberta Estes. Brenda
7 Ternullo was endorsed for Junior Member of Finance by
8 Nancy Brown-Park. Kathie Martinez was endorsed for NEC by
9 Martha Romano. Dee Ann Graham was endorsed for Alternate
10 NEC by Zana Chaney.

11 There being no further business, the meeting was
12 adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

13 I moved that we accept the minutes from DEC
14 January 14th-15th, 2023.

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Second it.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: It has been moved
17 and seconded for you to accept the minutes. All in favor.

18 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Just a moment.
20 There was a question.

21 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: There's no
22 question, just a clarification. You read that it was
23 endorsed that Glenda Schultz as Vice President, and it is
24 written Department President. So it is correct, she just
25 read it wrong.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All in favor.

2 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed.

4 (No response.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Motion carried.

6 Is there any further business, any old business?

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I've got three

8 more.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: We have more
10 minutes.

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: The next one I'm
12 going to read are from the DEC on Thursday morning.

13 The Department Executive Committee (DEC) meeting
14 was called to order by President Gloria Williams in
15 Visalia, California on June 22nd, 2023 at 7:15 a.m.

16 The following actions were taken. The following
17 motions were made by irrespctive District Presidents,
18 seconded and carried.

19 District 1, Unit 96 Sequoia was placed on
20 probation until January of 2024. District 2, Unit 197 was
21 placed on probation until January of 2024. District 3,
22 Unit 204 Thomas Tucker surrendered their charter.
23 District 3 surrendered their charter.

24 District 4, Unit 45 Raisner surrendered their
25 charter. District 4, Unit 95 Oroville, remain on

1 probation until January of 2024. District 4, Unit 673
2 Durham, remain on probation until 2024. District 5, Unit
3 21 Theodore Roosevelt surrendered their charter. District
4 5, Unit 111 Sotoyome surrendered their charter. District
5 5, Unit 178 Rio Vista, their chartered was cancelled.
6 District 5, Unit 194 Tredway surrendered their charter.

7 District 9, Unit 202 Roy Frerichs, remain on
8 probation until January of 2024. District 12, Unit 872
9 Scranton & Qualle removed from probation. District 13,
10 Unit 217 Gilroy removed from probation.

11 District 14, Unit 4 Charlie Waters remain on
12 probation until January of 2024. District 14, Unit 11
13 Madera surrendered their charter. District 14, Unit 346
14 Firebaugh surrendered their charter. District 14, Unit
15 511 State Center remain on probation until January of
16 2024.

17 District 15, Unit 94 Exeter surrendered their
18 charter. District 15, Unit 213 Leslie L. Robinson
19 surrendered their charter. District 15, Unit 711 Kern
20 River Valley surrendered their charter.

21 District 16, Unit 49 Santa Barbara, removed from
22 probation. District 18, Unit 75 La Puente cancelled
23 charter. District 18, Unit 397 Monterey Park cancelled
24 their charter. District 19, Unit 270 Downey surrendered
25 their charter. District 20, Unit 520 Sun Valley, removed

1 from probation.

2 District 21, Unit 742 Joe Dominguez, removed from
3 probation. District 21, Unit 951 Fellowship, remain on
4 probation until January of 2024.

5 District 22, Unit 149 JB Clark, placed on
6 probation until January of 2024. District 22, Unit 201
7 Dewitt C. Mitchell surrendered their charter. District
8 22, District 303 El Cajon, placed on probation until
9 January of 2024. District 22, Unit 364 Santee, placed on
10 probation until January of 2024. District 22, Unit 416
11 San Dieguito, remain on probation until January of 2024.
12 District 22, Unit 619 Sergeant Alan K. Walker surrendered
13 their charter. District 22, Unit 731 Larry E. Homberg was
14 removed from probation. District 22, Unit 853 Borrego
15 Springs removed from probation.

16 District 25, Unit 112 Ontario, remain on
17 probation until January of 2024. District 25, Unit 426
18 Yucaipa, remain on probation until January of 2024.
19 District 26, Unit 82 San Mateo was placed on probation
20 until January of 2024. And District 30, Unit 25 Boyce
21 Aten was placed on probation until 2024.

22 I need to amend the minutes because Unit --
23 District 1, Unit 96, District -- and then District 6, Unit
24 82 and District 30, Unit 25 were placed on probation on my
25 request, not on the District President. District 26, Unit

1 82 San Mateo.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: And you said
3 District 1?

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Yes. District 1,
5 Unit 96 Sequoia, District 26, Unit 82, and District 30,
6 Unit 25 were on my behalf, not District Presidents.

7 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT BROWN: Question back here.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Do you have a
9 microphone?

10 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT BROWN: No, but maybe I can
11 talk loud. Can you hear me, everybody?

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: She's coming now.

13 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT BROWN: I've never been --

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: She's bringing
15 you a microphone now.

16 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT BROWN: Thank you. Nancy
17 Brown, District 4 District President. I had requested
18 that Unit 807 be placed on probation with a stern letter.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Are you the
20 District President?

21 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT BROWN: District 4
22 President, ma'am.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: She's checking.

24 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: She is correct. I
25 missed that one in my notes.

1 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT BROWN: Thank you.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: She will make a
3 note of it.

4 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: So District 4, Unit
5 807 was placed on probation.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Move it in with a
7 motion.

8 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I haven't motioned
9 yet. So I move that we accept the minutes of the June DEC
10 as amended.

11 LEADERSHIP CHAIR FALKENBERG: Second.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Are there any
13 questions?

14 (No response.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All in favor.

16 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All opposed.

18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Motion is
20 carried.

21 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Okay. The
22 Department Executive Committee (DEC) was called to order
23 by President Gloria Williams in Visalia, California on
24 June 22nd, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. The following actions were
25 taken.

1 By direction of the Finance Committee, pay the
2 Department Secretary \$64,000 per year and backpay per
3 California Labor Laws. Motion carried. There being no
4 further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

5 I move that we accept the meeting -- no, I can't
6 talk. I move that we accept the minutes of the special
7 DEC meeting.

8 LEADERSHIP CHAIR FALKENBERG: Second.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Are there any
10 questions?

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All in favor say
13 aye.

14 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Opposed.

16 (No response.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Motion carried.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: Last one. The
20 Department Executive Committee (DEC) meeting was called to
21 order by President Gloria Williams in Visalia, California
22 on June 24th, 2023 at 8:05 a.m. The following actions
23 were taken.

24 By the direction of the committee Allyn Kau moved
25 that we accept the budget as presented. Motion carried.

1 There being no further business to come before this
2 meeting, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Are there any
4 questions?

5 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: I'm sorry. I
6 didn't hear you say Girls State.

7 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: You're correct. I
8 will amend my motion to accept the minutes as corrected --
9 thank you -- to read that we accept the Girls -- by the
10 direction of the committee, Allyn Kau moved that we accept
11 the Girls State budget as presented.

12 LEADERSHIP CHAIR FALKENBERG: Second.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Any other
14 questions?

15 (No response.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: All in favor.

17 ALL DELEGATES: Aye.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Opposed.

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Motion carried.

21 Is there any further business? Hold on. I just
22 asked if there was any further business.

23 DEPARTMENT PARLIAMENTARIAN BIGGS: Yeah, for
24 those of you who were interested in purchasing the Jackie
25 Robinson pin on the website, it has been opened. They

1 have plenty of pins available to order. That's
2 xclusivepins, without the E. So xclusivepins.com. You
3 can go on now and make your orders. Thank you very much.
4 And my son says thank you too.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: If there is no
6 further business -- is there any new business that needs
7 to be brought before this assembly?

8 We will now have presentation of the Past
9 Department President -- we already did that.

10 Does the Secretary have any more train whistles?

11 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: She has one more.
12 Somebody's bag was left behind in District 16. It's got
13 snacks inside. Can you grab it if you get a chance?

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Will the
15 Department President Elect please announce the time of her
16 installation and give us any last minute instructions.

17 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: It is now
18 12:18.

19 And, Jennifer, maybe 30 minutes, 20 minutes?
20 12:45.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: We will recess
22 until 12:45, at which time we will reconvene for the
23 Installation of the 2023-'24 Department Officers. This
24 meeting is -- just a minute. You have to take your
25 displays, everyone. All the districts please take your

1 displays with you. Make sure the room is clean.

2 This meeting will reconvene for the purpose of
3 installing officers. I would like to present to you the
4 installing officer to be Anita Biggs, Past Department
5 President. She will be installing the officers. Thank
6 you.

7 (Recess from 12:20 p.m. to 1:14 p.m.)

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9 INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS 2023-2024

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11 JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Good
12 afternoon. This meeting is reconvened for the purpose of
13 installing the officers. I would like to introduce you to
14 our installing officer Anita Biggs, Past Department
15 President.

16 (Applause.)

17 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Thank you, Madam
18 President, Past President Gloria. Sorry for the delay.

19 It is my pleasure to introduce the installing
20 team. Distinguished Guest Chairman is Linda Workman,
21 Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms is Joan Cannon, Honorary
22 Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms is Karen Kepley, Honorary
23 Chaplain is Grace Huston, the Honorary Musician is Yve
24 Evans, we have District 6 and 7 Honor Guard, District
25 Colors and Unit Bearers are the Jackie Robinson Unit 252

1 Color Guard.

2 We will now proceed with the installation of the
3 Department Officers for the year 2023-2024.

4 Will the Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant
5 Sergeant-at-Arms with the Distinguished Guest Chairman
6 please escort the District Second Vice Presidents to their
7 chairs.

8 (Processional.)

9 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Will the Honorary
10 Sergeant-at-Arms and the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms along
11 with the Distinguished Guest Chairman please escort the
12 District First Vice Presidents.

13 (Processional.)

14 HONORARY DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN:
15 We have a little mishap.

16 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: We have more First
17 Vice Presidents than we have chairs. I'm so glad you guys
18 are here. It's Linda's fault that you all don't have
19 chairs. So what we could do is we could put -- let them
20 go down to that second row over there because you're going
21 to have -- the presidents are going to be here too, so
22 just let them extend over there. No. Let them stay where
23 they are. Left two stragglers.

24 HONORARY DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN:
25 We have hands that work. Okay.

1 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Oh, you're going to
2 put up a row.

3 HONORARY DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN:
4 They're going to put up a row.

5 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: While they're putting
6 up a row, will the Distinguished Guest Chairman along with
7 the Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant
8 Sergeant-at-Arms -- you are supposed to be with the
9 Distinguished Chairman. Thank you so much. Please escort
10 the District Presidents.

11 (ProceSSIONAL.)

12 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Thank you, Chair
13 Bearers. Connie Raya, I think we're okay right there.
14 That's fine. We got them in. Yeah.

15 Will the Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms and Honorary
16 Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms with the Distinguished Guest
17 Chairman please escort the Department Officers to the
18 stage. We have our Musician Stephanie Huff,
19 Parliamentarian Anita Biggs, Sergeant-at-Arms Jean
20 McGinnis, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Melise Munroe.

21 We need the aisle cleared for these people.
22 They're going to go that away.

23 Historian Erika Hernandez and Chaplain Patti
24 Martinez. Well, they were not following the Distinguished
25 Guest Chairman at all.

1 HONORARY DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN:
2 Nobody follows directions anymore.

3 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: You're good. Well, I
4 need to save room for the third -- you take this last seat
5 and Erika take that seat. Because Glenda is going to sit
6 up here. Thank you.

7 Will the Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms, Assistant
8 Sergeant-at-Arms along with the Distinguished Guest
9 Chairman please escort the Junior Member of Finance Elect
10 Brenda Ternullo.

11 (Processional.)

12 HONORARY DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN:
13 And for all you future Distinguished Guest Chairman, you
14 always escort on the flag side.

15 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: She is correct. Will
16 the Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms and the Assistant
17 Sergeant-at-Arms with the Distinguished Guest Chairman
18 please escort the Department Vice President Elect Linda
19 Hayes.

20 (Processional.)

21 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: I don't know who took
22 it, but somebody better bring the gavel back as soon as
23 possible. Thank you. It's a big part of the ceremony.
24 So they just cleared the whole stage and took most of the
25 things that belonged with the installation, so I apologize

1 for this delay. And if -- Liz, if you have a gavel,
2 please let us know. I need it.

3 Will the Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant
4 Sergeant-at-Arms and the Distinguished Guest Chairman
5 along with the Jackie Robinson Unit 252 -- come back
6 before they come up. We will have the Honor Guard from
7 District 6 and 7 please line up.

8 (Processional.)

9 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Please make sure you
10 have enough room for the flags. I think I need you all to
11 move back a little bit on your aisles, make a better
12 aisle.

13 Will the Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant
14 Sergeant-at-Arms and the Distinguished Guest Chairman
15 along with the Jackie Robinson Unit 252 Color Guard please
16 present the colors of the 7th District and Alyn W. Butler
17 Unit 169. Please prepare the aisles for the flags on both
18 sides.

19 (Processional.)

20 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Thank you, Jackie
21 Robinson Unit 252, led by Co-Captain Sharon Moore.

22 Will the Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant
23 Sergeant-at-Arms with the Distinguished Guest Chairman
24 please escort the Department President Elect Glenda
25 Schultz escorted by her good friend Past Department

1 Commander Gary Leach.

2 (Processional.)

3 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Please be seated. The
4 installation of our newly elected and appointed officers
5 is one of the most important and impressive ceremonies of
6 our Department Convention. As we begin this transition
7 from one administration to another, we wish to express our
8 appreciation to our retiring Department District Officers
9 for their outstanding contributions to the grand history
10 of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of California.

11 As we turn from the memories of this successful
12 year we have just completed, let us all look forward with
13 renewed dedication and enthusiasm to a new year conducted
14 by our new department and district officers as we honor
15 and serve our veterans, their families, and our country.

16 We congratulate all new officers and wish for
17 them a year that will inspire us all.

18 (Applause.)

19 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: District Second, First
20 Vice Presidents, District Presidents, and Department
21 Officers, please rise. That's you too, Missy. And you
22 can raise your hand I guess.

23 My fellow members, you have been chosen to fill
24 the various offices of the American Legion Auxiliary
25 Department of California. You will, I know, vindicate the

1 trust that has been reposed in you and fulfill in every
2 way the obligations which that trust entails.

3 You will familiarize yourself with the duties of
4 your respective offices as given in the Department Bylaws.
5 Always remember that the welfare and success of this
6 administration depends upon you. And upon your shoulders
7 rests the burden of preserving the integrity of the
8 American Legion Auxiliary. You must protect its good name
9 before the people of the United States and at all times
10 endeavor to have them understand its policies and
11 purposes.

12 Always remember the tolerant spirit of the
13 American Legion Auxiliary. Allow no distinction of class
14 or creed to appear among our members. There is no rank
15 among us, for each serves as the equal of our fellow
16 members and all strive toward the same goal, which is the
17 realization in the life of the republic of the ideals of
18 justice, freedom, democracy, and loyalty.

19 Please raise your right hand and repeat after me
20 giving your name where I give mine. I, Anita Biggs.

21 (Response.)

22 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Promise to perform
23 faithfully.

24 (Response.)

25 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: All the duties of the

1 office.

2 (Response.)

3 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: I'm about to assume.

4 (Response.)

5 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: And I further pledge.

6 (Response.)

7 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: That I am not a member

8 of.

9 (Response.)

10 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: And do not subscribe

11 to.

12 (Response.)

13 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: The principles of any

14 groups.

15 (Response.)

16 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Opposed to our form of

17 government.

18 (Response.)

19 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: You may be seated.

20 District Vice Presidents, please rise again. I'm

21 sorry. Second Vices. Just the Second Vice Presidents.

22 Please rise.

23 Ladies, into your helpful hands is placed the

24 responsibility of assisting the First Vice Presidents in

25 all their duties. The cooperation and spirit with which

1 you fulfill your responsibilities will contribute much to
2 the success of this year. Congratulations to each and
3 every one of you and I know you'll have a wonderful year.

4 (Applause.)

5 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: District First Vice
6 Presidents, please rise. To you is given the active
7 cooperation with the President for the continued
8 development of your district programs. In the absence of
9 the President, you will be prepared to assume the duties
10 of her office. This year can mean a rewarding learning
11 experience for you and prepare you for your future goals.
12 Congratulations, ladies, and I know you'll knock it out of
13 the park. Congratulations.

14 (Applause.)

15 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: District Presidents,
16 please rise. You are assuming a tremendous responsibility
17 in leading the day-to-day activities of the units in your
18 district as a deputy to the Department President. You are
19 the most important member of the executive board, for you
20 represent the link between the members of this great
21 department and the Department President.

22 With full confidence in your abilities you have
23 been chosen by your District to fill this important
24 position. May your year of service as a District
25 President known as "The County Supervisor" be a happy,

1 exciting, and rewarding advent for you and your district.
2 Congratulations to each and every one of you.

3 (Applause.)

4 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: I thought you were
5 trying to get my attention, Grace. I remember now you are
6 a District President. I'm glad you stood up. I heard all
7 this commotion over here like what's going on. Grace was
8 sitting down.

9 Okay. Will the Musician -- where is our
10 Musician? Stephanie Huff. Thank you. Yours is an
11 enviable position in the official family, for your music
12 will set the tone and beauty of our ceremonies and bring
13 life to our meetings. Your willingness to share your
14 professional talent -- your talent -- I don't know about
15 professional; the last one was a professional -- is a
16 source of joy for all of us.

17 Congratulations, Stephanie, and thank you so
18 much.

19 (Applause.)

20 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Will Madeline Lee
21 please approach the podium for the purpose of installing
22 the Parliamentarian.

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT LEE: Anita.

24 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Yes.

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT LEE: The

1 Parliamentarian will be given her oath.

2 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: You read that part.

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT LEE: Oops, oops.

4 Sorry. Your duty is to advise the Department President in
5 procedural matters in the deliberations of this
6 Department. The benefit of your experience and wise
7 counsel will be a great asset to her in the performance of
8 her duties. Congratulations.

9 (Applause.)

10 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Thank you, Madeline.

11 Will the Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant
12 Sergeant-at-Arms please rise. Look, are you guys coming
13 in? No. They're Honorary. You guys are real. The
14 pretend ones over there.

15 My dear Jean and Melise, you will have the very
16 special honor this year of carrying the flag of our
17 country and the banner of the Department of California.
18 The love and respect with which you carry out these duties
19 will inspire the membership. In addition, you are
20 responsible for order at all Department meetings and such
21 other duties as may be assigned to you by the Department
22 President.

23 Congratulations and thank you for doing this.

24 (Applause.)

25 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Will our Historian

1 Erika Hernandez please rise. She's on this side. I moved
2 you, didn't I?

3 Erika, to you is given the rather awesome
4 responsibility of compiling the history of this
5 administration. Many memorable accomplishments will occur
6 this year and your official record will preserve those
7 golden moments for those who follow. So congratulations
8 on this endeavor. Thank you so much.

9 (Applause.)

10 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: We have Patti over
11 here too. Will our Chaplain Patti Martinez please rise.
12 Stay right there. Don't move.

13 Patti, you have been asked to serve as the
14 spiritual leader of this Department. The love and empathy
15 with which you perform the duties of your office will do
16 much to help lighten the sorrows that may fall upon our
17 members. You will have the opportunity of offering
18 prayers that will be uplifting to us and to assist our
19 members to develop a sense of inner strength gained from
20 God's blessings.

21 Thank you for doing this, Patti, and
22 congratulations.

23 (Applause.)

24 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Junior Member of
25 Finance Brenda Ternullo. I like this back and forth,

1 people.

2 Brenda, you are entering a three-year term of a
3 very important committee of this Department. Study
4 carefully your responsibilities as outlined in the bylaws
5 and policies. Always remember that you were elected by
6 the membership to represent their best interests. We know
7 you will consider well your duties and enjoy your service
8 on this committee. Thank you and congratulations.

9 (Applause.)

10 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Will the Honorary
11 Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms please
12 escort the Vice President Linda Hayes to the podium.

13 (Processional.)

14 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: I have the honor of
15 giving our Vice President her charge. And I am extremely
16 proud to give you your oath. You will be the President's
17 right hand. She may call on you for counsel or to
18 represent her on specific occasions. You should be
19 prepared to do so, as well as assuming the duties of her
20 office if the need should arise.

21 Your enthusiasm and cooperation will add much to
22 the success of this administration. May this year be a
23 rewarding and learning experience and help prepare you for
24 your future goals. I know you will do a great job, so
25 congratulations.

1 Do you have her pin, the Vice President
2 President's pin? It's just like the little gravel that's
3 like missing from the program.

4 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: It was in a
5 little red --

6 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Oh, yeah, we got it.
7 I'm going to pin you as well. Thank you. I see your
8 glasses. I'm serious about that gavel though. Over her
9 heart.

10 Linda, I'm proud to present you with your Vice
11 President's pin.

12 (Applause.)

13 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Will the
14 Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms please
15 escort her back to her seat. Thank you.

16 (Processional.)

17 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Will the Honorary
18 Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms please
19 escort the Department President Elect Glenda Schultz to
20 this podium.

21 (Processional.)

22 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Hi. This is the tall
23 and the short of it right here. I'm so proud to be in
24 this position today, you just don't know. Department
25 President Glenda, great trust has been reposed in you in

1 your election to the highest office within the Department
2 of California. I charge you to carry constantly in your
3 mind the obligation which is yours that upholding the four
4 great principles expressed in the preamble to the
5 constitution: justice, freedom, democracy, and loyalty.

6 As Department President you have the great
7 challenge of developing and improving the programs of the
8 American Legion Auxiliary. You have been selected by the
9 members to fulfill this challenge. We have faith in your
10 ability and integrity. We know that you will exemplify
11 the qualities of leadership that the members expect from
12 their Department President. You will be the spokesperson
13 for all of us to the public. Our members will look to you
14 for guidance, inspiration, and understanding.

15 Glenda, we know that you will continue to use
16 your talents, your strength, and your love of the American
17 Legion Auxiliary and in the best interest of all our
18 members. Your leadership will inspire our members to
19 achieve goals never before thought possible in all of our
20 travels.

21 Congratulations and best wishes to you, my first
22 Team Captain to become a Department President. You know
23 you make me so proud. So congratulations to you, Glenda,
24 and thank you for this honor.

25 (Applause.)

1 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: I get to present
2 Glenda with her Department President's pin and her sash.
3 Well, if I didn't drop it, it wouldn't be official.
4 You've been sashed.

5 (Applause.)

6 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Glenda, it is an honor
7 and a privilege for me to sash and pin you with the
8 American Legion Auxiliary Department President pin. I
9 know you will wear that pin with a great deal of pride
10 uniting our members in service, ideals, and commitment for
11 another successful year of service to others, not self.

12 Will the Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant
13 Sergeant-at-Arms please twirl her around back to her seat.
14 It's just a little twirl.

15 (Processional.)

16 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Will all the newly
17 installed officers please rise.

18 Members and guests, I present to you the officers
19 of the Department of California for the year 2023-2024.

20 (Applause.)

21 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: My fellow members, I
22 share the pride that is yours for these new officers whom
23 you've chosen to guide our organization this coming year.
24 They have been charged with serious responsibilities and
25 in turn I charge you likewise.

1 Will all the members of the American Legion
2 Auxiliary Department -- everybody from any state, American
3 Legion Auxiliary, please rise and raise your right hand
4 and repeat after me.

5 I solemnly promise.

6 (Response.)

7 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: You can just raise
8 your right hand, Gloria. Thank you.

9 To renew my pledge of service.

10 (Response.)

11 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: To the American Legion
12 Auxiliary.

13 (Response.)

14 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: And to give
15 wholehearted support.

16 (Response.)

17 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: To these Department
18 Officers.

19 (Response.)

20 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Thank you. Please
21 stay standing. The Honorary Chaplain will officiate prayer.

22 HONORARY DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HUSTON: Heavenly
23 Father, this is the beginning of a new year of work in our
24 beloved American Legion Auxiliary. Watch over Glenda as
25 she travels throughout the state and across the country.

1 Let us speak words of encouragement to her and her newly
2 elected team. Be with them as they endeavor to lead us in
3 working all of the good programs we hold so important.
4 Remember each one of our members, for they are needed in
5 their own units for their work in their communities. Let
6 us all work for God and country together in harmony and
7 love. God bless our veterans, our military, their
8 families, and the USA. Amen.

9 DELEGATES: Amen.

10 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Thank you, Grace.

11 Your mom named you right. You're full of grace.

12 You may be seated.

13 Will the Honorary -- oh, you know what, I noticed
14 my president and I, we so much alike, we have the same
15 shoes. Love that.

16 Will the Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant
17 Sergeant-at-Arms please escort the Junior Past President
18 Gloria Williams somewhere. You can just slide her over
19 here in some kind of way.

20 (Processional.)

21 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: To the podium. Thank
22 you. For the purpose of presentation for your Past
23 Department President's pin and your sash, your Past
24 Department President's sash. So that honor I guess has
25 been given to me because you didn't tell me anybody else

1 was going to do this.

2 JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: No.

3 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Thank you. Move this

4 right along.

5 JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Can

6 you get it on?

7 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: I don't know, girl.

8 Oh, that's right. Like we did last year.

9 JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Sorry

10 we don't have no music.

11 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Oh, you know what.

12 She's pinned you all.

13 (Applause.)

14 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: And then I'm going to

15 sash you.

16 JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Okay.

17 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: You shall sashay down

18 the aisle with this. We'll put the ribbon on you one way

19 or another.

20 JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: It's

21 a special ceremony when you wear a ribbon.

22 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: There you go.

23 (Applause.)

24 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: She's been pinned and

25 sashed.

1 Gloria, you have come to the close of your year
2 as President of the Department of California American
3 Legion Auxiliary. Your Friendship Train Serving Veterans
4 has been a great theme for our Department. It has been a
5 tremendous experience for you and you can be very proud of
6 what has been accomplished under your leadership.

7 As you retire from this office, be assured that
8 you take with you the love and respect of all our members.
9 We thank you for confidently leading us through this year.
10 We also thank you for taking time out of your busy life to
11 serve as our President. May you have many happy memories
12 of your year as Department President. Congratulations on
13 a job well done. Thank you so much, Gloria. It's been a
14 pleasure, really it has.

15 Will the Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms and the
16 Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms please escort our Past
17 Department President back to her seat.

18 (Processional.)

19 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Thank you. Will the
20 Sergeant-at-Arms and Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms please
21 bring our President Glenda to the podium.

22 (Processional.)

23 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: I'm really very sad
24 because no one brought me a gavel for you to --

25 DEPARTMENT SECRETARY DOIDGE: I'm sorry.

1 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Well -- and, Gloria
2 Sinopoli, you put yours up? You have it?

3 CONVENTION CO-CHAIR SINOPOLI: No, it's packed.

4 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Okay. I'm really
5 sorry because it's just totally unfair. It's such a great
6 part of the ceremony. You can use my tumbler that my
7 daughter made. Sorry. This is so sad.

8 Madam Department President, I present to you a
9 gavel, your symbol of authority. May you use it with
10 discretion and always in the best interest of this
11 Department.

12 Madam Department President Glenda, may I be the
13 first to congratulate you. I wish for you a successful
14 year filled with love as California United As One. I
15 along with the entire 7th District and your Alyn W. Butler
16 Unit 169 family are so proud of you.

17 My fellow members, I present to you our
18 Department President Glenda Schultz.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT SCHULTZ: I would just
21 sincerely from the bottom of my heart like to thank all of
22 you for your support and everything that you've done for
23 me. And want you to know how extremely honored I am to be
24 in this position to represent all of you. I will do the
25 best of my ability to make you proud of me and to make our

1 organization proud, and I will need all of you to help me
2 do that. Thank you.

3 (Applause.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT SCHULTZ: This is my
5 good friend Gary Leach, Past Department Commander of
6 California, that was nice enough to honor me by escorting
7 me today. Thank you.

8 And I'm so glad I have her. She said we're kind
9 of alike, but we're really not because one is way up here
10 and one is way down here, but we are alike to heart and
11 we're both Geminis. Our birthdays are one day apart. You
12 see, she's helping me. Thank you. Thank you so much.

13 I would like to say to my Unit 169 and to
14 District 7, thank you all so much for all of your support
15 and for graciously accepting me to be a part of you and a
16 part of the family there. Thank you.

17 And to my former District 6, wonderful friends
18 and supporters, thank all of you also.

19 (Applause.)

20 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Okay. Will the
21 Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms
22 please escort -- I'm sorry. You may have a seat. So
23 sorry I didn't get your name, sir.

24 But will the Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms and
25 Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms with the Distinguished Guest

1 Chairman please escort a special guest here for the
2 purpose of a presentation.

3 (Processional.)

4 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Oh, this is Jeffrey
5 Flynt. I know his name, but he's the Sons Detachment
6 Commander recently Past. There you go.

7 PAST SONS COMMANDER FLYNT: I'm so late that I
8 have recently passed, but -- yeah, but it's a good thing.
9 I want to say I'm sorry I didn't get over here sooner, but
10 you didn't come to us either. So I am so sorry.

11 After the year that you've had, I would like to
12 present you with a little wine because I'm sure you can
13 use it. I know I can.

14 But the main reason I'm here is a lady Auxiliary
15 member that you have and that we wanted to award her the
16 Auxiliary Member of the Year. It's the Dottie Schard
17 Award, and we this year decided that Maureen Sacco is
18 deserving of the award.

19 (Applause.)

20 PAST SONS COMMANDER FLYNT: I mean -- well,
21 Dottie Schard Auxiliary Member of the Year award. And in
22 appreciation for your dedication and service to the
23 American Legion Family, your hard work is appreciated.
24 And that's what I know. I know we've surprised her.
25 That's what it is. She -- you see her everywhere, you

1 know, and she's doing stuff. And she doesn't think that
2 she's noticed, well, we notice her. And it's been years
3 that -- I've been in this Detachment for 20 years. She's
4 been there every -- she was there before me. But she's
5 there for us and that's what we love about her. And
6 congratulations.

7 (Applause.)

8 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Will the Honorary
9 Sergeant-at-Arms and Honorary Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms
10 and Distinguished Guest Chairman please escort Past
11 Detachment Commander back to his seat somewhere back
12 there.

13 Thank you so much, Jeff.

14 (Processional.)

15 INSTALLING OFFICER BIGGS: Are there any other
16 presentations to be given at this time to either President
17 Glenda or Past President Gloria? If anybody has any
18 presentations, this is the time to do it. None? No big
19 baskets, nothing? Baskets around.

20 Okay. Good. You ready to go home anyway.

21 Department President Glenda, at this time I will
22 return the gavel -- no, no. That's what you say. So you
23 need to start right here and do that part. We got a
24 gavel. Give me my bottle.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT SCHULTZ: Okay. Wait.

1 Gloria, President Gloria, can you join me at the podium?

2 JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Okay.

3 Yes, ma'am.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT ELECT SCHULTZ: At this time
5 I will return the gavel to you, the Junior Past President
6 Gloria, to close her convention.

7 JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Okay.
8 I want to thank everyone for a wonderful year. Before I
9 proceed with the closing of this convention, allow me to
10 say a few words. These are my own words.

11 I congratulate all the new incoming Officers,
12 Chairmen, District. I know you're going to get behind
13 Glenda and do a wonderful job. I am so proud of all of
14 you that have supported our program this year on the
15 Friendship Train. It wouldn't -- we wouldn't have made it
16 without your help. We were almost derailed a couple of
17 times, but we got some strong conductors and we said we're
18 not going to have that. We're going to get to our journey
19 and do what we're supposed to do for our veterans. So
20 thank you very much.

21 Is there any further businesses to come before
22 this convention? If not, the Retiring Chaplain Grace
23 Huston will offer prayer.

24 HONORARY DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN HUSTON: As we
25 depart from this convention each to our own communities,

1 districts, and units, let us take what we have learned
2 energized by shared experiences and implement new ideas
3 for the betterment of those we serve.

4 We pray for our military around the world that
5 they may soon return home. We pray for our veterans that
6 we can provide care in their time of need and we pray for
7 all their families. Now, Dear Father, keep us in your
8 grace as we -- and be with us until we meet once again.
9 Amen.

10 DELEGATES: Amen.

11 JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Until
12 we meet again, let us remember that our obligation to our
13 country can only be fulfilled by our faithful performances
14 of all duties of citizenship. Let service to the
15 community and the nation be ever a main objective of the
16 American Legion Auxiliary and its members. Let us ever be
17 watchful of our organization, ourselves, that nothing
18 shall swerve us from the path of justice, freedom,
19 loyalty, and democracy.

20 The Jackie Robinson Unit 252 Color Guard will
21 retire the colors of District 23 and Jackie Robinson Unit
22 252.

23 (Processional.)

24 JUNIOR PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WILLIAMS: Thank
25 you, Color Guard. Thank you so much.

1 Will the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Alberta
2 Cummings and Sergeant-at-Arms -- and Assistant Acting
3 Sergeant-at-Arms Lucy along with the Distinguished Guest
4 Chairman Linda Workman will retire the Junior Past
5 Department President. And when I reach the back of the
6 room of this 103rd Convention, the American Legion
7 Auxiliary Department of California will be adjourned.

8 (Processional.)

9 (The American Legion Auxiliary Convention
10 was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.)

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5 I, Karen A. Aufdermaur, a Certified Shorthand
6 Reporter in the State of California, holding Certificate
7 Number 10919, do hereby certify that the American Legion
8 Auxiliary - Department of California 103rd Annual
9 Convention was taken Sunday, June 25, 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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