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4 SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2012; 8:41 A.M.  
5 REDDING, CALIFORNIA  
6

7 CALL TO ORDER  
8

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: The 93rd Annual  
10 Convention, Redding dedicated to Past Department President  
11 Josie Melgard is now convened. We will have the  
12 invocation by our preacher, Alzora Carter.  
13

14 INVOCATION  
15

16 CHAPLAIN CARTER: Heavenly Father, we thank you  
17 for our soldiers, these men and women, and the American  
18 Legion Family. Thank you for those who are present at  
19 this meeting this morning. Be with us as we make  
20 important decisions that will affect all of the members of  
21 our organization. Help us to remember that everyone's  
22 opinion is essential in making correct decisions. Help us  
23 to always remember our purpose of the American Legion  
24 Auxiliary.

25 We ask you for a special prayer for our Post  
26 Commander Joe Love, District 28, Post 69. He was  
27 airlifted by helicopter to Stanford Hospital. God give  
28 him the strength. And we pray that whatever is wrong, you  
29 will correct.

30 Bless our officers as they conduct our last  
31 meeting of the 93rd Convention. As we leave this meeting,  
32 go and find -- we are thankful for all the work that you  
33 have done, all these decisions. With praises, we ask in  
34 your name. Amen.

35 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Amen.  
36

37 ROLL CALL  
38

39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: I have now the roll  
40 call. Our secretary has arrived from the ranch. Here she  
41 is.

42 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Good morning,  
43 ladies.

44 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

45 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Do you all have  
46 fresh shoes on your horses to get a quick get away out of  
47 here today? All righty.

48 District President Linda Fercho.

49 DISTRICT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Here.

50 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Department Vice

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1 President, Terry Mikesell. She's here somewhere.  
2 Secretary/Treasurer Peggy Vogeles is here.  
3 NEC Woman Pilar Reyes.  
4 NEC WOMAN REYES: Present.  
5 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGEL: Chaplain Alzora  
6 Carter.  
7 CHAPLAIN CARTER: Present.  
8 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGEL: Historian Cherie  
9 Galvan.  
10 HISTORIAN GALVAN: Present.  
11 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGEL: Parliamentarian  
12 Diane DeLashmit.  
13 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Present.  
14 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGEL: Musician Theresa  
15 Jacob.  
16 MUSICIAN JACOB: Here.  
17 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGEL: Sergeant-at-Arms  
18 Gloria Williams.  
19 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS WILLIAMS: Here.  
20 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGEL: Marshal Kathy  
21 Harris.  
22 MARSHAL HARRIS: Present.  
23 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGEL: Finance Committee  
24 Chairman Susie Tozier.  
25 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Ba-ba.  
26 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGEL: Finance Committee  
27 Senior Member Norma Billings.  
28 FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR BILLINGS: Cha-ching.  
29 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGEL: Finance Committee  
30 Person Junior Member Kathy Martinez.  
31 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: Cha-ching.  
32 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGEL: Advisory Chairman  
33 Madeline Lee.  
34 ADVISORY CHAIRMAN LEE: Here.  
35 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGEL: Advisory Committee  
36 Member Odette Cuccaro.  
37 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER CUCCARO: Present.  
38 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGEL: Advisory Committee  
39 Member Sandy Jacob.  
40 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER JACOB: I'm here.  
41 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGEL: Chairmen.  
42 Americanism, Michelle Soares.  
43 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SOARES: Here.  
44 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGEL: AEF, Kat Conrad is  
45 excused. Children & Youth, Harriet Clendenin is excused.  
46 Community Services, Loretta Marsh is excused.  
47 Constitution & Bylaws Esther Garcia.  
48 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN GARCIA: Good  
49 morning.  
50 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGEL: Convention Chairman,

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1 Cassie Mikesell is excused.  
2 Credentials, Marge Rye.  
3 CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN RYE: The homesteads are  
4 established, but the horses are breaking out of the  
5 corral.  
6 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Convention  
7 Commission Chairman, Linda Caples.  
8 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN CAPLES: Good  
9 morning.  
10 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Distinguished Guest  
11 Chairman, Linda Workman.  
12 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: (Yelling.)  
13 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Editor Estella  
14 Avina.  
15 EDITOR CHAIRMAN AVINA: Show me the way to go  
16 home.  
17 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Education, Sylvia  
18 Alcantor is excused.  
19 Elections, Melanie Taylor.  
20 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Good morning.  
21 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Girls State Chairman  
22 Lou Thompson is excused. Girls State Director Sherry  
23 Schneider is excused.  
24 Junior Finance Director, Jackie Cleveland.  
25 JUNIOR FINANCE DIRECTOR CLEVELAND: Here.  
26 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Junior Activities,  
27 Wantu Robinson.  
28 JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN ROBINSON: All the  
29 juniors are still active.  
30 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Leadership, Linda  
31 Diebel.  
32 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: We're still the best  
33 leaders in the world.  
34 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Legislative, Pilar  
35 Reyes. Present.  
36 Membership, Karen Karanickolas.  
37 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN KARANICKOLAS: Present.  
38 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: National Security,  
39 Terry Mikesell.  
40 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: I am here.  
41 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Past Presidents  
42 Parley, LuAnn Capazzi.  
43 PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: Here.  
44 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Poppy, Jean  
45 Cooley-Demeules.  
46 POPPY CHAIRMAN COOLEY-DEMEULES: The poppy poster  
47 first places are on display.  
48 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Public Relations,  
49 Lisa Stuart.  
50 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN STUART: Here.

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1 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Rules, Carol Fuqua.  
2 RULES CHAIRMAN FUQUA: Present.  
3 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Resolutions, Pat  
4 Sweeney.  
5 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Still resolving.  
6 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: VA&R, Anita Biggs.  
7 VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION CHAIRMAN BIGGS:  
8 Good morning, Peggy.  
9 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Good morning. Ways  
10 & Means, Denyse Laugeson.  
11 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN LAUGESON: The emporium is  
12 now closed.  
13 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District presidents.  
14 Kat Conrad is excused. That's for District 1.  
15 District 2, Nancy Johnson.  
16 DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT JOHNSON: The Rough and  
17 Ready bronc riders are riding over the sunset, but are  
18 still present.  
19 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 3, Lola  
20 Ramey.  
21 (No response.)  
22 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 4, Barbara  
23 LaDoucer.  
24 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT LaDOUCER: These miners are  
25 going home.  
26 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 5, Virginia  
27 McQueen.  
28 DISTRICT 5: We're heading down the dusty trail.  
29 Woo-hoo.  
30 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 6, Wendy  
31 O'Brien.  
32 DISTRICT 6: The chicken plucker of poultry  
33 hollow are off the roost until tomorrow. Thank you, Madam  
34 President. Happy trails to everyone.  
35 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you.  
36 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 7, Beverly  
37 Chapman.  
38 DISTRICT 7: Home, home on the range. Where the  
39 deer and the Auxiliary play.  
40 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 8, Tammy  
41 Manini is excused.  
42 District 9, Dolly Rios.  
43 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: Here.  
44 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 10, Susan  
45 Peters.  
46 DISTRICT 10: Happy trails to everyone.  
47 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 11, Joan  
48 Cannon.  
49 DISTRICT 11: Governor Linda, happy trails to you  
50 until we meet again. Yahoo.

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1                   SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 12, Jane  
2 Matthews.  
3                   COLOR GUARD MEMBER: Soldiers, march. Forward  
4 march.  
5                   (Processional.)  
6                   (Singing.)  
7                   COLOR GUARD MEMBER: Just to let you know,  
8 President Linda Fercho, the 12th District Sons of the  
9 American Legion Color Guard is here to welcome you and the  
10 rest of the ladies here. We, the color guard, are now  
11 five-time state champions.  
12                   (Applause.)  
13                   COLOR GUARD MEMBER: And we will be five-time  
14 national champions. We are here just to escort the 12th  
15 District Ladies Auxiliary. Thank you.  
16                   (Applause.)  
17                   (Processional.)  
18                   DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: For those of you in  
19 the back that may not have heard his announcement, they  
20 are now -- they are the Color Guard from the Sons of the  
21 American Legion District 12 and are now five-time  
22 champions in the Department of California and they are  
23 heading to national to make it five-time national  
24 champions.  
25                   (Applause.)  
26                   SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 13, Joyce  
27 Henderson-McLeod.  
28                   DISTRICT 13: (Yelling.)  
29                   SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 14, Martha  
30 Sweeney is excused. Barbara Davis is filling in.  
31                   DISTRICT 14 REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Here.  
32                   SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 15, Karen  
33 Herrera is excused. Genieca Risner is filling in.  
34                   DISTRICT 15: Happy trails.  
35                   DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you.  
36                   SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 16,  
37 Rosemary Weber.  
38                   DISTRICT 16: We are finally bringing the herd in  
39 at the end of the dusty trail.  
40                   SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 18, Kathy  
41 Pipkin.  
42                   DISTRICT 18: The rodeo is almost over and we're  
43 heading home.  
44                   SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 19, Diana  
45 Moreno.  
46                   DISTRICT 19: The party is over. See you in Palm  
47 Springs.  
48                   SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 20, Linda  
49 Hayes.  
50                   DISTRICT 20: Good morning, Madam President.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Good morning.  
2 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 21, Cheryl  
3 Hathaway.  
4 DISTRICT 21: Good morning, Madam President.  
5 Time to retire our horses.  
6 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 22, Gigi  
7 Manno.  
8 DISTRICT 22: So long, Linda, and everyone here.  
9 We'll you all in Palm Springs next year.  
10 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 23, Denise  
11 Coleman.  
12 DISTRICT 23: Good morning, Madam President.  
13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Good morning.  
14 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 24, Susie  
15 Johansen.  
16 DISTRICT 24: Good morning, Madam President. We  
17 wish you well. The wild milking cows are moooving on.  
18 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 25, Donna  
19 Mattox.  
20 DISTRICT 25: From Cactus Flats to Redding we  
21 came to say hello. Convention is almost over and it's  
22 time for us to go. Bye, Madam Department President Linda.  
23 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 26, Lou  
24 Thompson is excused and LuAnn Johnson is filling in.  
25 DISTRICT 26: Good morning.  
26 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Good morning.  
27 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 27,  
28 Danielle White.  
29 DISTRICT 27 DISTRICT PRESIDENT WHITE: I'm here.  
30 Happy trails.  
31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Happy trails to  
32 you.  
33 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 28, Renee  
34 Yaqub.  
35 DISTRICT 28: Out the gate 28 is heading towards  
36 new territory.  
37 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 29, Tami  
38 Bell.  
39 DISTRICT 29: The real housewives of Orange  
40 County are going home.  
41 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 30, Belen  
42 Telford.  
43 DISTRICT 30 PRESIDENT TELFORD: Present.  
44 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: All right. We're  
45 almost done. VA&R Hospital Reps. Loraine Sullivan is  
46 excused.  
47 Mary Lou Warner, Reno.  
48 VA&R REP WARNER: Here.  
49 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Wendy O'Brien,  
50 Sacramento.



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1 VA&R REP O'BRIEN: Here.  
2 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Mary Sinopoli and  
3 Gloria are both excused. I think Gloria is at Girls  
4 State.  
5 Pat Klang, Palo Alto.  
6 VA&R REP KLANG: Here.  
7 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Ruth Briggs,  
8 Livermore.  
9 VA&R REP BRIGGS: Here.  
10 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Phyllis Holmberg,  
11 San Diego.  
12 VA&R REP HOLMBERG: Good morning.  
13 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Mavis Kanka, Loma  
14 Linda.  
15 VA&R REP KANKA: Here.  
16 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Pat Alvarez, Long  
17 Beach.  
18 VA&R REP ALVAREZ: Good morning.  
19 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Earlean Paige, Los  
20 Angeles.  
21 VA&R REP PAIGE: Good morning. I'm here still.  
22 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Hermine Fosmark is  
23 excused from Santa Barbara.  
24 Evangeline Acosta, Barstow.  
25 VA&R REP ACOSTA: See you in Barstow.  
26 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Lois Cornish, Chula  
27 Vista.  
28 VA&R REP CORNISH: Yes.  
29 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Peggy Grabski,  
30 Yountville.  
31 VA&R REP GRABSKI: Present.  
32 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Okay. Madeline Lee,  
33 Ventura.  
34 VA&R REP LEE: Here.  
35 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Deloris Artis, West  
36 LA.  
37 VA&R REP ARTIS: Here.  
38 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Madam President,  
39 that is your roll call.  
40 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: At this time would  
41 the Sergeant-at-Arms along with the Distinguished Guest  
42 Chairman present -- well, he was a past department gopher.  
43 He is now a real department gopher -- Past Department  
44 Commander and his entourage for the purposes of this  
45 presentation.  
46 (Processional.)  
47 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER FERCHO: Madam  
48 President, as a newly installed PDG, Past Department  
49 Gopher, let me introduce two of my gopher buddies here now  
50 which are alumni. Peter Douglas.

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1 (Applause.)  
2 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER FERCHO: And we have  
3 Mr. Jim Park.  
4 (Applause.)  
5 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER FERCHO: I do have an  
6 envelope here and there is cash money for your project.  
7 And this was brought -- and I will name these and  
8 obviously the eligibility which got them into the PDG  
9 club. Okay. We have Bob Melgard in attendance, obviously  
10 by Josie. We have Jim Park by Nancy. Mr. R.T. Lee by  
11 Madeline. We have Thomas Christner eligibility by Bonnie.  
12 Bob Taylor, eligibility by Melanie. Ralph Jacob was  
13 there, eligibility by Sandy. Peter Douglas by Norma.  
14 Obviously myself by you-know-who here.  
15 Not in attendance but contributing was John  
16 Capazzi, eligibility by LuAnn, and Lyle Workman  
17 eligibility by Linda. Madam President.  
18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: \$180.  
19 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER FERCHO: No, there's  
20 200. I already spent the other 20.  
21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: That's what I get  
22 for leaving you at home last night.  
23 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER FERCHO: R2R could  
24 stand for a lot of things, but I wanted to focus. But  
25 anyway, Madam President, on behalf of the PDG in which I  
26 am definitely proud to be that group now and through your  
27 eligibility made my eligibility, I should say.  
28 (Applause.)  
29 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: For those of you  
30 who hear him say, "Easton, PA" all the time, he was born  
31 and raised in Easton and so was my father.  
32 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Linda, can I  
33 say something --  
34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Absolutely.  
35 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: -- before  
36 the gophers leave the room? Mr. Fercho, I'm sorry, I  
37 don't have a gopher so you're on the hook for another  
38 year.  
39 (Applause.)  
40 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER FERCHO: Just because I  
41 don't have anyone to pass my gopher off to does not mean  
42 that I can't go hide in a mancave someplace.  
43 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Who is going  
44 to hide?  
45 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER FERCHO: My gopher.  
46 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: He can't go  
47 to gifts.  
48 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER FERCHO: No, no. This  
49 is passed down. The gopher itself is passed down.  
50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: You get to keep it,

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1 so guess what that means.  
2 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER FERCHO: Okay. You are  
3 increasing my travel allowance.  
4 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Linda is  
5 paying you.  
6 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER FERCHO: Hold on, hold  
7 on.  
8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: You've now got a  
9 third wife, Dennis. Her name's not Linda, but we're going  
10 to christen her as Linda.  
11 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER FERCHO: Actually,  
12 Madam President and the Elected New President, I will have  
13 at least probably 14 to 16 PDGs that will be more than  
14 happy to assist in any of her endeavors.  
15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you.  
16 (Processional.)  
17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you. Circuit  
18 Judge is looking for one too. Well, she doesn't have one.  
19 Good morning, ladies.  
20 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.  
21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: And as you can see,  
22 the fun continues and I know the rest of the morning is  
23 going to be fun. We do have some business to be taken  
24 care of along with some presentations that are going to be  
25 extremely exciting.  
26 At this time I am going to ask our Poppy Chairman  
27 Jean Cooley-Demeules to come forward. Jean has done an  
28 amazing job this year. Poppies is one of the most tedious  
29 chairmanships, as you can understand by having to  
30 communicate with every district, every unit. And  
31 yesterday due to time we did not have her read her report  
32 and I think it's extremely important for you to see and  
33 hear the good work that is being done by our department in  
34 one of our most prestigious chairmanships, our poppies.  
35 After much discussion yesterday, I know how we  
36 all feel about this, our memorial flower, so I've asked  
37 her to please read it at this time.  
38  
39 POPPY CHAIRMAN REPORT (Continued)  
40  
41 POPPY CHAIRMAN COOLEY-DEMEULES: We bring you  
42 greetings from the Rolling Hills of poppies of California.  
43 It is a great pleasure to report that the poppy growers  
44 have planted their poppy seeds in the Rolling Hills, even  
45 though a few were just a little bit late, but they  
46 flourished along with all the others.  
47 The growers harvested 337,444 poppies and were  
48 delivered to the unit growers to offer to the townspeople.  
49 The townspeople were generous enough that our poppy crops  
50 brought in \$9,823.52 which will be a help to all of the

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1 hospitalized veterans and their families and other welfare  
2 programs. We had 49 veteran growers assist with the  
3 cultivating of these crops.

4 Many of the townspeople used the poppies in a  
5 variety of ways. Just to mention a few, 60 junior members  
6 sent Operation Honor Cards with poppies to military  
7 deployed overseas to acknowledge their sacrifices while  
8 away from their families while attending our state's  
9 junior conferences.

10 They also learned about the poppy story and the  
11 poem about Flanders Field. Others made leis which had 100  
12 poppies in each for graduations, weddings luaus and  
13 fashion shows. Another used extra poppies at Mother's Day  
14 brunches, poppy breakfasts where there were poppy corsages  
15 given out to all the mothers attending.

16 One unit has an annual event. Memorial plates  
17 were hung in the post canteens for the entire month of May  
18 which honored the deceased. For my dad. I'm sorry. Each  
19 plate honored a deceased loved one, pets, dogs and cats,  
20 or just have their own name up there. Each plate was \$5  
21 or more donation, but as you walked into the room, the  
22 plates would -- sorry; I tried not to do this -- would  
23 sway in the breeze and it looked like Rolling Hills of  
24 poppies.

25 On Memorial Day, more than one unit made  
26 beautiful wreaths to display at cemeteries at veterans'  
27 grave sites. More wreaths were used during the Memorial  
28 Day ceremonies that their cities held in honor of our lost  
29 military while defending our country's freedom.

30 Excuse me. Units brought to our California  
31 stampede here in Redding their poppy displays for everyone  
32 to enjoy. We had poppy posters entered in four of the  
33 different classes, each being awarded first place ribbons.  
34 We had two window displays that were awarded first place  
35 and all of these were forwarded to National.

36 To summarize, the Rolling Hills of poppies in the  
37 Department of California have utilized the veteran grown  
38 poppies to the fullest. With the townspeople getting  
39 ready for next year's harvest, our unit growers are now  
40 focusing on our veterans and their families on how to  
41 support their needs, wishes, and desires. We are also  
42 putting our attention to the American Legion Family, which  
43 is why we are always saying, "Hats off to the American  
44 Legion Family of Volunteers" where we show that service,  
45 not self is only one way we show our dedication to our  
46 past, present, and future veterans.

47 Madam President Linda, this concludes my report.  
48 It has been a pleasure serving under you. Thank you.

49 (Applause.)

50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you, Jean,

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1 very much.

2 At this time I'm going to ask Linda Caples, our  
3 Convention Commission Chairman, to please come forward and  
4 report. Following that I'll ask our Ways & Means Chairman  
5 to have a report. And then we -- and then I'm going to  
6 have our Distinguished Guest Chairman follow Ways & Means.  
7 And I'll save Finance. Thank you, ladies.

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CONVENTION COMMISSION REPORT

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CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN CAPLES: Good  
morning, Madam President.

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DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Good morning.  
CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN CAPLES: I have no  
written report and I will explain why. I'm sorry. I'm  
going to give a very short oral report.

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I did meet with our new chairman for this year.  
I introduced myself and he was very, very pleasurable.  
It's Eddie Castillo, I think I'm saying that right, from  
District 10.

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DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: We can't hear you.

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COMMITTEE COMMISSION CHAIRMAN CAPLES: Eddie  
Castillo. And he was an honor to speak with. Very, very,  
very, very nice and he did call me when I got here  
yesterday or, I mean, the first day as convention, you  
know, reconvened. And we walked in in the morning, I got  
the phone call walking in.

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And thank you, Madam President, for the ride over  
there to attend the meeting. However, upon walking in the  
meeting, I could immediately see it was just a little  
different than the normal meeting with the districts and  
the Legion. There was business going on, very intense  
business. But I quietly took my seat, having no vote in  
the Legion, and listened. And when the meeting was over,  
I was told that the meeting had been tabled to another  
time which would still possibly be this weekend or shortly  
after and that I would get a phone call immediately so  
that I could attend.

So I'm sorry to say that I do not have a meeting  
to report, Madam President. And at this time I'd like to  
remind everybody there's Palm Springs next year and that's  
going to be fun. And following is Santa Clara. And could  
I please introduce the Convention Commission Chair?

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Please do.  
CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN CAPLES: Okay. At  
this time I'd like to introduce Danielle White, one year  
member.

DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Danielle, can you  
stand?

(Applause.)

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1 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN CAPLES: In the  
2 back. And two-year member Sue Hooker right in the back.  
3 (Applause.)  
4 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN CAPLES: And I  
5 thank you for this appointment, Madam President.  
6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you very  
7 much, Linda. They are redoing their constitution and  
8 bylaws on that committee and so there was a delay in  
9 getting any further business. So we do know Palm Springs,  
10 and we'll all be there; right?  
11 (Applause.)  
12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: And then we'll also  
13 be in Santa Clara. That's going to be exciting.  
14 At this time I would like to recognize someone.  
15 We recognized her yesterday; she wasn't here. So I would  
16 like to present to you the Legionnaire of the Year Janet  
17 Wilson from District 9. Please stand. Please stand and  
18 give her a standing ovation.  
19 (Applause.)  
20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Janet has been  
21 instrumental in that district. She's as much Auxiliary as  
22 Legion. She's held many positions at the Legion level and  
23 is currently membership chairman. Thank you. And I do  
24 have a small presentation. I'm not sure the commander --  
25 did you get your boa yesterday?  
26 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILSON: No, ma'am, I did  
27 not.  
28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Okay. Well, you  
29 need to find it because he's wearing your feathers. But  
30 we had a wonderful time on membership this year. And  
31 thank you, Janet. Thank you for your service to our  
32 country and to our organization. It's greatly  
33 appreciated.  
34 (Applause.)  
35 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: And at this time  
36 we'll have a report from our Ways & Means.  
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38 WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE REPORT  
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40 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN LAUGESON: Madam President,  
41 this convention has been entertaining and very down home.  
42 The committee would like to just say that all of you  
43 ladies are truly wholesome and awesome. You all have at  
44 one time or another visited the emporium Ways & Means  
45 table. With all of your support these past four days we  
46 are proud and excited to announce that the Ways & Means  
47 committee is reporting the total amount of greenbacks  
48 taken in at this time is \$1,718, plus 400 for president  
49 charms totals \$2,118 which we will be turning in to Miss  
50 Peggy today to take back to the territorial office in San

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1 Francisco.

2 Madam President Linda, I would like to take this  
3 opportunity to thank you for this experience as the  
4 chairman of the Ways & Means committee and to the members.  
5 Thank you for supporting the Department of California's  
6 general budget with all of your purchases at this  
7 convention. This concludes my report.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you very  
9 much, Denyse. Did she not do a wonderful job?  
10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: I hope you all had  
12 an opportunity to purchase some of the items, and thank  
13 you for supporting our department. It is greatly  
14 appreciated.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: At this time we'll  
17 have our Distinguished Guest Chairman.

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19 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE REPORT

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21 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Good  
22 morning.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

24 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Madam  
25 Department President and Delegates, may I just say again  
26 how much I love this cowboy theme. Shoes and hats are my  
27 thing and I was able to buy a couple pair of cowboy boots  
28 and some new hats. And I bought these stupid horsey feet  
29 that I have no idea what I'm going to do with them after  
30 this is over, but --

31 It has been an honor to serve you and the  
32 Department of California as your Distinguished Guest  
33 Chairman. It has been hard meeting all these new folks in  
34 the back north 40 because you all know how very shy of a  
35 person I am, but I tried my best to overcome it.

36 My duties this year have included escorting our  
37 new officers, playing hostess at the National Convention.  
38 And what a kick it was entertaining at the Western  
39 Division Saloon girl at midyear, herding together all the  
40 saloon girls for the Past Department President's party and  
41 all the invites for your fellow officers and guests to  
42 belly up to the bar for a little sarsaparilla leading up  
43 to being able to two-step around the corral here. I hope  
44 all of you had a great time at our banquet last night and  
45 that you danced the night away.

46 (Applause.)

47 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: I also  
48 want to thank you for allowing me to work with two very  
49 beautiful, very tall women this year, our Sergeant-at-Arms  
50 and Marshal Gloria Williams and Kathy Harris Richardson.

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1 You girls go.  
2 (Applause.)  
3 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: So here we  
4 are and Linda's got to do what Linda's got to do.  
5 Education is a great tool, and especially cowboy  
6 education, so ya'all listen up cause we gots us some  
7 learnin' to do.  
8 We all got pieces of crazy in us. Some people  
9 just got bigger pieces than others.  
10 Nature gave us all something to fall back on, and  
11 sooner or later, gal, you're gonna land flat on it.  
12 If you speak your mind, you better be riding a  
13 fast horse.  
14 If you haven't fallen off a horse, then you  
15 haven't been riding long enough.  
16 I don't know about this one. I don't know why I  
17 put this. Life is hard, but it's harder when you're just  
18 stupid.  
19 If you're not making dust, you're eating it.  
20 True cowboys are the ones who aren't afraid to  
21 get dirty.  
22 Old cowboys never die. They just smell that way.  
23 Cowgirls, well, they're like barbed wire. Handle  
24 with care.  
25 If you're riding your high horse there's no way  
26 to get down gracefully.  
27 And when you come to the end of your rope, tie a  
28 knot and just hold on.  
29 All joking aside, this last one really means  
30 something. To "cowgirl up" means to rise to the occasion,  
31 not to give up and do it all without whining or  
32 complaining.  
33 And my favorite is: Get on, ride hard, hold  
34 nothing back, and give it all you've got. That's the ALA  
35 cowgirl way.  
36 (Applause.)  
37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Linda, at this time  
38 would you also take an opportunity to share with all the  
39 cowgirls in the room events coming up to honor and prepare  
40 for our national president.  
41 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: First of  
42 all, I want to thank everyone for your donations and the  
43 lucky winners -- we had lucky winners and they have all  
44 picked up their purses. And thank you for your shirt  
45 purchases. I see a lot of them in the audience, so that's  
46 great. There will be more -- it's open today over at the  
47 Red Lion. Oh, they have them up here so you don't have to  
48 walk far.  
49 We also have a cruise that is coming up. Look  
50 for that at the nancybrownpark.com website. All the



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1 information you want to know about Nancy, and some you  
2 don't, is on the website. But we're trying to earn a lot  
3 of money, and this next year is critical. We won't need  
4 the money when she's national president. We need it  
5 before so she can become national president.  
6 We have a great -- those of you in Northern  
7 California, we have a great social event that's going to  
8 be happening in Area 2 at Post 161 in Antioch, California.  
9 Dancing and dinner, \$15. What a deal. And it will be on  
10 October the 27th, 2012. Social hour, 5:30-6:30. Look for  
11 this on the website as well and you can make reservations.  
12 It's on the department website as well.  
13 And last night I know had great decorations on  
14 the table, but we had fabulous decorations on the head  
15 table. And we have one here, so what we would kind of  
16 like to do is we're going to make this really quick. Get  
17 your wallets out. We're going to do an auction. And the  
18 auction is starting out at five bucks.  
19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Twenty.  
20 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Oh, wow, I  
21 have 20.  
22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: I would also like  
23 to add one item to that. Don't read it. It's special.  
24 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: This is  
25 the Masked Gun Rider California red. So we've got booze  
26 and boots, baby. Okay. We have 20 in the back.  
27 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Twenty-five.  
28 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thirty.  
29 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Thirty.  
30 Do I have 35?  
31 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thirty-five.  
32 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN:  
33 Thirty-five.  
34 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Forty right here.  
35 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Forty over here.  
36 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: We have  
37 40. Do I have 45?  
38 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Forty-five.  
39 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Fifty.  
40 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: We have  
41 \$50.  
42 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Does it come with a man?  
43 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: One with a  
44 deep wallet for it. How's that?  
45 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: We have 55.  
46 AUDIENCE MEMBER: \$100.  
47 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: We have a  
48 hundred dollars going once, going twice.  
49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: There's 115.  
50 AUDIENCE MEMBER: 120.

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1                   DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: \$120. Oh,  
2 my God. Going once, going twice.  
3                   DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: There's 125.  
4                   VETERANS AFFAIR & REHABILITATION CHAIRMAN BIGGS:  
5 Wait a minute.  
6                   AUDIENCE MEMBER: 130.  
7                   DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: 130. 140?  
8 Do I hear 140?  
9                   AUDIENCE MEMBER: 140.  
10                  AUDIENCE MEMBER: 150.  
11                  DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: 150 in the  
12 back. 150 going once.  
13                  AUDIENCE MEMBER: 160.  
14                  DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Okay. I'm  
15 not good at this. \$160. Hey, we can do that. Who wants  
16 to match \$160 and we'll give them both to you? We'll give  
17 one to each of you.  
18                  AUDIENCE MEMBER: There you go, Madam President.  
19                  AUDIENCE MEMBER: \$160.  
20                  DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: She just matched  
21 it. She just matched it. Sold to J.B. Bre from District  
22 16, Unit 741, Camarillo, and Glenda Schultz. Please  
23 stand.  
24                  (Applause.)  
25                  DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Ladies, you're  
26 amazing. Thank you.  
27                  DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Thank you,  
28 Madam President.  
29                  DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Linda, if you  
30 can -- Linda, if you can approach my station.  
31                  Nancy, please go ahead.  
32                  Linda, this has been a fantastic year and you  
33 have been the best of the best and we've had so much fun.  
34 And as the sheriff now, I don't have anything in this yet,  
35 but here's your picture frame with your sheriff badge on  
36 it.  
37                  DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: How cute.  
38 Thank you. Thank you.  
39                  DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: And a bottle of  
40 that cowboy rain. And it was on the back bar, on the back  
41 counter. And I asked Robin Frasier, our lounge manager, I  
42 said, "Wow, a naked rider?"  
43                  She says, "Honey, you need new glasses. That's a  
44 masked rider." That's red wine from Sonoma. And it has  
45 John Wayne on it. What could be more perfect for this  
46 year. Thank you.  
47                  (Applause.)  
48                  DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Oh, this is  
49 exciting. Now we are going to hear from our saloon girls  
50 deluxe, the advisory team, Madam Advisory Deluxe Madams

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1 Madeline Lee, Sandy Jacob, and Odette. I mean, could you  
2 have seen -- I hope you all had pictures of that because I  
3 really don't know if you're ever going to see these women  
4 in fishnet hose again. She had to get a new corset  
5 because the other one was a little tight so we got a new  
6 one. So we are more comfortable than yesterday. Were  
7 they not gorgeous? And they are the backbone of every  
8 president and I truly, truly thank you. Thank you so  
9 much.

10 (Applause.)

11 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT LEE: What I want to  
12 say is it's really been a joy. I'm speaking for the  
13 council here. We enjoyed being your advisors because you  
14 didn't really have too much for us to do. So it's been  
15 great. We've had a great convention and we are all so  
16 proud of you.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you. And I  
18 have a little something for you, a little cowboy red here.  
19 Because I think you're all going to need this at the end  
20 of the day. A little cowboy red.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Oh, are you flying?

23 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER JACOB: \$160?

24 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER CUCCARO: Madam  
25 President, I've acted like an old fool, but I'll tell you  
26 I've had more fun than you did.

27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you. Thank  
28 you.

29 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER JACOB: Linda, great  
30 year. You're such a sweetie.

31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you.

32 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER JACOB: 160 right here.

33 (Applause.)

34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: I hope you all had  
35 an opportunity to look over your budget. We will have a  
36 report now from our finance committee.

37 Delegation, while they're coming forward, I would  
38 like to ask for your consent to have the finance committee  
39 read only the totals on the budget instead of every line.  
40 But they will pause and do we still have -- and we'll move  
41 the microphone to the center, and so if you have  
42 questions, please, please do not hesitate. This is your  
43 opportunity. This is your budget for next year. This is  
44 your opportunity to have input. And please come and make  
45 your comments if there are any.

46 If I can get the Sergeant-at-Arms -- I'm sorry.  
47 Carol, can I get the microphone moved from over there to  
48 the center so if there are any questions or discussion.

49 So do I have your consent?

50 ALL PRESENT: Yes.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Do I have  
2 everybody's consent?  
3 ALL PRESENT: Yes.  
4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Okay. Thank you.  
5 I want to make sure.

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7 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT  
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9 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Thank you  
10 very much for that. My finance report. The finance  
11 budget committee met 14-15 May in the department office.  
12 Attendees were Linda Fercho, Department President; Terry  
13 Mikesell, Department First Vice President; Susie Tozier,  
14 Finance Chairman; Kathy Martinez, Junior Member of  
15 Finance; Peggy Vogeles, Department Secretary/Treasurer;  
16 Diane DeLashmit, Past Department President; Ruby Kapsalis,  
17 Past Department President; Van Ho, Auditor; Douglas G.  
18 Condie, Vice President Complete Small Business Services;  
19 and a representative from Wells Fargo.

20 At the audit meeting in November, Van Ho  
21 announced that he is retiring from being our auditor. The  
22 department office contacted several companies asking if  
23 they would like to audit the books.

24 This year at the budget meeting we met Douglas  
25 Condie of Complete Small Business Services to interview  
26 for the auditing of the books. Mr. Condie does have the  
27 experience working with nonprofit and completing the  
28 required tax forms; however, he is not a CPA. The  
29 constitution and bylaws state that this position must be a  
30 CPA. Because of this requirement, we will not be able to  
31 accept Complete Small Business Service as our auditors.  
32 As of now, we do not have an auditor to present to the  
33 delegation at this time to start July 1st, 2012 through  
34 June 30th, 2013.

35 The Department Secretary/Treasurer will broaden  
36 the search through the San Francisco area. If any member  
37 knows of an auditor who might be interested, please send  
38 the name to the department secretary so she can solicit a  
39 proposal.

40 Van Ho, Diane DeLashmit, and Ruby Kapsalis met  
41 with us to discuss the E990 and 199 laws. Questions were  
42 asked and clarifications of the requirements. Ruby and  
43 Diane provided us an update of the tax training to be done  
44 at department convention.

45 Department Secretary/Treasurer reported on the  
46 office. She told us that there was a need to have funds  
47 budgeted for replacing office equipment because they were  
48 breaking.

49 Also, we asked why the cost of postage was so  
50 high. She said that the previous secretary/treasurer

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1 returned the bulk mailing stamp back to the Post Office.  
2 The office can only use this for bulk mailing of over 200  
3 items. We asked that she get this back to use for those  
4 bulk mailings for DEC, the end of the year convention.  
5 And also we asked that she look at the other mailings to  
6 cut back on the postage costs. Also, we need the  
7 department office to track the \$25 fee for mailings to see  
8 if this is adequate to cover those mailings sent to the  
9 units and individuals.

10 The code changes were reviewed and those changes  
11 will be brought to the convention.

12 The budget preparation went smoothly. We had  
13 information from the Chairman about the needs of their  
14 program. I hope in the future other chairmen send e-mails  
15 to the finance committee what is the program needs and the  
16 why. This is very important for background. In the  
17 future I hope more chairmen -- I just repeated myself.

18 We met with the two representatives from Wells  
19 Fargo about electronically processing checks. To save  
20 time and money, the department office will be  
21 electronically depositing the checks from the office.  
22 They will use a scanner which will make an electronic copy  
23 of the checks. This file will be transmitted to the bank.  
24 The department office will also save this file for office  
25 records.

26 I hope unit members attend the workshop at  
27 lunchtime on Saturday about the taxes. Ruby has worked so  
28 many hours to provide us this information. She has a  
29 friend at IRS now.

30 Thank you, Ruby, for all your work you did. It  
31 is very important that the units and districts stay  
32 current on the taxes. This year it will cost the units  
33 and districts who lost their non-profit for failure to  
34 file taxes \$100. Next year it will cost you \$400.

35 Thank you to the members who elected me to this  
36 position. I can honestly say this is a hard job. I have  
37 enjoyed the challenge. I now have a lot of respect for  
38 the department office and how hard they work. I thank you  
39 for the opportunity.

40 (Applause.)

41 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you.

42 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: May I read my  
43 supplemental report?

44 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Committee report.

45 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: The  
46 convention committee for Finance met on June 21st in the  
47 Derby Room at the Holiday Inn. There is no statistical  
48 report for this committee.

49 Kathy Martinez, Junior Member of Finance, was  
50 appointed secretary. Mara Centers, District 6, offered

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1 prayer. Joan Cannon, District 11, was appointed  
2 Sergeant-at-Arms. There were only a total of 18 districts  
3 who answered the roll call and two visitors.

4 The committee agreed upon the following: The  
5 resolutions were reviewed. Resolution number 4. The  
6 proposed change: Department Constitution, Article IX,  
7 Section 2. Motion made to amend the resolution to change  
8 the department per capita tax from \$6 to \$7. This  
9 department budget has been in the red for several years.  
10 Also, the department is having a hard time finding a new  
11 auditor. Motion passed.

12 The amended proposed change to read: Per capita  
13 tax shall be payable in advance annually. National  
14 senior, \$9. Department senior, \$7. Auxiliary News  
15 assessment, \$1. National junior, \$1.25. Department  
16 junior, 75 cents.

17 This motion was passed yesterday and so your per  
18 capita will be \$17 when you mail them in starting in July.

19 Resolution 12 --

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Susie?

21 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: This is not a  
22 code change for us.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Okay. Thank you.  
24 Thank you.

25 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Resolution  
26 12. Poppy program increase in cost of poppies to 25 cents  
27 per poppy and no annual report. Motion to accept was  
28 rejected.

29 Girls State submitted code changes by Lou  
30 Thompson. Recommended change submitted: The Department  
31 President, in consultation with the Girls State Chairman,  
32 shall call a meeting of the Girls State Committee to be  
33 held as soon as possible, but no later than October 1st.  
34 The secretary/treasurer shall attend the Girls State  
35 Committee meeting. The Girls State registration fee shall  
36 be set annually by the Girls State Committee after the  
37 review of the previous year's budget and expenses and the  
38 current bids received from the colleges for the following  
39 administrative year. The enrollment fee and location of  
40 Girls State shall be ratified by the Department Executive  
41 Committee.

42 The proposed amendment for change Girls State  
43 code number 8 reads: The Department President, in  
44 consultation with the Girls State Chairman, shall call a  
45 meeting of the Girls State Committee to be held as soon as  
46 possible, but no later than October 1st. The  
47 secretary/treasurer shall attend the Girls State Committee  
48 meeting. The Girls State enrollment and registration fee  
49 shall be recommended annually by the Girls State Committee  
50 after the review of the previous year's budget and

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1 expenses and the current bids received from the colleges  
2 for the following administrative year. The enrollment and  
3 registration fee shall be recommended at the midyear  
4 Department Executive Committee meeting for approval at the  
5 department convention. Motion made to accept this change  
6 and motion passed.  
7 Motion 27 made to accept the increase of  
8 registration fee from 50 to \$75. Motion rejected.  
9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: These were all  
10 voted on? These were already voted on?  
11 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: This is just  
12 discussions.  
13 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: The code number 8  
14 Girls State was also in the finance code.  
15 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: I haven't  
16 gotten to those. This is just our discussions. Now we're  
17 going to go into the code recommendations.  
18 FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR BILLINGS: Okay.  
19 Department code policy. General. Code 1, page 1 now  
20 reads: Supplies ordered from the department shall include  
21 sales tax and payment must be paid when submitting the  
22 order. Refunds will not be made on overpayments of a  
23 dollar or less. Overpayments shall be credited to  
24 miscellaneous income.  
25 Recommended change to read: Supplies ordered  
26 from department office must include payment when  
27 submitting the order. Refunds will not be made on  
28 overpayments of a dollar or less. Overpayments shall be  
29 credited to miscellaneous.  
30 "Sales tax" was deleted from the code. The  
31 department office cannot charge sales tax. So the motion  
32 was made for the change and the motion passed. I'd like  
33 to make a motion to have this accepted.  
34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: It has been moved  
35 and seconded to accept this code change. Discussion?  
36 (No response.)  
37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: The code will now  
38 read: Supplies ordered from department office must  
39 include payment when submitting the order. Refunds will  
40 not be made on overpayments of a dollar or less.  
41 Overpayments shall be credited to miscellaneous.  
42 All in favor?  
43 ALL PRESENT: Aye.  
44 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Opposed?  
45 (No response.)  
46 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Passed.  
47 FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR BILLINGS: Okay. On  
48 Code 2, page 1 now reads: Application blanks, transfer  
49 forms, and membership cards shall be free to the units.  
50 The recommended change to read: Application

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1 blanks, transfer forms, and membership cards shall be free  
2 to the units. There will be a charge for shipping and  
3 handling for all items shipped.  
4 Motion made to accept this change. Motion  
5 passed, but I'd like to make a motion to accept this  
6 change.  
7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: It has been moved  
8 and seconded to accept this change. Discussion?  
9 (No response.)  
10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: It will now -- Code  
11 2, page 1 will now read: Application blanks, transfers  
12 forms, and membership cards shall be free to the units.  
13 There will be a charge for shipping and handling for all  
14 items shipped.  
15 All those in favor?  
16 ALL PRESENT: Aye.  
17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Opposed?  
18 (No response.)  
19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Passed.  
20 FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR BILLINGS:  
21 Administrative, page 4. Code 18 now reads: A fee of \$2  
22 per Girls State Citizen from the Girls State funds shall  
23 be transferred to the general fund.  
24 Recommended change to read: The Girls State  
25 program will be charged for the usage of the department  
26 office copier. The usage charges will be posted to the  
27 general fund.  
28 The \$2 per Girls State Citizen was deleted a  
29 couple years ago from the Girls State code. So if the  
30 Girls State has any need to use the department copier,  
31 they will reimburse the department office for machine  
32 usage and supplies.  
33 Motion made to accept and motion passed. I would  
34 like to make a motion to --  
35 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: It has been moved  
36 and seconded to accept this code change. Any discussion?  
37 (No response.)  
38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: The code will now  
39 read: The Girls State program will be charged for the  
40 usage of the department office copier. The usage charges  
41 will be posted to the general fund.  
42 All in favor?  
43 ALL PRESENT: Aye.  
44 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Opposed?  
45 (No response.)  
46 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Pass.  
47 FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR BILLINGS: Code 20.  
48 When printing out the code, there was no carriage return  
49 between Code 20 and 21. This is just a housekeeping. It  
50 is requested that the carriage return be added so that the



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1 two codes are separated, Code 20 and 21.  
2 Code 21, page 4 reads: The Department shall  
3 establish a Headquarters 1000. Members are gained from  
4 National's direct mail solicitation. Members shall be  
5 encouraged to transfer to local units. Unit 1000 shall be  
6 chartered, have bylaws, and no meetings. Annual dues  
7 shall be for senior members \$25 and for junior members \$3.  
8 Administration for the unit shall be the responsibility of  
9 the department office.  
10 The recommended change to read: The Department  
11 shall establish a Headquarters 1000. Members are gained  
12 from National's direct mail solicitation. Members shall  
13 be encouraged to transfer to local units. Unit 1000 shall  
14 be chartered, have bylaws, and no meetings. Annual dues  
15 shall be for senior members \$40 and for junior members  
16 \$10. Administration for the unit shall be the  
17 responsibility of the department office.  
18 Motion made by Linda Workman to accept this  
19 change and motion approved. I'd like to make a motion.  
20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: It has been moved  
21 and seconded to accept this code change. Any discussion?  
22 (No response.)  
23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: The code will now  
24 read: The Department shall establish a Headquarters 1000.  
25 Members are gained from National's direct mail  
26 solicitation. Members shall be encouraged to transfer to  
27 local units. Unit 1000 shall be chartered, have bylaws,  
28 and no meetings. Annual dues shall be for senior members  
29 \$40 and for junior members \$10. Administration for the  
30 unit shall be the responsibility of the department office.  
31 All those in favor?  
32 ALL PRESENT: Aye.  
33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Opposed?  
34 (No response.)  
35 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Passed.  
36 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: Thank you,  
37 Madam President. Finance Code 5 now reads: Check  
38 vouchers shall be reviewed by at least one member of the  
39 finance committee quarterly. That's 2008.  
40 Recommended change for Code 5: The department  
41 office shall provide the finance committee a Profit/Loss  
42 Budget Performance Report, investment accounts, and bank  
43 statements monthly. These are due no later than the 15th  
44 of the month following month end.  
45 Motion was approved in committee. I move to  
46 accept.  
47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: It has been moved  
48 -- it has been moved and seconded to accept this code  
49 change. Any discussion?  
50 (No response.)

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: The code will now  
2 read: The department office shall provide the finance  
3 committee a Profit/Loss Budget Performance Report,  
4 investment accounts, and bank statements monthly. These  
5 are due no later than the 15th of the month following  
6 month end.  
7 All those in favor?  
8 ALL PRESENT: Aye.  
9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Opposed?  
10 (No response.)  
11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Pass.  
12 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: Thank you.  
13 Code 6 now reads: The department secretary/treasurer is  
14 authorized use of a credit card for official use only and  
15 shall provide copies of the credit card statement with  
16 copies of receipts to the finance chairman quarterly for  
17 review, verification, and internal controls of  
18 expenditures.  
19 Recommended change: The department  
20 secretary/treasurer is authorized use of a credit card for  
21 official use only and shall provide copies of the credit  
22 card statement with copies of receipts to the finance  
23 chairman monthly for review, verification, and internal  
24 controls of expenditures.  
25 I move the acceptance of this code change.  
26 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: It has been moved  
27 and seconded to accept. The code will now read: The  
28 department secretary/treasurer is authorized use of a  
29 credit card for official use only and shall provide copies  
30 of the credit card statement with copies of receipts to  
31 the finance chairman monthly for review, verification, and  
32 internal controls of expenditures.  
33 All those in favor?  
34 ALL PRESENT: Aye.  
35 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Opposed?  
36 (No response.)  
37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Pass.  
38 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: Thank you.  
39 Code 8 now reads: Upon completion of the budget by the  
40 Girls State Committee for the ensuing year, said budget  
41 shall be sent to the department secretary/treasurer and  
42 finance committee for review and approval of the finance  
43 committee not later than October 10. The budget shall be  
44 recorded on the form provided by the finance committee.  
45 Recommended change: Upon completion of the  
46 budget by the Girls State Committee for the ensuing year,  
47 said budget shall be sent to the department  
48 secretary/treasurer and finance committee for review and  
49 approval of the finance committee not later than October  
50 10. Said budget to be approved by the midyear Department

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1 Executive Committee.  
2 Motion by -- I move to accept this change.  
3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: It has been moved  
4 and seconded to accept the Code 8 change. Any discussion?  
5 (No response.)  
6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Code will now read:  
7 Upon completion of the budget by the Girls State Committee  
8 for the ensuing year, said budget shall be sent to the  
9 department secretary/treasurer and finance committee for  
10 review and approval of the finance committee not later  
11 than October 10. Said budget to be approved by the  
12 midyear Department Executive Committee.  
13 All those in favor?  
14 ALL PRESENT: Aye.  
15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Opposed?  
16 (No response.)  
17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Passed.  
18 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: Department  
19 finance code allowance/expenses. Code 9 reads: \$1,200  
20 will be budgeted annually and placed into the general fund  
21 convention expense, line item number G624, by the finance  
22 committee to cover a maximum of \$400 each for the  
23 Department President, Junior Past Department President,  
24 and the Convention Secretary plus plane fare, economy, if  
25 possible, while serving as delegates and attending  
26 National Convention.  
27 Recommended change: \$1,200 will be budgeted  
28 annually and placed into the general fund convention  
29 expense, line item number GF62477, by the finance  
30 committee to cover a maximum of \$400 each for the  
31 Department President, Junior Past Department President,  
32 and the Convention Secretary plus plane fare, economy, if  
33 possible, while serving as delegates and attending  
34 National Convention.  
35 I move the acceptance of this code change.  
36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: It has been moved  
37 and seconded to change Code 9. Is there any discussion?  
38 (No response.)  
39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Code 9 will now  
40 read: \$1,200 will be budgeted annually and placed into  
41 the general fund convention expense, line item number  
42 GF62477, by the finance committee to cover a maximum of  
43 \$400 each for the Department President, Junior Past  
44 Department President, and the Convention Secretary plus  
45 plane fare, economy, if possible, while serving as  
46 delegates and attending National Convention.  
47 All those in favor?  
48 ALL PRESENT: Aye.  
49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Opposed?  
50 (No response.)

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Passed.  
2 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: Thank you.  
3 Recommended changes to Girls State budget. Girls State  
4 code number 3 was read and a recommendation to the Girls  
5 State Committee to change this code to conform to the  
6 finance code number 8 recommended changes.  
7 Girls State Code 3 now reads: Upon completion of  
8 the budget by the Girls State committee for the ensuing  
9 year, said budget shall be sent to the Department  
10 Secretary/Treasurer and Finance Committee for review and  
11 inclusion in the department budget not later than October  
12 10. The budget shall be recorded on the form provided by  
13 the finance committee.  
14 Code 3 recommended change: Upon completion of  
15 the budget by the Girls State committee for the ensuing  
16 year, said budget shall be sent to the Department  
17 Secretary/Treasurer and Finance Committee for review and  
18 inclusion in the department budget not later than October  
19 10. Said budget to be approved by the midyear Department  
20 Executive Committee.  
21 Madam President, this was a recommendation to the  
22 Girls State.  
23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you.  
24 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: The  
25 department budget for 2012-2013 was reviewed. Motion made  
26 to accept the budget with changes. Motion passed.  
27 The delegates to the Finance Committee were  
28 advised that we have no auditor for the 2012-2013  
29 Auxiliary year as we have been notified by our current  
30 auditing firm of Lee, Ho & Company that they will no  
31 longer be providing their services to us after the  
32 completion of the 2011-2012 audit. As we are bound by our  
33 constitution and bylaws, we must retain the services of a  
34 certified public accountant, CPA, to complete our audit.  
35 It was recommended that the department office  
36 actively advertise for a qualified CPA. Although the  
37 department office has inquired with auditing firms and  
38 interviews have been conducted, we have been unable to  
39 secure a CPA which will agree to conduct the audit within  
40 the amount we have budgeted, \$16,000. Additional  
41 recommendations from the delegates in the committee were  
42 to monitor the postage cost of monthly mailings to  
43 determine the actual cost of these mailings.  
44 It was also recommended that if we cannot get the  
45 department bookkeeper to make correcting journal entries  
46 as requested, that the Department Secretary/Treasurer  
47 should look for a new bookkeeper.  
48 The finance committee adjourned at 12:35 p.m.  
49 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Okay. We  
50 have now the budgets.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Please. And  
2 remember, ladies, they're going to be reading the line  
3 item totals. And if you have questions, we will hesitate  
4 so that you can look through this. Even though I was --  
5 so be prepared with questions.  
6 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Okay. The  
7 first total is on page 2, General Fund Program Income:  
8 \$479,893.50. This includes the per capita raise of a  
9 dollar and the National \$4 raise. Is there any questions?  
10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: The floor  
11 recognizes microphone two, Linda Farris.  
12 MS. FARRIS: Madam President, Linda Farris,  
13 District 19, Unit 314. I just have a question here. I'm  
14 very happy to see it, but the Income From National line,  
15 GF42424 -- I've got to get it out a little farther. The  
16 12,174.06, and then we're budgeting only expecting \$2,000  
17 next year.  
18 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: What line was  
19 that again? I'm sorry.  
20 MS. FARRIS: G -- it's on the first page,  
21 GF42424.  
22 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: There was a  
23 misposting on that line. It should belong to the  
24 sweepstakes line.  
25 MS. FARRIS: So it's not Income from National?  
26 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Right.  
27 MS. FARRIS: It's our income. Thank you. I  
28 just -- can I leave it on or turn it off?  
29 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Leave it on. Thank  
30 you.  
31 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Did you find  
32 the total I was talking about on page 2? It's on the top  
33 -- if you flip it over, it's on the top page. Are there  
34 any other questions on income?  
35 (No response.)  
36 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Okay.  
37 Expenses on page 3 for the General Fund - Administrative,  
38 it's at the very top of the page, 177,557.50.  
39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Linda.  
40 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: Linda Diebel, 19th  
41 District. I just have a question. On page 2 under  
42 Payroll Tax, GF62402, we budgeted a little under 10,000.  
43 We paid over 20,000. Can you explain what the increase  
44 was? I'm sorry.  
45 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Some of that  
46 is prior year costs.  
47 PAST PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: Bonnie Christner, Past  
48 Department President. I'm sorry. I probably -- I'm  
49 hoping you're going to have an answer for me. Did we not  
50 decide junior dues were \$2 for -- the 1.25 for National

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1 and 75 cents for the department? Is it -- does it not say  
2 Juniors at 2,596 at \$3.50? Can you -- I'm sorry. Page 1  
3 right under "Comments," the second line. Susie, am I,  
4 like, losing my mind?  
5 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: No, you're  
6 not losing your mind, Bonnie. Thank you. I so appreciate  
7 that. I'm sorry.  
8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: I believe, Susie,  
9 what they're saying is it should be 2 instead of 3.50.  
10 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: We're getting  
11 a calculation. Hold on.  
12 Okay. We have a couple other changes. The new  
13 number for GF42410 is 340,482. 340,482. We're going to  
14 put in the change for the Unit 1000.  
15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: While they're  
16 working on that, what I would like to do on the Unit 1000,  
17 there are 300- some members in that as you can see by the  
18 report 331. The listing is by zip codes. We will be  
19 working with the newly elected president and her  
20 membership clerk to divide those zip codes up by districts  
21 and getting that information to each district early this  
22 year. So perhaps you can work on that and get these  
23 ladies to join one of your local units.  
24 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: That line  
25 will be \$13,362.  
26 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Unit 1000 line.  
27 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: 42411.  
28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: And that total  
29 again, please, Susie.  
30 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: 13,362.  
31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: So the newly  
32 adjusted total on that column?  
33 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: 480,525.90 --  
34 50. I'm sorry. It's on page 2 at the very top. Page 2  
35 at the very top, 480,525.50. It's the total line. Total  
36 GF42400 general fund - administrative. We're on the  
37 income right now.  
38 MS. WRIGHT: Madam President, Evonne Wright.  
39 Susie, on line 2 on the first page, GF42410, you gave us  
40 340,482. That is incorrect.  
41 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Okay. Hold  
42 on.  
43 MS. WRIGHT: I get 20,690 times 17.  
44 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: It's 16. One  
45 dollar goes to Auxiliary Emergency Fund and that's  
46 calculated on a different line.  
47 MS. WRIGHT: Okay. Thank you.  
48 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Auxiliary  
49 News. I'm sorry.  
50 MS. WRIGHT: Well, you come up with a figure for

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1 juniors.  
2 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Juniors is \$2  
3 times 2596.  
4 MS. WRIGHT: How much is that?  
5 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Hold on.  
6 5,192.  
7 MS. WRIGHT: Thank you.  
8 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Uh-huh.  
9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: The Chair  
10 recognizes Linda Diebel, microphone two.  
11 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: Linda Diebel, 19th  
12 District. I'm going back to the payroll taxes. And the  
13 only reason I'm doing that is we only budgeted a little  
14 over 10. We had 20. You're saying that's a carryover,  
15 but you're budgeting another 20 for this year.  
16 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: I'm sorry.  
17 The reason why is we haven't gotten the last tax bill.  
18 That's what it was. I'm sorry.  
19 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: Thank you.  
20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Chair recognizes  
21 Cindy Simmons. Man down.  
22 MS. SIMMONS; I was just questioning where is the  
23 income for the new -- not the new assessment, but --  
24 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: 42,412.  
25 MS. SIMMONS: That's the dollar new assessment;  
26 correct?  
27 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Yes. The  
28 juniors do not get it. Only seniors and the PUFs.  
29 MS. SIMMONS: Correct. Okay. Maybe I'm just --  
30 all right. Sorry.  
31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Any other  
32 discussion?  
33 (No response.)  
34 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Thank you.  
35 So the new total of the General Fund is 480,525.50. At  
36 the very top of page 3, very top, the total for the  
37 general -- this is expenses. General Fund -  
38 Administrative, GF62400, 177,557.50. What did I say?  
39 557. I'm looking through the wrong part of my glasses.  
40 Just below that a little ways down, GF62430,  
41 General Fund - Other Expenses, 208,437.75. It says,  
42 "Total GF62430: General fund - Other Expenses,  
43 208,437.75. It's in the middle of the page.  
44 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Yeah, come down a  
45 little bit. I think we're all looking at this line right  
46 under General Fund - Administration. It's in two places,  
47 ladies, so disregard the first line where it is right  
48 under "General Fund - Administration" and go down further.  
49 That's where we're addressing.  
50 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Our next

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1 total will be for the General Fund - Executive Expense at  
2 the bottom of the page, page 3. It will be \$36,525.  
3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: We have discussion.  
4 Linda, thank you.  
5 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: Linda Diebel, 19th  
6 District. I just have a quick question. Our  
7 secretary/treasurer's travel allowance was budgeted for  
8 500. She spent almost 1200 and we're only budgeting her  
9 500 for this year. Should that not be increased? It's on  
10 page 3 towards the bottom. It's GF62459. It says,  
11 "Sec/Treas."  
12 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: She did  
13 additional travel this year because she was new and next  
14 year she won't be doing it.  
15 LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: Okay.  
16 Thank you.  
17 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Doris did  
18 some of it too.  
19 FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR BILLINGS: The general  
20 fund expense. Turn to page 4. The total for GF62470 was  
21 32,600. Any discussion?  
22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Just one minute.  
23 We do have a discussion.  
24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Nancy  
25 Brown-Park, Past Department President. We budgeted for  
26 President Secretary's National Meeting which is  
27 traditionally what we do. This year there will be two  
28 meetings because of the change. So there will be the  
29 actual October president and secretary's. In May there  
30 will be a department leadership conference which will  
31 include the membership chairman for the following year and  
32 the vice president who will be president the following  
33 administrative year. That will only happen this year, but  
34 this year there's a double dip in there. We're going to  
35 have two meetings.  
36 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Nancy,  
37 please go to page 4, line 62493.  
38 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Okay. I  
39 see that. But does that include both? It's not going to  
40 be just the membership chairman.  
41 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Correct. It  
42 should cover both meetings. The one for the membership  
43 will be 62493. The president and secretary is the line  
44 you're questioning.  
45 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Right.  
46 Just so you know there's two meetings in your  
47 administrative year, two meetings which will not happen  
48 the following year nor has it happened before because  
49 they're combining those and pushing it up. As long as  
50 it's covered in there somewhere, I'm fine. I do know that



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1 you will get some reimbursement from National.  
2 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Correct.  
3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: As long as  
4 you guys know it's coming.  
5 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Okay. Thank  
6 you.  
7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you.  
8 FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR BILLINGS: And then on  
9 page -- we were just on page 4. We're going to look at  
10 the General Fund - Committee Expense. That's GF62480 and  
11 the total comes to \$14,675.  
12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Bottom of page 4.  
13 FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR BILLINGS: Bottom of  
14 page 4, yes. GF62480.  
15 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Okay. The  
16 total -- it says -- it's the summary of general fund, the  
17 total general fund reserves --  
18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Top of page 5.  
19 First line, page 5. Please change that to the adjusted  
20 total. 480,250; is that correct, Susie?  
21 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: I was reading  
22 the right thing.  
23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: They didn't know  
24 where you were. They can't hear you.  
25 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Oh, I'm  
26 sorry. Underneath it says, "Summary of General Fund," I'm  
27 going you the updated numbers for those lines. Top of  
28 page 5. Or in the middle it says "General Fund Summary"  
29 on page 5. See in the middle of it? I'm sorry. I'm  
30 reading top of page 5, "General Fund Program Expense."  
31 Okay. First line, the income line, 480,525.50. Total of  
32 the general fund expense, 469,795.25. Same page. Just  
33 look a couple lines down. It's the summary line. Right  
34 now we're in the profit of \$10,730.25.  
35 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Yay. We like to be  
36 in the black.  
37 (Applause.)  
38 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: And the  
39 reserves are the reserve numbers as of June 30th, 2011.  
40 That's what we have in the bank for those programs. And  
41 that's per the auditor report 2011.  
42 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Terry  
43 Mikesell, District 2. I have a question on the general  
44 fund reserve summary. According to this, the actual  
45 general fund has no reserves. Where is that funds listed?  
46 FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR BILLINGS: What now?  
47 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: These numbers  
48 were taken from the audit report, from the auditor's  
49 report for 2011. And these items are part of your general  
50 fund. These are reserve items in the general fund that

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1 are reserved.  
2 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT KAPSALIS: Past  
3 Department President Ruby Kapsalis, District 25. I  
4 believe there's \$330,000 in the Ameritrade reserve  
5 account. And if you subtract what's here, 129,000 for  
6 these funds, that leaves a balance in the general fund  
7 reserve of 127,000. There's a difference from what you've  
8 got listed here from the amount that's in -- the  
9 Ameritrade I believe is the general fund reserve.  
10 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Yes.  
11 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT KAPSALIS: And that's a  
12 little over 127,000. I don't have the exact figure.  
13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Past Department  
14 President Ruby, did you have the figure in the Ameritrade?  
15 Did you have that figure?  
16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT KAPSALIS: Yes, I do.  
17 It's in the car. It's on its way home.  
18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you.  
19 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: These are --  
20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Peggy, do you have  
21 a copy?  
22 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: We believe  
23 these are the reserves of the general fund and are  
24 restricted for the usage that are identified.  
25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Our secretary --  
26 we'll continue. She is going to go to the office. She  
27 has the figure as of April 2012. We'll bring that back  
28 in. So if you would like to continue and she will go get  
29 that and will bring that back in so we can plug this  
30 figure into it.  
31 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Well, her  
32 numbers are as of April. These figures are as of June  
33 2011.  
34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: But at least we  
35 would have a letter to look at and we would know what our  
36 general reserve is. So if you would do that. Thank you.  
37 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: Ladies,  
38 continuing down the center of page 5, line PF44500, Poppy  
39 Production Fund Income, \$72,740. Any questions? We're on  
40 page 5 just below where the summary reserve numbers are.  
41 You have the Poppy Production Fund Income, total is  
42 \$72,740.  
43 Okay. Going to page 6, Poppy Production Fund  
44 Expense, \$60,893. And we have a positive of 11,847 in the  
45 poppy fund.  
46 Okay. Going down after Poppy Fund Reserves,  
47 Welfare Fund/VAR. Income, and again this is on line  
48 WF48500. Welfare Fund/VAR, income, 37,800. This is on --  
49 we're still on page 6 right about in the center.  
50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: This also has been

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1 listed twice, ladies. As you can see it says WF48500.  
2 There is no total to the right, but if you go down that  
3 page past VAR and you'll see Welfare Fun/VAR, that's where  
4 your total is.  
5 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: Thank you,  
6 Madam President.  
7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: We've just got some  
8 extra lines in there. That computer.  
9 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SOARES: I don't think I  
10 have discussion, but I think it would just calm everyone  
11 down a bit if we just knew that we were talking about  
12 totals only, ladies. So every time she says a number like  
13 "WF," go to the one that says "total" in front of it and  
14 then that will stop all the humming. Because the other  
15 ones are going to be blank, but the total will have a  
16 number there.  
17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you,  
18 Michelle, very much.  
19 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: All right.  
20 Ladies, are we ready for the next one? About three  
21 quarters of the way down on that same page, page 6,  
22 Welfare Fund Expense/VAR, \$37,800. And it's almost to the  
23 bottom of the same line. And that is balanced, ladies.  
24 Okay.  
25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT KAPSALIS: Past  
26 Department President Ruby Kapsalis, District 28. I just  
27 have a question. I know it's listed twice, but I'm just  
28 wondering about the WF48502, Poppy Proceeds Distribution  
29 300 in the first listing and then you've got Patient  
30 Remembrance 14,000. And then down below it's 14,400 and  
31 then the interest income is not listed below. I'm just  
32 wondering -- I just want to make sure those figures that  
33 are in that first column, that it equals 37 that they've  
34 been included in the total. And my mind don't calculate  
35 that quick, so --  
36 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: I do believe  
37 so, Ruby.  
38 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT KAPSALIS: They are?  
39 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: Yes.  
40 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT KAPSALIS: Then the  
41 14,000 TFA is not correct. It's 14,400?  
42 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: Yes.  
43 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT KAPSALIS: 48503 is  
44 listed -- the first time it's listed, it's 14,000. The  
45 second time it's listed as 14,4. So which one is correct?  
46 Oh, one is income and one is -- oh, sorry, sorry.  
47 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: Thank you.  
48 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Kathy, I  
49 have a question. On income for VAR Temporary Financial  
50 Assistance is \$1,000 and this year the only amount of

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1 money we're allowing for the chairman for temporary  
2 financial assistance cases is \$1,200?  
3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: No.  
4 VETERANS AFFAIR & REHABILITATION CHAIRMAN BIGGS:  
5 It's 5,700.  
6 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Anita is  
7 pointing it out to me that I can't see, I'm on the wrong  
8 line. Thank you, Anita.  
9 VETERANS AFFAIR & REHABILITATION CHAIRMAN BIGGS:  
10 You're welcome, my dear. I can't see at all either. My  
11 contacts are blurry.  
12 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: And I had to point it  
13 out to her.  
14 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Thank you,  
15 Melanie.  
16 VETERANS AFFAIR & REHABILITATION CHAIRMAN BIGGS:  
17 It was subliminal.  
18 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: Any other  
19 questions? Your next total will be on page 7 about the  
20 third line down. Your total for Welfare account, 48,620.  
21 Welfare Fund Children and Youth, 6,800. That is your  
22 income amount.  
23 Going down to your expense account. Total for  
24 that account Welfare line, 68,600. Welfare Fund Expense  
25 Children and Youth, 6,800. We balance that one too.  
26 Welfare Fund/Education is about three quarters of  
27 the way down the page on page 7, account number WF48700.  
28 Welfare Fund/Education income, \$10,800. If you drop down,  
29 your expense, Welfare Fund 68700, Welfare Fund expensed,  
30 10,800.  
31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Balance.  
32 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: We are  
33 balanced.  
34 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: On page 8,  
35 probably about a third of the way down, total WF48840,  
36 Welfare Funds/Past President's Parley, 7,100. A little  
37 bit further down -- that was income total -- WF68800,  
38 Welfare Fund/Past President's Parley, it's the expense,  
39 7,100. That balanced. And then you have your summary of  
40 those what we just read. Welfare Fund/VAR income, 37,800.  
41 Welfare Fund/Children & Youth, 6,800. Education, 10,800.  
42 Past President's Parley, 7,100 for a total of 62,500.  
43 Summary of the expenses: VAR, 37,800; Children &  
44 Youth, 6800; Education, 10,800; Past President's Parley,  
45 7100. For a total expenses of 62,500.  
46 And then you have the summary of the reserves for  
47 those accounts, 109,843.46. This is as of June 30th,  
48 2011. Children & Youth of 61,383.11. Education,  
49 74,305.87. Past President's Parley, 77,536.56. A total  
50 of 323,069.

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1 Okay. The next page is Junior Activities, Junior  
2 Conference. There's no page number at the bottom. Just  
3 flip the page. Okay. The income for junior activities is  
4 on GF -- total GF42500, 17,300. Down towards the bottom  
5 of the page, the expenses 15,775. They're in the positive  
6 1,525.  
7 (Applause.)  
8 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: And if you  
9 flip again you'll have your Girls State budget. This is  
10 for the current year. Total income, 225,500. That's in  
11 the middle towards the top/middle of the page. Okay. And  
12 if you flip to the last page.  
13 MS. ENRIGHT: Madam President, I have a couple  
14 questions on the Girls State budget. Donna Enright, Unit  
15 280, District 18. On the Girls State budget, GS43510  
16 Girls State Store Sales, we've sold -- in July 11 to May  
17 12th what we've sold, the Girls State hasn't sold that  
18 much.  
19 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Some of that  
20 is prior year's cost.  
21 MS. ENRIGHT: So some of those funds actually  
22 belong --  
23 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: No. That's  
24 expenses in that column. Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. That  
25 was from last session, from 2010 to 2011.  
26 MS. ENRIGHT: So you're showing in this --  
27 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Yes, I know.  
28 MS. ENRIGHT: -- what we did last year.  
29 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Yes, I know.  
30 MS. ENRIGHT: Why? I'm sorry. We have only made  
31 approximately --  
32 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Bookkeeper.  
33 Bookkeeper.  
34 MS. ENRIGHT: -- \$1900.  
35 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Yes, I know.  
36 It is an issue with the bookkeeper. It is prior years'  
37 costs that should be journal entry'd to prior years. It  
38 should not be in the current year's cost.  
39 MS. ENRIGHT: That's income. That's our income.  
40 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Yeah.  
41 MS. ENRIGHT: Because now they're proposing  
42 16,000.  
43 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Yes, that's  
44 what was submitted to us.  
45 MS. ENRIGHT: Well, okay. And then let's go down  
46 to one more question on Girls State. Okay. GS63502.  
47 It's about midway down. It's in the expenses.  
48 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Uh-huh.  
49 MS. ENRIGHT: It says Girls State Resale Items,  
50 \$5,000.

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1 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Right.  
2 MS. ENRIGHT: That's for the store?  
3 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: She had to  
4 buy some stuff. Did you buy stuff yet? Then it's postage  
5 from the prior year. I know.  
6 MS. ENRIGHT: I'm sorry.  
7 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: The  
8 bookkeeper did not do a journal voucher and put the costs  
9 in the prior year because they are showing up in the  
10 current year which will be corrected during the audit.  
11 I'm sorry.  
12 MS. ENRIGHT: Thank you. Thank you. That  
13 answers my questions.  
14 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Okay. On the  
15 next page. I already told you the total expenses on the  
16 next page was 225,725, and they figured they'll be in the  
17 hole \$225. The last page. Right now in reserves as of  
18 June 30th, 2011 is 9,148. That's the end.  
19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Ladies, our  
20 secretary/treasurer's horse is already on its way back to  
21 the corral at the ranch and the figure we were looking for  
22 on that general fund reserves is in a saddlebag, so -- so  
23 at this time perhaps we could have those figures --  
24 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: You don't  
25 need the figures to approve the budget.  
26 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Right. It's just  
27 information.  
28 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: So we can  
29 provide it.  
30 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: We'll have the  
31 average of 127,000 and we'll utilize that. Our lieutenant  
32 governor thinks she has it in her saddlebag, which hasn't  
33 gotten on the horse yet, so we may have it. But at this  
34 time we can -- yeah, her horse is just right outside at  
35 the hitching post.  
36 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Ladies, it's  
37 very important that we have this reserve in case of  
38 emergency. And that's why it's very, very important that  
39 we stay in the black on these programs because it costs us  
40 a lot of money. And also we have -- in the future we have  
41 no cost. We don't know when, but there is going to be the  
42 moving of the office to a temporary facility while they  
43 renovate the memorial hall and we don't know what costs --  
44 they don't know -- I don't even think it's in the state's  
45 budget yet to do that, but there is going to be some costs  
46 associated with it. Minimal hopefully.  
47 And thank you to the department office and her  
48 helpers, some of the ladies up at the front who went  
49 through the basement and cleaned it up and got rid of a  
50 lot of old stuff down in the basement.

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1 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT KAPSALIS: Madam  
2 Department President, Past Department President Ruby  
3 Kapsalis, District 28. Nancy, you made the announcement  
4 to us last night that this is something that the assembly  
5 doesn't know, that next year National is not going to  
6 charge us that per capita for veterans. So that \$3500  
7 that's in the VAR in our budget that we normally send to  
8 National, they're not going to charge us. So that means  
9 we will have \$3500 more for our veterans.  
10 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: That's in  
11 the National budget. So as long as the National budget is  
12 approved, that will be another \$3500.  
13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT KAPSALIS: Make sure it  
14 happens, Nancy.  
15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Wait a  
16 minute. Who's voting -- no, not Pilar. You'll be voting,  
17 so vote yes.  
18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: I will vote yes.  
19 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Can we make a  
20 motion to -- I make a motion to accept the budget as  
21 adjusted.  
22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: It has been moved  
23 and seconded to accept the budget as amended. Any  
24 discussion?  
25 (No response.)  
26 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: All those in favor?  
27 ALL PRESENT: Aye.  
28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Opposed?  
29 (No response.)  
30 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Your budget is  
31 passed. Thank you.  
32 (Applause.)  
33 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Ladies,  
34 there's been a lot of cost cutting with the Chairman and  
35 everyone working together and your donations. You have  
36 the budget. You know where the shortfalls are, so please  
37 go back to your units, especially those who across the  
38 board didn't give any or gave very little, how important  
39 it is to support the programs so we can help the veterans  
40 out there. Thank you very much.  
41 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you. Chair  
42 recognizes Linda Diebel at that microphone.  
43 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: Madam President, I  
44 am Linda Diebel, 19th District, 359. Having worked in the  
45 finance, I would like to say thank you to Susie and her  
46 committee for the wonderful work they've done. This is a  
47 great budget and I really enjoyed reading it. Thank you.  
48 (Applause.)  
49 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: With the new  
50 accounting system, it's made it a lot easier, a lot easier

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1 for the finance committee. I can tell you that.  
2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: I would like to  
3 also thank you very much. And I have as I had mentioned  
4 earlier in the convention a huge, huge new respect for the  
5 work that these ladies are doing. This is a very  
6 difficult job. You can see hours and hours and hours of  
7 work. And I too have a thank you for each of you. If you  
8 want to come forward, just a little thank you from me.  
9 I'm not sure you got your garters, so I want to make sure  
10 you have your garter. And just a little something. The  
11 finance committee, they've given me cowboy kisses to keep  
12 my lips nice, a bracelet, a beautiful scarf. I've got a  
13 little mouse back here. It's snowing. It's snowing in  
14 Redding. It's a beautiful watch. Yeah, now I won't be  
15 late. Oh, a kissing cow and horse. They have magnets.  
16 I'm going to be the horse and Dennis is the cow. He's the  
17 bull. It's a bull.  
18 (Applause.)  
19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Also it was  
20 mentioned that we had a wonderful committee that went into  
21 the basement and did some amazing work. And I have to  
22 have them stand and be recognized. And I have a gift for  
23 them. I'm going to leave it with the finance committee  
24 for you, but Ruby Kapsalis once again came to our aid and  
25 helped clean the basement out. Barbara LaDoucer, our  
26 secretary, and our MIA VP. She's back at the ranch. So  
27 it was a very, very, very big job and they're getting  
28 ready for that move and they did an awesome job.  
29 Really quick right now I'd also like to  
30 acknowledge our secretary, Peggy. You have done an  
31 amazing job her first year. All of these experiences and  
32 this year having been her first time.  
33 (Applause.)  
34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: She's come through  
35 like a champ. And we all can respect and know that this  
36 is not an easy job. I've got great reports as I've  
37 traveled on my buckboard across the state that your office  
38 is always friendly. You're always ready to help and we  
39 appreciate that. And I just think you need a bottle of  
40 this cowboy red to take home.  
41 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Thank you.  
42 (Applause.)  
43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Will the  
44 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal along with our Distinguished  
45 Guest Chairman at this time present the newly elected Sons  
46 of the Legion Department Squadron Commander and entourage.  
47 The Detachment. Welcome home. The Detachments are here.  
48 (Processional.)  
49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Ladies, this just  
50 gives me goose bumps. I am so proud of the Sons of the



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1 Legion. They are the backbone especially in our unit, in  
2 our post. The beautiful mural that you saw at my  
3 installation, they put that together.  
4 (Applause.)  
5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: These gentlemen do  
6 an amazing job. They are so much an intricate part of our  
7 Legion family. We all cannot thank them enough. I want  
8 to have our newly elected -- oh, no. You're going to --  
9 you all know who this is. Who does he belong to?  
10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Kathy Martinez.  
11 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: Hi, honey.  
12 SAL CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: You all have to excuse  
13 me, the way I talk. She gave me too much medicine. It  
14 makes my throat -- that way I can't talk.  
15 It is my pleasure as chairman in the Department  
16 of California to introduce to you the newly elected and  
17 installed Commander for 2012-2013, Mark Smith.  
18 (Applause.)  
19 SAL COMMANDER SMITH: You know, I think it's  
20 morning still, ladies. Good morning. Welcome to Miss  
21 Molly and my backyard. Hope you had fun.  
22 (Applause.)  
23 SAL COMMANDER SMITH: My name is Mark Smith. I'm  
24 from the Shasta Post 197 across the river. I've known a  
25 lot of you for years and it's just humbling to be here and  
26 let me know what I can do for you. That's how we roll in  
27 the Sons. We know who the boss is.  
28 Let me introduce a couple of gentlemen real  
29 quick. I have our second year NEC term, pastor and  
30 commander Mark Severance.  
31 (Applause.)  
32 SAL COMMANDER SMITH: Master National Vice  
33 Commander for the Western Region and Past Attachment  
34 Commander Mr. Tim Delgado.  
35 (Applause.)  
36 VICE COMMANDER DELGADO: Ladies, I'd like your  
37 permission to make a presentation here. I would like to  
38 make a presentation. This here is a Dotty Gerard  
39 Auxiliary Member of the Year for 2012 award. The person  
40 that's going to receive this has served in the Auxiliary  
41 for over 14 years, served as the unit president and second  
42 vice president and post adjunct for over ten, is a  
43 graduate of the American Legion College and is also a dual  
44 member, has served as department chaplain and vice  
45 commander as well as three other appointed positions and  
46 has been on numerous committees as well as national member  
47 and Children & Youth for the national organization.  
48 She has completed the Legion Family by organizing  
49 a squadron of the Sons of American Legion and continues as  
50 the adjunct and is currently the squadron advisor,

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1 continues to mentor the squadron in protocol and  
2 leadership. She helps the new members of the post and  
3 advises the chaplain, works membership and is in  
4 leadership this year with the Legionnaires major project,  
5 teaching members about the Legion so they know what to  
6 sell -- how to sell the Legion to others hoping to get  
7 them to move up and into the Legion family life outside  
8 our post and into the district and beyond. Working with  
9 the Riders to organize and coordinate events in our  
10 community like the Saddle Ride and Memorial Day events and  
11 Veterans Day parade.

12 She started the first annual dinner for standing  
13 members of the posts, is a member of the Past Commanders  
14 Club, held positions as the recording secretary for the  
15 Department of California Past Commanders Club and was PPC  
16 district president, continues to work on behalf of the  
17 annual golf tournament in Yountville. This golf  
18 tournament not only allows Legionnaires a wonderful  
19 experience, but it also creates a source of funds for the  
20 veterans in residential homes and fulfills a wish list of  
21 items that they otherwise do not acquire.

22 She has donated numerous hours to work within the  
23 community organization working on gifts of valor and of  
24 honor. These groups provide books to charities such as  
25 Wounded Warriors and numerous areas hospitals. Helps with  
26 choice -- helps choose as to who needs our quilts and  
27 helps distribute them. This year alone they have given  
28 over a hundred quilts.

29 She continues to act as chairman of the board for  
30 district donor programs and has actively organized  
31 numerous blood drives and is an ongoing donor of more than  
32 one gallon.

33 She has recently added docent to the list of  
34 hours of community service. I present to you this award  
35 to Janet Wilson.

36 (Applause.)

37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Sergeant-at-Arms  
38 and Marshal, please escort Janet Wilson to the podium.

39 (Processional.)

40 VICE COMMANDER DELGADO: Just a little side note,  
41 we have just presented Legionnaire of the Year to Janet  
42 Wilson on the Legion floor.

43 LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR WILSON: I want to thank  
44 the Sons of the Legion for the incredible work that they  
45 do. A lot of it is very unrecognized. The money that  
46 they raise for the Child Welfare Foundation is phenomenal.  
47 They quietly work in my post. I can't tell what I  
48 couldn't do without them. I started the squadron because  
49 there was no place for my husband whose wife happened to  
50 be a Legionnaire. Luckily he fit into the Sons of the

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1 Legion. So I had to start a squadron and now we have a  
2 very strong active squadron. But like he said, I'm trying  
3 to get them to go up to the chairs in the district. Right  
4 now they're homeboys. I don't have any girls in there  
5 yet.  
6 Anyway, this is a phenomenal honor. I can't tell  
7 you how happy I am. All the Auxiliary ladies who do  
8 phenomenal work that they do, it is totally appreciated in  
9 my post and my unit. We do recognize our women as women  
10 veterans and it is our goal to make every woman  
11 Legionnaire a dual member. Because when you have a  
12 worker, you get bonus points, guys. There are a few guys  
13 out there.  
14 Anyway, thank you so very much. I do appreciate  
15 it. And this is -- like I said, he said this is my  
16 Trifecta this year. I don't know how much more work I can  
17 put on my plate to improve for next year, but I'm  
18 certainly going to try. Thank you very much.  
19 (Applause.)  
20 SAL COMMANDER SMITH: It's like déjà vu all over  
21 again. Ladies, before I introduce the gentlemen before  
22 you, my newly elected Senior Vice Commander Chris  
23 Affolter.  
24 (Applause.)  
25 SAL COMMANDER SMITH: The newly elected Junior  
26 Vice Commander Wes Williams.  
27 (Applause.)  
28 SAL COMMANDER SMITH: My list is freshly  
29 corrected. My chaplain, Mr. Jim Fischer.  
30 (Applause.)  
31 SAL COMMANDER SMITH: Sergeant-at-Arms Ray  
32 Bradford.  
33 (Applause.)  
34 SAL COMMANDER SMITH: Out of our Area 1, Mr.  
35 Wayne Bean.  
36 (Applause.)  
37 SAL COMMANDER SMITH: Area 2, Mr. James Ruck.  
38 (Applause.)  
39 SAL COMMANDER SMITH: Area 3, Phil Stuart.  
40 (Applause.)  
41 SAL COMMANDER SMITH: Area 5, Tomidan Jordan out  
42 of Newport, Oregon.  
43 (Applause.)  
44 SAL COMMANDER SMITH: Skipped one. Area 4, Mr.  
45 Mike Ladre.  
46 (Applause.)  
47 SAL COMMANDER SMITH: Man, you get around. Area  
48 6, Mr. Art Carlos.  
49 (Applause.)  
50 SAL COMMANDER SMITH: So this year we're going to

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1 be working as a team. We all accomplish -- together we  
2 accomplish more. Everyone accomplishes more. That's what  
3 we're going to do and we're here to serve. Please get  
4 ahold of us. I want to congratulate you ladies on your  
5 website. Phenomenal. It was great inspiration for ours  
6 and we're trying to still catch up. Good job.

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: He's an old  
9 bartender. He knows where that goes. Thank you,  
10 gentlemen, so very much. And it is our honor to honor you  
11 this day. Thank you.

12 (Processional.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Ladies, isn't that  
14 wonderful? I feel honored that they came over. They are  
15 the backbone. They are always there and are always  
16 willing to help. I know you all appreciate your Sons of  
17 the Legion in your units and in your post home. They are  
18 an intricate member of our family.

19 At this time I am going to have Pat Sweeney  
20 prepare -- come forward with resolutions. I have sent out  
21 some notes for under unfinished business. We will be  
22 presenting some charters today, so that's exciting. But  
23 you know what I heard? I heard that I have a few of my  
24 sisters in the audience. I have -- I have a lot of my  
25 sisters and I think all of you can relate to them, so I'm  
26 going to have my -- I hear my Tator Sisters are here.

27 (Applause.)

28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: So if you all give  
29 a big round of applause to the Tator Sisters.

30 Pat, we're going to have you right after the  
31 Tator Sisters.

32 Tator Sisters, come on up. Get your microphones.  
33 I've got to introduce you all. Come on, sisters. Line it  
34 up. Line it up. You're really good at lining up. Let's  
35 go.

36 Will my first Tator Sister take the mic and then  
37 we'll pass it on down so we can all hear.

38 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT WEBER: Greetings,  
39 Auxiliary members. The Tator Sisters were so excited when  
40 I invited them to attend our convention. I really didn't  
41 plan on being the commentator for this program, but when I  
42 thought about it, I guess someone has to do it. I really  
43 don't like to talk, as you know. Some of you know.  
44 Especially in front of a big group of people. All my  
45 Tator Sisters are really active in the Auxiliary programs  
46 and activities. You might say some are out front and  
47 others are in the back there pushing. You know, it takes  
48 all kinds of Tators to make everything click.

49 We have 19 units in our district and some of our  
50 members are really busy. Our Tator Sisters have a lot of

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1 information to share with you and I know you're waiting to  
2 hear from them. Let me introduce our first Tator Sister,  
3 Ms. Participator.  
4 TATOR SISTER PARTICIPATOR: Hello everyone. I am  
5 Participator and I want you to know I thoroughly enjoy  
6 being involved in all the activities of our district. Do  
7 you believe it, that some of our members think it's  
8 just -- we just sit around and gossip and drink coffee?  
9 They just don't know what they're missing. Boy, are they  
10 in for a surprise. Besides our regular meetings, we take  
11 time to plan activities such as Christmas parties at the  
12 veterans home, bowl-a-thons, walk-a-thons, teas, and lots  
13 of other things. You know, just by participating today I  
14 have learned to make new friends. I get tired of just  
15 thinking of all the things we do. But do you know what?  
16 When one participates, she learns much faster how being  
17 involved can help fill all the needs in our communities.  
18 But I have a big problem. What are we going to  
19 do with other Tators? Dic, irri, hesi, agi, spec, imi,  
20 procrasti, and tot.  
21 TATOR SISTER IRRITATOR: Yep, I'm Miss Irritator.  
22 I really enjoy getting everyone upset. And you know it  
23 isn't hard. I can always find a way to irritate somebody.  
24 I know when they were planning for today, President Rita  
25 wanted spaghetti and garlic bread for lunch. Now what  
26 kind of a meal was that? I want filet mignon. After all,  
27 I don't cook and I wanted something exotic. Of course she  
28 won out, but I made them think. But you know what? I'm a  
29 faithful member and I'm always pitching in. Remember, I  
30 really love being an irritator so they don't always think  
31 they're right.  
32 TATOR SISTER HESITATER: Hi, everyone. I'm  
33 Hesitater. Why I can think of more reasons why I can get  
34 involved than -- why I can't get involved. You know, the  
35 other day they called and asked me if I would set up some  
36 chairs at the workshop. Well, I hesitated to say that I  
37 would do it. I am sure I wouldn't have done it right.  
38 Then they asked me to be a presenter. Okay. And of all  
39 things, I really hesitated on that. I am sure I would  
40 make mistakes and wouldn't be as good as the others.  
41 TATOR SISTER IMITATOR: Good morning, I'm Miss  
42 Imitator. I'm Miss Imitator. I know just how to follow  
43 our leader. I'll do exactly like some of my Tator  
44 Sisters. If Miss Dictator is telling her Tator Sisters  
45 what and how to do something, I'll do just like the rest.  
46 If my sister Hesi isn't going to our meeting, I will find  
47 an excuse not to go either. I get so tired of trying to  
48 imitate our leader and other officers, but I just keep  
49 doing it because I just really want to be just like our  
50 leaders.

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1 TATOR SISTER AGITATOR: Humm, they call me Miss  
2 Agitator. Understand why? Just because I like to gossip  
3 just a little bit. Hey, you know when we get together I  
4 think it's important to know what's going on. I know I  
5 always have to check out the story. But so what? It  
6 cannot hurt. I know I have been told many times to be  
7 quiet at meetings. They think it's disruptive for others,  
8 but when I think of something to tell somebody, I just  
9 have to do it. I might forget. Anyway, somebody has to  
10 keep stirring things up.

11 TATOR SISTER SPECTATOR: Hi, I'm Ms. Spectator.  
12 You got that right. I never miss any of these programs  
13 that are planned by the Legion Family. I'm so happy they  
14 do all these things for us. I just don't have time to  
15 help, but I sure do love to come and be quiet and enjoy  
16 and make everything happen. Some of the Tator Sisters  
17 have told me to quit being a spectator and get involved.  
18 They say that maybe I won't always be complaining about  
19 what and how things are done, but I've been a spectator  
20 for so long, why would I want to change?

21 TATOR SISTER DICTATOR: Hello everyone. Yes,  
22 Miss Dictator. That's me. I'm the dictator. I will tell  
23 you what to do, when to do it, how to do it. And you  
24 don't even have to ask. I want to do it my way because  
25 you see, that's the only right way. New ideas? Forget  
26 about it. Somebody has to tell these people what to do or  
27 it won't get done. So that's my job, dictator.

28 TATOR SISTER PROCRASTINATOR: Hi, I'm Miss  
29 Procrastinator. I was a little late today. Just couldn't  
30 get out of bed. I didn't have my material ready because I  
31 waited until this morning to do it. Well, the printer ran  
32 out of ink, my car was out of gas. I could have gotten  
33 gas yesterday, but I wanted to wait until my tank was just  
34 a little bit lower. I know things will get done  
35 eventually so don't bug me about getting started earlier.  
36 I can always do it later. Maybe if I procrastinate long  
37 enough, somebody else will do it and I won't have to be  
38 bothered.

39 TATOR SISTER TATOR-TOT: Yes, I'm the youngest of  
40 them all, Miss Tator-Tot. I'm a junior member that has  
41 lots of enthusiasm and new ideas. I want to get involved  
42 so that I can learn about the Auxiliary. I don't want to  
43 set tables, clean up, do dishes, or other menial tasks,  
44 but I can do a lot of other things too. I like to visit  
45 the VA hospital when they have parties, help make table  
46 decorations, plan activities, and entertain. Even though  
47 I'm a tator-tot, I can do a lot.

48 (Applause.)

49 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT WEBER: I know a lot of you  
50 recognize ourselves in all of these. Thank you, ladies.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: I think we have a  
2 lot of those Tator Sisters in all of our units. I want to  
3 thank the 16th District Tator Sisters.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Now, ladies, we  
6 will have our resolutions report.

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8 RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

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10 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Thank you, Madam  
11 President. I would like to just take one moment to thank  
12 everyone here who helped me over this miserable time. I'm  
13 sorry. But I -- everybody's been nice to me, opened  
14 doors, helped me with my stuff and I appreciate it. Thank  
15 you very much.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you.

17 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Madam Department  
18 President, the Resolution committee met at 11:00 o'clock  
19 a.m. on Thursday, June 21 in the Siskiyou Room in the Red  
20 Lion. I forgot to write down the time.

21 By consent of the delegates, Linda Diebel of  
22 District 19 served as Secretary, Willie Burke of District  
23 11 served as chaplain, and Yvonne Mack of District 16  
24 served as Sergeant-at-Arms.

25 The meeting was opened with a prayer and the  
26 Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call showed 19 delegates  
27 present with two guests in attendance.

28 The committee agreed on the following report:  
29 The code was read and no changes were made. This chairman  
30 reported that three resolutions had been received.  
31 Resolution number 10 was referred to the committee of  
32 reference, and that was the Constitution & Bylaws.  
33 Resolutions number 11 and 12 was referred to the Poppy  
34 Committee. We were told as we walked in the door that  
35 Resolution number 11 was passed and so was 12 and as you  
36 know, the poppy resolutions were taken care of on the  
37 floor.

38 There were no emergency resolutions. The  
39 committee authorized this chairman to author and present  
40 the courtesy resolutions.

41 Madam Department President, this concludes the  
42 report of the Resolutions Committee. May we now present  
43 the courtesy resolutions?

44 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Please do. Thank  
45 you.

46 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Assisting me are  
47 Joan Cannon of District 11 and Wendy O'Brien of District  
48 6. And I'll let them get started.

49 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT CANNON: Whereas, the  
50 Convention Chairman, Cassie Mikesell along with

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1 Co-Chairman Terry Mikesell and their committee have done  
2 an outstanding job and have generously given their time to  
3 ensure our stay was both comfortable enjoyable; and  
4 whereas, they have worked many long hours to ensure that  
5 President Linda and delegates had a very successful  
6 convention; now therefore be it resolved, that we express  
7 our gratitude and sincere appreciation to Cassie, Terry,  
8 and the members of the 2nd District for their warm and  
9 gracious hospitality and for a job well done.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Standing ovation,  
11 please.

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you.

14 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Whereas, the  
15 management and staff of the Redding Holiday Inn have been  
16 most efficient and courteous and have made every effort to  
17 make our stay in Redding enjoyable and comfortable; now  
18 therefore be it resolved, that we express our gratitude  
19 and appreciation for their outstanding service and for  
20 making us feel right at home; and be it further resolved  
21 that we extend our appreciation to Lori Nipar, Director of  
22 Sales and Events, for her professionalism and dedication.

23 (Applause.)

24 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT CANNON: Whereas, a number  
25 of distinguished guests found time in their busy schedule  
26 to accept President Linda's invitation to attend this  
27 meeting; and whereas, we were honored to welcome them and  
28 enjoyed their warm greetings and informative remarks; now  
29 therefore be it resolved, that we express our appreciation  
30 to the following for their attendance at this meeting: Le  
31 Chapeau Departmental Eight Et Forty, Linda Workman, a  
32 dedicated member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

33 (Applause.)

34 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT CANNON: Mr. Dave Cockrill,  
35 American Legion and District 2 Commander.

36 (Applause.)

37 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT CANNON: Mr. Joseph Handy,  
38 American Legion 1st Area Commander.

39 (Applause.)

40 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT CANNON: Ms. Jan Price,  
41 Convention Corporation President.

42 (Applause.)

43 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Whereas, the Past  
44 Department Presidents continue to be a pillar of strength  
45 and inspirational leaders within our organization who are  
46 always willing to share their invaluable knowledge,  
47 insight, and experience with others; and whereas, there  
48 were 18 Past Department Presidents in attendance this  
49 Redding convention; and whereas, their presence is deeply  
50 appreciated and demonstrates a true and genuine concern



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1 for our members and organization; now, therefore be it  
2 resolved, that we are giving a rising vote of appreciation  
3 to the Past Department Presidents for their continued  
4 dedication and service to our organization.

5 (Applause.)

6 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Whereas, the  
7 Department of California takes great pride in the members  
8 of this department who are serving in the national  
9 organization; now, therefore be it resolved, that we  
10 expresses our gratitude and recognize the following  
11 members: Mrs. Pilar Reyes, National Executive  
12 Committeewoman and Western Division Community Service  
13 Chairman.

14 (Applause.)

15 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Mrs. Robert  
16 Taylor, Melanie, National Americanism Chairman.

17 (Applause.)

18 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Mrs. James Park,  
19 Nancy, National VA&R Chairman.

20 (Applause.)

21 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Mrs. Lonnie Biggs,  
22 Anita, Western Division Girls State Chairman.

23 (Applause.)

24 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Mrs. Bob Thompson,  
25 Lou, Western Division Public Relations Chairman.

26 (Applause.)

27 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Mrs. John Capazzi,  
28 LuAnn, National VA&R Committee Member.

29 (Applause.)

30 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: And be it further  
31 resolved that we thank these members for the honor and  
32 prestige they bring to this department.

33 (Applause.)

34 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Whereas, the  
35 Department Secretary/Treasurer, Peggy Vogeles, and the  
36 office staff have done an outstanding job in overseeing  
37 the daily operations of the department office; and  
38 whereas, her professionalism, helpfulness, and outstanding  
39 manner she routinely displayed in carrying out her  
40 day-to-day responsibilities is deeply appreciated by the  
41 members and officers of this organization. Therefore be  
42 it resolved, that we expresses our appreciation to Peggy  
43 and her staff for outstanding and job well done.

44 (Applause.)

45 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: The Department  
46 Commander of the American Legion, Hugh E. Crooks, Jr. has  
47 graciously taken time from his busy schedule to join us at  
48 this convention; and his cooperation in working together  
49 with our Department President, Linda, and Auxiliary  
50 members reinforces the close relationship of the

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1 California American Legion Family and further enhances all  
2 the programs of our organization; now therefore be it  
3 resolved, that we express to Commander Crooks our deep  
4 appreciation for the kindness and many courtesies that he  
5 has extend to our Department President, Linda, during  
6 their travels throughout our beautiful Golden State and we  
7 thank him for his presentation at this department  
8 convention. And be it further resolved that copies of  
9 this resolution be mailed to the Department Commander and  
10 to the American Legion office.

11 (Applause.)

12 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Now whereas, our  
13 gracious and capable Department President, Linda Fercho,  
14 has given a year of dedicated service to the American  
15 Legion Auxiliary and her western dream of, "Hats off to  
16 the American Legion Auxiliary volunteers," inspired  
17 spectacular adventures for our members as they challenged  
18 themselves to attain and surpass previous accomplishments  
19 and contributions for our veterans, their families, and  
20 for our organization; now, therefore be it resolved, that  
21 we express our sincere thanks to President Linda for her  
22 inspiring leadership and for the warmth and friendship  
23 that she has radiated throughout our state; and be it  
24 further resolved, that we show our gratitude by a rising  
25 vote of appreciation; and be it further resolved that  
26 copies of this resolution be given to President Linda and  
27 to her unit.

28 (Applause.)

29 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you very  
30 much.

31 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Madam Department  
32 President, now that all the resolutions have been read,  
33 may they be accepted into the record?

34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Yes. Thank you so  
35 very much. They are wonderful. Thank you for the help,  
36 Joan and Wendy. Thank you, Pat, for doing this it. Is  
37 greatly appreciated.

38 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Thank you for  
39 giving me two wonderful girls to work with.

40 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you.

41 (Applause.)

42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Now we will go onto  
43 unfinished business. I sent three notes out and I'm  
44 looking for three people over here. I need someone here  
45 from -- while you're getting up here, I would like to ask  
46 our vice president, our lieutenant governor, to come to  
47 the station. I have thanked her many times for all the  
48 hard work on the convention, but also this year she was an  
49 amazing vice president. She was so many places promoting  
50 the convention, getting ready for it, but also supporting

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1 our organization, representing me in the best light we  
2 could have ever had. She's an amazing woman. You've  
3 elected an amazing woman to be your president next year.  
4 I wanted to give you just a little something to  
5 remember the western year. And thank you, Terry, very,  
6 very much.  
7 (Applause.)  
8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: By the way, she's a  
9 kick in the ass.  
10 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: I want to  
11 tell you, at the DEC we presented Linda with her gift.  
12 And my sense of humor is sick. I was going to give her  
13 the boot, but I restrained myself.  
14 Thank you, Linda, very much. It's been a  
15 wonderful year and I do appreciate it. And I'm not sure  
16 to thank you for electing me or whatever because I'm going  
17 to need your support. Ruby and Diane and Linda and  
18 everybody, thank you.  
19 (Applause.)  
20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: At this time I have  
21 a great honor -- well, maybe. District 12, Unit 872  
22 Scranton, would you come forward, please? How do you  
23 pronounce that? I'd like to present at this time the  
24 charter for the newly formed unit Scranton and Quail Post  
25 872, California.  
26 (Applause.)  
27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: At this time I will  
28 be signing your charter. What an honor. The secretary  
29 will now sign it.  
30 (Applause.)  
31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: This is extremely  
32 special for me. I am so proud of this because I'll get to  
33 see this one a lot. I'd like to present the new charter  
34 to San Luis Obispo, District 16, Post 666.  
35 (Applause.)  
36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: I will now  
37 officially sign your charter. Secretary.  
38 Also included with this is a certificate with all  
39 of the charter -- it's the role of the charter members of  
40 this unit. This unit was in existence years and years ago  
41 so they have come alive and well and they're doing amazing  
42 things up there. (Applause.)  
43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: San Benito, Unit  
44 69, District 28.  
45 (Applause.)  
46 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: They've done an  
47 amazing percentage on membership. They have 17 members.  
48 They started with none. It's my honor to present to  
49 Hollister of San Benito, Post 69 the charter.  
50 Ladies, please stand and give a welcome, a warm,

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1 warm welcome for the new charters of the American Legion  
2 Auxiliary.  
3 (Applause.)  
4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you. Thank  
5 you, ladies, very much. We also had three new units  
6 chartered at the DEC. District 6, please stand. Citrus  
7 Heights, District 6.  
8 (Applause.)  
9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: District 16, please  
10 stand. Guadalupe.  
11 (Applause.)  
12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: District 18,  
13 Monterey Park.  
14 (Applause.)  
15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Next year I hope we  
16 double that and I hope, Terry, you'll be giving out 12 new  
17 charters.  
18 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Me too.  
19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: She does too. Is  
20 there any other unfinished business Madam -- our preacher?  
21 CHAPLAIN CARTER: Madam Department Linda, it has  
22 been a great experience in being your preacher and I would  
23 like to present to you your prayer book. I know I have  
24 many, many prayers. I had another one, so I will be  
25 presenting it to you today and I will take it back from  
26 you and I will express it to you UPS.  
27 And for your personal, this is a gift from me.  
28 It's touched by an angel. I was inspired by angels from  
29 Josie Melgard when I received my angel. I have always  
30 done gold in my unit and district. And I love angels and  
31 this is for you.  
32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: This is a book  
33 "Blessed By Angels" many stories and poems. It's  
34 beautiful.  
35 (Applause.)  
36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Okay. This  
37 beautiful lady, elegant as she is, displays this much  
38 better than this little bag. It clips on and then you can  
39 put your badge on it. So I will always have an angel next  
40 to my heart. Oh, and a beautiful angel pin that I will  
41 also wear with pride. Thank you.  
42 CHAPLAIN CARTER: And this is your book and there  
43 are pictures right there.  
44 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: My picture.  
45 CHAPLAIN CARTER: Thank you again and thank you  
46 all again for being so -- I don't know what to say.  
47 During the memorial, you guys were just wonderful. You  
48 know when to say "Shhhh." It was just wonderful. And  
49 again, Nancy, please give the Melgards again my sympathies  
50 and regards because they are wonderful. Thank you all.

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1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Do we have any  
3 other presentations? I think I have one. The past  
4 department presidents. Oh, we're going to read the  
5 minutes first. The Circuit Judge says minutes first. But  
6 could the past department presidents please line up for  
7 their presentation while we read the minutes.

8 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: These are the  
9 minutes from the pre-convention Department Executive  
10 Committee Meeting, Redding, California, June 21st, 2012.  
11 The post-executive DEC minutes from Ontario are not  
12 available.

13 The secretary was elected at that time, which was  
14 Doris Kilkinney. Remember patience. Learning curve.

15 The minutes from the Department Executive  
16 Committee, January 13th through the 15th, 2012 Beginning  
17 Saturday, January 14th, 2012 at 0830 hours and ending  
18 Sunday, January 15th, 2011. Actions taken. Moved by  
19 Finance Committee Chairman Susie Tozier, seconded and  
20 carried to retain the services of Driver & Nix Court  
21 Reporters for the current 2012 convention in Redding,  
22 California.

23 Moved by Girls State Chairman Lou Thompson,  
24 seconded and carried, the recommendation of Girls State  
25 registration for \$75 and application fee of \$350 to be  
26 brought to the convention floor in Redding, California  
27 June 2012.

28 Announcements of candidates for 2012-2013.  
29 President: Terry Mikesell, Unit 197, District 2. The  
30 vice president: Anita Biggs, Unit 252, District 23.  
31 Junior Member of Finance: Geri Fitzpatrick, Unit 807,  
32 District 4. Candidate for National President 2013: Nancy  
33 Brown-Park, Unit 472, District 26.

34 Moved and seconded and carried to accept the  
35 following for the 2012-2013 American Essays Titles. Group  
36 1, grades fourth and fifth: Why do we celebrate the 4th  
37 of July? Group 2, grades six and seven: What freedom of  
38 speech means to me. Group 3, grades eighth and ninth:  
39 How do you show your Americanism? Group 4, grades 10 and  
40 12: Is Patriotism a commitment? Group 5, exceptional  
41 children: What does it mean to be a good citizen?

42 The following actions moved by the respective  
43 district presidents, seconded, and carried. Hoopa Unit  
44 415 to remain on probation until June 2012. Hopland Unit  
45 529, District 1 remains on probation until June 2012.  
46 George A. Thompson, Unit 544, District 1 remains on  
47 probation until June 2012. Chico, Unit 17, District 4 to  
48 be placed on probation until June 2012. Richard Townsend,  
49 Unit 84, District 7 remains on probation until June 2012.

50 Next Generation of Heroes, Unit 911, District 8

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1 remain on probation until June 12th, 2012. Elijah B.  
2 Hayes, Unit 168, District 12 removed from probation.  
3 Willow Glen, Unit 318, District 13 remain on probation  
4 until June 2012.  
5 San Gabriel, Unit 442, District 18 has  
6 surrendered. San Dimas, Unit 475, District 18 to remain  
7 on probation until June 2012. Chilelli Memorial, Unit  
8 888, District 18 to remain on probation until June 2012.  
9 JB Clark, Unit 149, District 22 to remain on probation  
10 until 2012.  
11 Leyte, Unit 625, District 22 to remain on  
12 probation until June 2012. Inglewood, Unit 188, District  
13 23 to remain on probation until June 2012. Boron, Unit  
14 636, District 27 to remain on probation until June 2012.  
15 And Mono Basin, Unit 672, District 27 was surrendered.  
16 Those are the minutes from the DEC meeting in  
17 January in Oxnard. I move for their acceptance.  
18 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: Second.  
19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: It is moved and  
20 seconded to accept the minutes of the DEC meeting in  
21 January at Oxnard. All in favor?  
22 ALL PRESENT: Aye.  
23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Oh, wait. Stop.  
24 Discussion?  
25 (No response.)  
26 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Okay. All in  
27 favor?  
28 ALL PRESENT: Aye.  
29 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Nay?  
30 (No response.)  
31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you.  
32 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Okay. Minutes from  
33 the Preconvention DEC, Redding, California, June 21st,  
34 2012.  
35 Beginning on Thursday, June 21st, 2012 at 0715  
36 hours and ending at 0950 hours. Actions taken. It was  
37 moved, seconded, and consented. Administrative code  
38 additions. The department secretary shall keep all  
39 pertinent and relevant tax information up-to-date and  
40 current with National Headquarters and California State  
41 Franchise Tax Board.  
42 Do I read these as amended or do I have to go  
43 back and do them again and put in the changes?  
44 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: As amended.  
45 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Okay. Units shall  
46 send copies of annual confirmation for filing of Federal  
47 990N E-Postcard and state forms 199N E-Postcard, Attorney  
48 General's Office of Charitable Trusts CT-1 form or RRF-1  
49 form, whichever is applicable, to District Presidents no  
50 later than September 30th. Units turning in their

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1 charters shall ensure all State and Federal forms are  
2 filled out and filed with appropriate agencies to dissolve  
3 the unit.

4 District President shall send copies of annual  
5 confirmation for filing of Federal 990N E-Postcard and  
6 State forms 199N E-Postcard and CT-1 or RRF-1 forms,  
7 whichever is applicable, for all units and districts to  
8 department headquarters no later than October 30th.  
9 District Presidents shall ensure that units turning in  
10 their charters have filled out and filed all State and  
11 Federal forms with appropriate agencies to dissolve the  
12 unit.

13 Department shall maintain an Excel list  
14 containing name of unit and number; State entity number,  
15 corporate number, if applicable, and mailing addresses for  
16 all units in California to National headquarters annually  
17 no later than February. National assumes the  
18 responsibility of sending a current and up-to-date list  
19 for all units and departments covered by the National GEN  
20 0964 tax exemption annually to the IRS.

21 Department shall e-mail an Excel list containing  
22 the name of unit or district and number, state entity  
23 number, EIN number, corporate number, if applicable, and  
24 mailing address for all units and districts in California  
25 to the Franchise Tax Board no later than February.

26 Department shall include summary of tax mandates  
27 in packages for all newly chartered units.

28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Okay. You can have  
29 it back.

30 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: All right. Move  
31 seconded by consent. Amended to the administrative  
32 additions, add the words "Long Form 990" to paragraph 2  
33 and 3 after the words "199N E-Postcard" and add the  
34 letters "EIN" to paragraph 5 between the words "and" and  
35 "number." Moved, second, and consensus. Add the  
36 confidential --

37 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: That's a separate  
38 issue. So -- well, we can vote on the whole thing, so  
39 we'll amend it to its form.

40 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Right.

41 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: So now this is  
42 another issue.

43 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Right. It was  
44 moved, seconded and consensus to add the confidentiality  
45 agreement and conflict of interest statement to the  
46 department policy number 7.

47 It was moved, seconded and by consensus to add  
48 the confidentiality agreement and conflict of interest  
49 statements to the personnel policy under Ethics number 4  
50 for staff to sign.

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1           It was moved, seconded by consensus to add the  
2 word "yearly" to the added two previous motions.  
3           The following actions were moved by the  
4 respective district presidents, seconded, and carried.  
5 Hoopa, Unit 415, District 1 remains on probation until  
6 January 2013. Hopland, Unit 529, District 1 to remain on  
7 probation until January 2013. George A. Thompson, Unit  
8 544, District 1 was removed from probation.  
9           Chico, Unit 17, District 4 was removed from  
10 probation. Richard Townsend, Unit 84, District 7 was  
11 surrendered. Next Generation of Heroes, Unit 911,  
12 District 8 was surrendered.  
13           Elijah B. Hayes, Unit 168, District 12 was  
14 removed from probation. Clinton McCausland, Unit 190,  
15 District 11 was placed on probation until January 2013.  
16 Sharpe Army, District 11 was placed on probation until  
17 January 2013.  
18           Willow Glen, Unit 318, District 13 will remain on  
19 probation until January 2013. Moorpark, Unit 502,  
20 District 16 was placed on probation until January 2013.  
21 San Dimas, Unit 475, District 18 was to remain on  
22 probation until January 2013.  
23           Chilelli Memorial, Unit 888, District 18 was to  
24 remain on probation until January of 2013. Sunland  
25 Tujunga, Unit 377, District 20 was placed on probation  
26 until January 2013. Newhall Saugus, Unit 507, District 20  
27 was placed on probation until January 2013.  
28           Owen Coffman, Unit 519, District 21 was placed on  
29 probation until January 2013. Morrison Memorial, Unit  
30 574, District 21 was placed on probation until January  
31 2013. JB Clark, Unit 149, District 22 was removed from  
32 probation.  
33           (Applause.)  
34           SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Leyte, Unit 625,  
35 District 22 was removed from probation.  
36           (Applause.)  
37           SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Inglewood, Unit 188,  
38 District 23's charter was surrendered. Steele Town, Unit  
39 772, District 25 was placed on probation until January  
40 2013. Boron, Unit 636, District 27 was surrendered. The  
41 charter was surrendered. Pardon me. They were taken  
42 off -- never mine. Sorry. Sorry. Sorry, Danielle. They  
43 were taken off probation. Quechan, Unit 802, District 30  
44 was placed on probation.  
45           Request for acceptance of the minutes. I move  
46 for acceptance of the minutes.  
47           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: It has been moved  
48 and seconded to accept the minutes of the preconvention  
49 meeting here in Redding. Discussion?  
50           AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SOARES: Madam President,



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1 Michelle Soares, Americanism Chairman, District 28. I  
2 believe that the Next Generation of Heroes, Unit 911,  
3 their charter was revoked, not surrendered. And I think  
4 it's important that we make that distinction.  
5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you. Just  
6 one minute. Yes, mic two.  
7 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT HATHAWAY: Carol Hathaway,  
8 District 21. Madam President, 763 surrendered their  
9 charter. It was also turned in.  
10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: What unit is that?  
11 What is the name of it?  
12 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT HATHAWAY: Ray Worrell.  
13 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: I'm sorry. That is  
14 correct. I left it off the minutes.  
15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Ray Worrell. Okay.  
16 Surrendered their charter. Thank you.  
17 Any other discussion?  
18 (No response.)  
19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: All those in favor  
20 of accepting the minutes as amended?  
21 ALL PRESENT: Aye.  
22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Opposed?  
23 (No response.)  
24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Passed. Thank you.  
25 I have two presentations. District 20, would you like to  
26 come up here? District 6?  
27 DISTRICT 6 REPRESENTATIVE: Thank you. On behalf  
28 of Unit 521 and all the hardworking members that we have,  
29 we would like to present \$2,000 for Ride2Recovery.  
30 (Applause.)  
31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: This is District 6.  
32 Please stand, District 6. Thank you, thank you. Thank  
33 you very much. I have another special presentation.  
34 MS. WALSH: I'm a Tator mom. I'm Theresa Walsh,  
35 Unit 741, District 16. On behalf 741, I would like to  
36 present you these roses and say to you welcome home.  
37 (Applause.)  
38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you, thank  
39 you. Could District 16, my district, Unit 741 please  
40 stand? Thank you for your support. You're amazing. Hats  
41 off.  
42 (Applause.)  
43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: And now we will  
44 start with our presidents, our past department presidents.  
45 I'm going to turn this over to our saloon girl, Odette  
46 Cuccaro.  
47 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER CUCCARO: Thank you,  
48 Madam President. I'm representing the Peachy Performers  
49 and the Classy Penguins. And if those members of those  
50 groups please stand. We're making our presentation of \$15

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1 to the Past Department President Junior Scholarship and  
2 \$70 to the Creative Arts. And we're doing this memorial  
3 of Peach Josie Melgard and Bea Kininger, performer. Thank  
4 you.

5 (Applause.)

6 VA&R HOSPITAL REP HOLMBERG: Okay. Phyllis'  
7 Musicians, we have two of my presidents here, Emily and --  
8 whoops, the other one. Anyhow, we are very proud to  
9 donate \$100 to the Girls State program and \$125 to the  
10 VA&R temporary financial assistance fund.

11 (Applause.)

12 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: I have to admit I  
13 left my stuff in the room, but I want to give \$300 to Unit  
14 314 Hawthornes because I had stopped that but I decided to  
15 keep that up because we had some donations. And \$50 to  
16 the junior scholarship.

17 And, Peggy, I will get it to you. I didn't bring  
18 it down.

19 (Applause.)

20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BURKE: Marge's Shanks  
21 and Magic Chiefs, Willie Burke's Leaders of the Bank are  
22 giving to the Junior Scholarship 25 and to the VA&R 275.

23 (Applause.)

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT QUINONES: If you're  
25 here, please stand. Goldie's Golden Links, Gerry's Cards,  
26 Shelby's Actresses, Margaret's Dream Catchers, and Ruby's  
27 All Stars. We are donating \$170 to VA&R Patient Welfare,  
28 170 to VA&R Patient Remembrance, and \$10 to the Past  
29 Department Presidents Junior Scholarship.

30 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT KAPSALIS: And someone  
31 handed Peggy \$20, so we'll put \$190 on.

32 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 25.

33 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT KAPSALIS: Okay. Thank  
34 you. And, Madam Department President, there was three  
35 gophers that were at home in the pasture pitching hay or  
36 something, I don't know what, but on behalf of Art  
37 Kapsalis, Angel Quinones, and Herb Caples here is another  
38 \$75 for your special fund.

39 (Applause.)

40 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Will Linda's  
41 Workmen and Park's Patriots please stand? Our donation is  
42 \$20 to the Junior Scholarship, \$100 to the Girls State  
43 program, and \$60 to Creative Arts.

44 (Applause.)

45 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Will Virginia Gandy's  
46 Engineers please stand? Judy Lloyd's Editors and my  
47 Circus Acts, we are donating \$314 to VA&R and \$108 to the  
48 Nancy Brown-Park campaign fund.

49 (Applause.)

50 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER JACOB: Okay. Could we

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1 have Bev's Stars, Betty's Bears, Sue's Lighthouses,  
2 Melanie's Balloonists, Madeline's Princesses, and Sandy's  
3 Colonels please stand. Oh, and I'm sorry. And BJ's Torch  
4 Bearers. Come on, ladies. It hasn't been that long ago  
5 so we have to have more of you out there.  
6 As a group we joined forces and for VA&R TFA we  
7 have \$200, Junior Scholarship \$100, Girls State \$100,  
8 Creative Arts \$100, and for General Fund to help you with  
9 those computers \$260.  
10 (Applause.)  
11 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAPLES: Linda's  
12 Racers, please stand. We wish to donate to the department  
13 to be used for TFI -- I mean TFA, \$125.  
14 (Applause.)  
15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAPAZZI: Will LuAnn's  
16 Ship Captains that are in the audience please stand. Ahoy  
17 out there. Our group is going to donate to the VA&R Tea  
18 Fund \$125, to the National Veterans Creative Arts Program  
19 \$110, and to the department office for their equipment  
20 problems and help \$100, for a total of \$335.  
21 (Applause.)  
22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAPAZZI: As I am the  
23 chairman and secretary/treasurer for our Past Department  
24 Presidents, this year we met and we decided that we would  
25 donate to the Girls State program, because that was  
26 Josie's favorite program, and we are donating \$200 to that  
27 fund.  
28 (Applause.)  
29 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DUVALL: Will Norma's  
30 Birds of Paradise please stand. We are going to donate  
31 \$105 to the VA&R TFA.  
32 (Applause.)  
33 NEC WOMAN REYES: Will Pilar's Musicians all  
34 stand up? I saw a lot of you here. We are donating \$175  
35 to VA&R and \$50 to Children & Youth. Thank you all.  
36 (Applause.)  
37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you, ladies.  
38 Thank you for all that you do, for all your guidance, all  
39 your help. And I know your -- my Rodeo Queens, next year  
40 we will be getting together the same way as they all do  
41 and we'll be honored to do that and join the ranks.  
42 Thank you very much for your donations and your  
43 generosity to our programs. It is very appreciated.  
44 Please, can I have a standing round of applause for these  
45 awesome, awesome, awesome women.  
46 (Applause.)  
47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: At this time do we  
48 have any new business to come before this delegation?  
49 Madam President recognizes Pilar, Past Department  
50 President Pilar.

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1           NEC WOMAN REYES: This won't take long, you know,  
2 because we have to stay here for our installation. But  
3 anyway, we have received from National advance information  
4 about amendments that will be presented at 2012  
5 convention. This was sent to us so that delegates that  
6 will be attending the National Convention would know what  
7 would be presented and they can ask questions.

8           But anyway, I'm not going to read everything in  
9 its entirety --

10           (Applause.)

11           NEC WOMAN REYES: -- because -- I'll just give  
12 you the information and then -- and I would request -- I  
13 would like to request our secretary to please post this on  
14 the -- Ruby, could you please post it on the website, to  
15 e-mail everything? Could you, please --

16           SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Yes.

17           NEC WOMAN REYES: -- please e-mail all the  
18 delegates and alternates going to National Convention?

19           But anyway, this list is just for your  
20 information. The American Legion Auxiliary 2012 National  
21 Convention, the National organization will be presenting  
22 amendments to the ALA's National Constitution & Bylaws.  
23 The American Legion Auxiliary Strategic Planning  
24 Committee, after three years of consideration will be  
25 proposing an update to the national governance structure  
26 to create a 15-member American Legion Auxiliary board.

27           And the message gives all the purposes of the  
28 board and what it is for and all questions that would be  
29 asked, the purpose of it why is it needed, how it is  
30 structured, and how much it will cost. And I will not  
31 read that. You will get it from the website. And please  
32 do it as soon as we get back to our homes. Please e-mail  
33 to everyone kindly. And thank you very much.

34           So there's a lot of information given, four  
35 pages. I'm not going to read it. Thank you.

36           (Applause.)

37           PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Nancy  
38 Brown-Park. Just really quickly, I want to be sure that  
39 you understand when you do take the opportunity to read  
40 this, that this does not replace the NEC as it stands.  
41 This new board will report to the NEC. It's very much  
42 like what you have in your unit as an executive board.

43           So there's a lot of conversation -- when they did  
44 mission training, there was a lot of input from the  
45 members, so that's really what this is. This is to kind  
46 of make some of those decisions quickly that need to be  
47 made. But everything has to come back to the NEC for  
48 approval.

49           (Applause.)

50           NEC WOMAN REYES: Yeah. And there were people

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1 considering the issue about adding the districts or  
2 poppies, and that will be talked about. And be sure that  
3 you read it carefully. And those delegates that are  
4 attending National Convention, prepare your questions. Be  
5 sure that you ask questions so that you will understand  
6 what will be going on and what is presented to us and so  
7 that there won't be any cloud in our minds. Thank you.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you. Thank  
9 you very much.

10 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT KAPSALIS: Past  
11 Department President Ruby Kapsalis. You know who I am. I  
12 just want to make a -- we talked about this at the tax  
13 luncheon yesterday, but I just want to encourage all the  
14 national delegates that are going to the National  
15 Convention to make sure they vote yes on getting these  
16 districts into the -- under the National General 0967  
17 exemption. We need it and it's a good thing.

18 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Just  
19 another quick reference to the governance, there will be a  
20 workshop that will talk about the new government board,  
21 how it will be constructed if it's passed and added to the  
22 constitution and bylaws. So if you have the opportunity,  
23 I would like at least some of us to read that so that we  
24 all have a good understanding of how it's going -- it's  
25 going to be. It behooves us to think about changing how  
26 we collect and elect our NEC in the future. So I think we  
27 all want to be aware of what the changes will be.

28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Isn't it wonderful  
29 we get firsthand information? Wow. That's what we get  
30 for having the best candidate available ever, ever, ever,  
31 ever for national president. Nancy Brown-Park.

32 (Applause.)

33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: If anyone has any  
34 questions regarding -- if you're a delegate going,  
35 regarding the vote that Ruby was speaking of, be sure and  
36 talk to her now so that you understand how important that  
37 yes vote is.

38 Okay. I haven't done this all the time, but I am  
39 going to make an announcement.

40 (Singing.)

41 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: This is fantastic.  
42 We have a young lady named Chelsea Elafonte, a junior  
43 member with Unit 289, District 21. This young lady  
44 resides in Riverside and recently was awarded by the ALA  
45 the National Spirit of Youth Scholarship for the western  
46 division, \$5,000.

47 (Applause.)

48 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Chelsea was a past  
49 department Miss Poppy and has been an outstanding junior  
50 member working and helping within her unit serving

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1 veterans, doing fundraising, doing performances, acting in  
2 her church and community and school all the while  
3 maintaining the high honors. She will be attending  
4 California Baptist College this fall. She was recently  
5 elevated to a senior member this year. That is our  
6 future, ladies.

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: At this time we  
9 will be recessing. Don't leave yet. No stampede. We  
10 will be preparing for the installation of officers for  
11 2012-2013. You may now take your boots if you'd like to  
12 take those. Please stay for the installation. There will  
13 be a DEC following that. Important packets will be handed  
14 out. So please stay and enjoy the installation.

15 Terry, do you have any words or things you'd like  
16 to say? Here we go.

17 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: As most of  
18 you ladies who have been here this weekend is aware,  
19 District 2 is a very small district. Our little elves and  
20 slaves have been working. So if you pick up your little  
21 boot if you would, kindly take your little can and park it  
22 over on the side over there. It will take about half an  
23 hour to turn the room around.

24 And I hope that you stay for the installation not  
25 only for me, but for yourselves because there's going to  
26 be some information given out at the DEC that will help  
27 you next year. So if you guys can please stay afterwards,  
28 we really appreciate it for the DEC. Thank you.

29 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Also, ladies,  
30 following the installation we will be resuming the  
31 convention. We will be retiring the colors on the stage,  
32 and then I will be adjourning it. And at that time when I  
33 leave the convention hall with my 16th District posse and  
34 my family, we will be closing this convention.

35 So after the installation, we will come back to  
36 officially close the convention. So, ladies, please come  
37 back. Half hour. Thank you.

38 We have a couple of dispatches.

39 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Would the pages  
40 please meet with Barbara LaDoucer at the back of the room.

41 And Alice Pamdin of District 6 has lost her  
42 glasses. If you see any missing pair of glasses, please  
43 return them. Okay. Well, scratch that one. Thanks.

44 (Recess from 12:01 p.m. to 12:48 p.m.)

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46 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2012-2013

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48 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: The Distinguished  
49 Guest Chairman Linda Workman, Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms  
50 Nancy Brown-Park, Honorary Marshal Bonnie Christner,

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1 Honorary Chaplain Alzora Carter, Honorary Musician Pat  
2 Alvarez, District 2 Color Bearers will be Molly Smith and  
3 Judy Henderson, and the staff of Unit 197 Color Bearers  
4 will be Dawn and Emily Wolbert. We will now proceed with  
5 the installation of the department officers of year  
6 2012-2013.

7 The Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal with  
8 the Distinguished Guest Chairman, please escort the  
9 department chairman.

10 (Processional.)

11 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: As many of you know,  
12 installation can be a little nerve-racking and sometimes  
13 we forget what we're doing. So we will now have the  
14 Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal and the  
15 Distinguished Guest Chairman please escort only the  
16 district second vice presidents. We were just getting so  
17 excited. Okay. So now here they come, the district  
18 second vice presidents so you get a second look.

19 (Processional.)

20 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: We have a very long  
21 hall so it takes a little while to get to the back of the  
22 room. Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal with the  
23 Distinguished Guest Chairman, please escort the district  
24 first vice presidents.

25 (Processional.)

26 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Honorary  
27 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal with the Distinguished Guest  
28 Chairman, please escort the district presidents.

29 (Processional.)

30 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Honorary  
31 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal with the Distinguished Guest  
32 Chairman, please escort the following: Parliamentarian  
33 Ruby Kapsalis, Sergeant-at-Arms Gloria Williams, Marshal  
34 Sheree Galvan, Historian Carol Fuqua, and Chaplain Marge  
35 Rye.

36 (Processional.)

37 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: You may be seated.  
38 Honor Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal with the Distinguished  
39 Guest Chairman, please escort the Junior Member Elect Geri  
40 Fitzpatrick escorted by her friend Randy Taylor.

41 (Processional.)

42 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: You may be seated for  
43 a couple of minutes because the next few you're going to  
44 be standing for a little while.

45 Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms with the Distinguished  
46 Guest Chairman, please escort the Department Vice  
47 President Elect Anita Biggs. And I see that she's  
48 escorted by Jim Park. That was not expected, but very  
49 nice.

50 (Processional.)

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1 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Honorary  
2 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal with the Distinguished Guest  
3 Chairman, please escort the Department President Elect  
4 Terry Mikesell escorted by her friend Steve Bosteen.  
5 (Processional.)  
6 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Color Bearers with  
7 the Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms and the Distinguished Guest  
8 Chairman, please present the colors of District 2 and  
9 Shasta Unit 197.  
10 (Processional.)  
11 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: The installation of  
12 our newly elected and appointed officers is one of the  
13 most important and impressive ceremonies of our department  
14 convention as we begin this transition from one  
15 administration to another. We wish to express our  
16 appreciation to the retiring department and district  
17 officers for their outstanding contributions to the  
18 amazing stories of the American Legion Auxiliary,  
19 Department of California.  
20 (Applause.)  
21 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: As we turn from the  
22 memories of a very successful year that we have just  
23 completed, let us all look forward with renewed dedication  
24 and enthusiasm to another year of achievement by our new  
25 department and district officers as we honor and serve our  
26 veterans, their families, and our country. We  
27 congratulate our new officers and wish them a year filled  
28 with mystical enchantment that will enlighten our hearts  
29 and inspire them throughout the year.  
30 District Vice Presidents, District Presidents and  
31 Department Officers, please rise. Yes, that's you too.  
32 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: I just want  
33 to sit down.  
34 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: My fellow members,  
35 you have been chosen to fill the various offices of the  
36 American Legion Auxiliary Department of California. You  
37 will I know vindicate the trust that has been reposed in  
38 you and fulfill in every way the obligations which that  
39 trust entails. You will familiarize yourselves with the  
40 duties of your respective offices as given in the  
41 department bylaws. Always remember that the welfare and  
42 success of the administration depends upon you, and upon  
43 your shoulders rest the burden of observing the integrity  
44 of the American Legion Auxiliary.  
45 You must protect its good name before the people  
46 of the United States and at all times endeavor to have  
47 them understand its policy and purpose. Always remember  
48 the tolerant spirit of the American Legion Auxiliary,  
49 allow no distinction of class or creed to appear among its  
50 members. There is no rank among us. For each serves as



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1 the equal of her fellow member and all strive towards the  
2 same goal which is the realization and the life of the  
3 republic of the ideals of justice, freedom, democracy, and  
4 loyalty.  
5 Please raise your right hand and repeat after me  
6 giving your name where I give mine. I, Diane DeLashmit.  
7 (Response.)  
8 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Promise to perform  
9 faithfully.  
10 (Response.)  
11 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: All the duties of the  
12 office.  
13 (Response.)  
14 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: I am about to assume.  
15 (Response.)  
16 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: And I further pledge.  
17 (Response.)  
18 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: That I am not a  
19 member of.  
20 (Response.)  
21 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: And do not subscribe  
22 to.  
23 (Response.)  
24 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: The principles of any  
25 group.  
26 (Response.)  
27 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Opposed to our form  
28 of government.  
29 (Response.)  
30 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: I brought the thing  
31 with me. District Second Vice Presidents, please rise.  
32 Into your helpful hands we place the  
33 responsibility of assisting the first vice presidents in  
34 all of their duties. The cooperation and spirit with  
35 which you fulfill your responsibilities will contribute  
36 much to the success of this year. Congratulations.  
37 (Applause.)  
38 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: District First Vice  
39 Presidents, please rise. To you is given the act of  
40 cooperation with the president for the continued  
41 development of your district programs. In the absence of  
42 the president, you will be prepared to assume the duties  
43 of her office. This year can be a rewarding, learning  
44 experience for you and prepare you for future goals.  
45 Congratulations.  
46 (Applause.)  
47 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: District Presidents,  
48 please rise. You are assuming a tremendous responsibility  
49 in leading the day-to-day activities of the units in your  
50 district as a deputy to the department president. You are

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1 the most important member of the official family. For you  
2 represent the link between the members of this great  
3 department and the department president. With full  
4 confidence in your abilities, you have been chosen by your  
5 district to fill this important position. May your year  
6 of service as a special treasurer be a happy, exciting,  
7 and rewarding adventure for you and your district.  
8 Congratulations.  
9 (Applause.)  
10 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Parliamentarian Ruby  
11 Kapsalis.  
12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT KAPSALIS: That's me.  
13 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Yeah, that's you.  
14 And, boy, am I glad that's you. Your duty is to advise  
15 the department president of procedural matters in the  
16 deliberations of the department. The benefit of your  
17 experience and wise counsel will be a great asset to her  
18 in the performance of your duties. Congratulations. And  
19 I really do mean that.  
20 (Applause.)  
21 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Sergeant-at-Arms  
22 Gloria Williams and Marshal Cherie Galvan. You will have  
23 the very special honor this year of carrying the flag of  
24 our country and the banner of the Department of  
25 California. The love and respect with which you carry out  
26 these duties will inspire the membership.  
27 In addition, you are responsible for order at  
28 all department meetings and such other duties as may be  
29 assigned to you by the Department President.  
30 Congratulations.  
31 (Applause.)  
32 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Historian Carol  
33 Fuqua. To you is given the rather awesome responsibility  
34 of compiling the history of this administration. Many  
35 memorable accomplishments will occur this year and your  
36 official record will prepare those mystical magical  
37 moments for those who follow. Congratulations.  
38 (Applause.)  
39 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Chaplain Marge  
40 Rye. You have been asked to serve as the spiritual leader  
41 of this department. The love and empathy with which you  
42 perform the duties of your office will do much to help  
43 lighten the sorrows that may fall upon the shoulders of  
44 our members. You will have the opportunity of offer  
45 prayers that will be uplifting to us and to assist our  
46 members to development a sense of inner strength gained  
47 from God's blessings. Congratulations.  
48 (Applause.)  
49 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Junior Member of  
50 Finance Geri Fitzpatrick. And you were a Circus Act.

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1 JUNIOR MEMBER OF FINANCE FITZPATRICK: Yes.  
2 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: I'm very proud  
3 of all the Circus Acts.  
4 You are entering a three-year term of a very  
5 important committee of this department. Study carefully  
6 your responsibility as outlined in the bylaws and  
7 policies. Always remember that you were elected by the  
8 membership to represent their best interests. We know you  
9 will consider well your duties and enjoy your service on  
10 this committee. I congratulate you.  
11 (Applause.)  
12 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Honorary  
13 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal, please escort the Department  
14 Vice President Elect Anita Biggs to the station.  
15 Anita, as the apprentice you will be the  
16 Department President's right hand. She may call on you  
17 for counsel or to represent her at special occasions. You  
18 should be prepared to do so, as well as assuming the  
19 duties of her office if the need should arise. Your  
20 enthusiasm, cooperation will do much to add to the success  
21 of her administration.  
22 May this year be a rewarding and learning  
23 experience and help prepare you for future goals.  
24 Congratulations.  
25 (Applause.)  
26 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: And I pin over  
27 your heart the badge of --  
28 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Ouch.  
29 (Applause.)  
30 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: We have to do  
31 this proper. Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal, please escort  
32 Anita to her seat.  
33 Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal, please  
34 escort Department President Elect Terry Mikesell to the  
35 podium.  
36 Terry, great trust has been reposed in you by  
37 your election to the highest office within the district of  
38 the Department of California. I charge you to carry  
39 constantly in your mind the obligation which is yours,  
40 that of upholding the four great principles expressed in  
41 the preamble to our constitution: justice, freedom,  
42 democracy, and loyalty.  
43 As Department President you have the great  
44 challenge of developing and improving the programs of the  
45 American Legion Auxiliary. You have been selected by the  
46 members to fulfill this challenge. We have faith in your  
47 ability and integrity. We know that you will exemplify  
48 the qualities of leadership that the members expect from  
49 the department president.  
50 You will be the spokesperson for all of us to the

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1 public. Our members will look to you for guidance,  
2 inspiration, and understanding. Terry, we know that you  
3 will continue to use your talents, your strengths and your  
4 love of the American Legion Auxiliary in the best  
5 interests of the members of our department.

6 Your leadership will inspire our members to  
7 achieve goals never thought possible in all of our  
8 programs. Your theme of magical, mystical fantasy will  
9 add fun and inspiration to reach for higher goals as we  
10 serve our most enduring treasures, our veterans.  
11 Congratulations and best wishes.

12 (Applause.)

13 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: It is an honor  
14 and a privilege for me to pin over your heart the insignia  
15 of department president. She was one of my Circus Acts  
16 too and she wanted everybody to remember that. And yes, I  
17 am very proud of you. I know that you will wear it with  
18 great pride uniting our members in service, ideals, and  
19 commitment leading us to another successful year of  
20 service, not self.

21 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal, please escort  
22 junior -- oh, you stay right here. Junior Past Department  
23 President Linda Fercho and Past --

24 (Applause.)

25 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: And Past  
26 Department President Sue Hooker to the podium to pass the  
27 Department President's ribbon to Terry.

28 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT HOOKER: Terry is also  
29 a Lighthouse which she just reminded me of. Like I needed  
30 any reminding. I am so proud of her, and somewhere in  
31 heaven Gerri Jesski is dancing a little jig and saying,  
32 "See, I told you so."

33 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Honorary  
34 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal, please escort Past  
35 Department Presidents Linda Fercho and Sue Hooker and the  
36 Department President Terry Mikesell to their seats. It's  
37 a long way.

38 Will all the newly installed officers please  
39 rise?

40 Members and guests -- members and guests, I  
41 present to you the officers for the Department of  
42 California for the year 2012-2013.

43 (Applause.)

44 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: My fellow  
45 members, I share in the pride that is yours for these new  
46 officers whom have been chosen to guide our organization  
47 this coming year. They have been charged with a serious  
48 responsibility and I, in turn, charge you likewise.

49 Will every member of the American Legion  
50 Auxiliary Department of California please rise?

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1           Raise your right hand and repeat after me. I  
2 solemnly promise.  
3           (Response.)  
4           PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: To renew my  
5 pledge of service.  
6           (Response.)  
7           PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: To the American  
8 Legion Auxiliary.  
9           (Response.)  
10          PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: And to give  
11 wholehearted support.  
12          (Response.)  
13          PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: To these  
14 department officers.  
15          (Response.)  
16          PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: You're supposed  
17 to be standing. Anybody who wasn't standing needs to  
18 stand. And our honorary chaplain will offer prayer.  
19          HONORARY CHAPLAIN CARTER: God, this is the  
20 beginning of a new year of work in our beloved American  
21 Legion Auxiliary. Let us speak words of encouragement to  
22 our newly elected officers. Be with them, God, as they  
23 work to lead us in working on all of the good programs we  
24 hold so in our heart. Remember each our beloved members,  
25 for they are the spirit in their own units for the work in  
26 their communities. Let us all work for God and country  
27 together in harmony and love. Dear God, teach us to think  
28 in wisdom and act in love and care for others. Amen.  
29          AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Amen.  
30          PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Honorary  
31 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal, please escort Junior Past  
32 President Linda Fercho and Past Department President  
33 Madeline Lee and the Sergeant-at-Arms Nancy Brown-Park to  
34 the podium. Escort yourself, Nancy.  
35          Past Department President Madeline Lee will take  
36 off the Junior Past President pin. I've got to make sure  
37 I have the right one here. And present it to our Junior  
38 Past President Linda Fercho.  
39          PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT LEE: Linda, you have  
40 come to the close of your year as President of the  
41 Department of California American Legion Auxiliary. Your  
42 theme, "Hats off to American Legion Family Volunteers"  
43 inspired a great year for our department. It has been a  
44 tremendous experience for you and you can be very proud of  
45 what has been accomplished under your leadership.  
46          As you retire from this office be assured that  
47 you take with you the love and respect of all of our  
48 members. We thank you for taking time out of your busy  
49 life to serve as our president. May you have many happy  
50 memories of your year as Department President. I know you

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1 will.  
2            Congratulations on an exceptionally well job  
3 done.  
4            (Applause.)  
5            PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: And National  
6 Candidate Nancy Brown-Park will present her ribbon.  
7            PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Linda, it  
8 gives me great pleasure to place this ribbon over your  
9 right shoulder. You've been an incredible president and  
10 you're one of my Park's Patriots and I'm so proud of you.  
11            (Applause.)  
12            PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Honorary  
13 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal, please escort -- they just  
14 leave her standing there. Will you please escort our  
15 newly installed president.  
16            Madam Department President, there was no other  
17 gravel up here so -- so I'm presenting you with this  
18 gavel, your symbol of authority. May you use it with  
19 discretion and always in the best interests of this  
20 department.  
21            Madam Department President, may I be the first to  
22 congratulate you. I wish for you a most successful year  
23 filled with mystical, magical fantasy. Thirteen years ago  
24 you were the fortuneteller in the Circus and I wondered if  
25 you looked in that crystal ball and you foresaw today.  
26            DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: (Shakes head.)  
27            PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: I am so very,  
28 very proud of you.  
29            (Applause.)  
30            PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: My fellow  
31 members, I present to you your 2012-2013 Department  
32 President Terry Mikesell.  
33            (Applause.)  
34            DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Thank you,  
35 everyone. I so much appreciate those of you who came to  
36 the Redding convention, those of you who gave me your vote  
37 of support. And you can all sit down. I'm not using this  
38 gavel because I might throw it.  
39            I'm supposed to do thank yous and such as this,  
40 but first off I'd like to acknowledge my grandmother,  
41 Gibby Ann Ward, please stand. She's 99 years old.  
42            (Applause.)  
43            DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: And my original  
44 eligible comes from her husband, Frank Ward, my  
45 grandfather.  
46            The other person I would like to acknowledge next  
47 is my oldest son, Captain Shannon Mikesell who's part of  
48 my other eligibility and my oldest son.  
49            (Applause.)  
50            DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Then from the

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1 working members of the family, because my oldest son is  
2 elusive, my youngest son Chad Mikesell, my daughter Cassie  
3 Mikesell, who has been working hard on this, and kind of  
4 the light of my life, my oldest grandson, Jacob Mikesell.  
5 Jacob is an all-star baseball player and he plays the  
6 saxophone and he's been involved in the Auxiliary since  
7 his birth and -- he has. Our family is kind of an  
8 Auxiliary family more than a Sons family.

9 So thank you for all of your hard work this  
10 weekend, especially Cassie. Thank you for showing up,  
11 Shannon. My younger brother was here this morning, but he  
12 had to go back to Reno and go to work. So thank you guys  
13 very much.

14 And from our unit, I'd like to acknowledge all of  
15 the ladies that helped. Judy Gama, the Wolbert family,  
16 Phyllis Eves. The unit has been fantastic. District 2  
17 convention committee has just been great. And, you know,  
18 there's a little rat sitting back here in the back row  
19 that I want to thank. Ruby Kapsalis. And along with my  
20 thanks. That's -- part of my thanks is her being your  
21 department parliamentarian next year.

22 So you guys can sit down. My theme next year is  
23 going to be, "Magical, Mystical Fantasy." Veterans are  
24 our biggest treasures. The treasure chests -- our biggest  
25 treasures are our veterans. So the District Presidents  
26 are going to be Terry's Treasures. And I have to tell you  
27 everybody who went to the national membership workshop, I  
28 did not want California's district presidents to be known  
29 as "Terry's Fairies." I'm sorry. California has a bad  
30 reputation at National. No offense, Nancy.

31 So we're going to be the Fairy Godmothers for the  
32 officers and chairman. And now I have to rat out somebody  
33 else. The chairman of my advisory committee is going to  
34 be one of my past department presidents, Sue Hooker. And  
35 when you have an issue with me, call Sue; she'll take care  
36 of it. And then if she doesn't -- if that doesn't work,  
37 then you can call Ruby and complain.

38 And I have a thank you for the district  
39 presidents. Jacob and Cassie, I need the little pink  
40 boxes. Steve, you were the one that organized those in  
41 the box, so go help there. You know, those little  
42 flashlight things?

43 Yeah, he's dazed and confused. Cassie has got  
44 them. As I call your name, please come on up and accept  
45 your magic wand.

46 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: So as we call  
47 your name, District Presidents, please come and meet with  
48 Terry. And she has I think a small gift for you. So  
49 District 1 president is Kat Conrad. She is not here.  
50 She's already at Girls State.

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1 District 2, Nancy Johnson. You can please stand,  
2 District Presidents, and get in line. And as I announce  
3 your name, you can meet with Terry. So Nancy Johnson  
4 District 2. District 3, Lola Ramey. District 4 -- you  
5 have 2 and 3 there. We haven't moved up to 4 yet.  
6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: They give and  
7 they take.  
8 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Okay. Next will  
9 be Lorinda Dowden from District 4. Jean Mueller from  
10 District 5. Is Jean here?  
11 District 6 I don't have a name. District 7,  
12 Beverly Chapman. District 8 is Tammy Manini. She's not  
13 here. District 9 is Dolly Rios. District 10, you don't  
14 have a name. Susan Peters. District 11, Beverly  
15 Villines. District 12, Lisa Stuart. District 13, Donita  
16 Faltese. District 14 is Rosalie Taylor Bailey. District  
17 15, Genieca Risner. District 16, Marion Rocha.  
18 (Applause.)  
19 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: District 18,  
20 Rhondona Enright. District 19 is Patricia Ladre.  
21 District 20 is Ann Philcox. I don't see her. Okay. She  
22 had to leave. Okay. District 21, Jeri Johnston.  
23 District 22, Barbara Love.  
24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: She follows  
25 orders already.  
26 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: District 23,  
27 Elizabeth "Liz" Jones. District 24 I have Rebecca  
28 Stewart-Wilson on my district, but we have Susie Johanson.  
29 District 25, Kathryn Doran. District 26 is  
30 Geraldine Wilcox. And apparently she was here earlier in  
31 the week, but I haven't seen her lately. District 27 is  
32 Vella Meyers. District 28 is Elizabeth Doidge.  
33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: She is like me.  
34 See this dress, everybody? Take note. You may not see it  
35 again.  
36 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: District 29,  
37 Cheryl Neiffer. And bringing up the rear, District 30,  
38 Belen Telford.  
39 At thistime I would like to have Shannon and  
40 Chad Mikesell and Cassie Mikesell. We all know Cassie  
41 from this week. And grandson Jacob to come here to the  
42 stage. They have a little presentation for you.  
43 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Thank you.  
44 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Good afternoon,  
45 everyone. We are just so proud of Terry and this is just  
46 such a great honor for her and for us also. She's so  
47 dedicated to us. She's always there. She's always there  
48 for us. She's always at Jacob's games. She comes and  
49 helps whenever we need help, school functions and  
50 everything. And I know this next year I'm going to be



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1 away with the Legion Family and it's going to be  
2 different. And that's okay. She's so dedicated to the  
3 veterans, their families, and our community.  
4 We know that this next year will be a very  
5 successful year for the American Legion Auxiliary with her  
6 as our department president. It is amazing to me that  
7 when you started this 18 years ago that you would be here.  
8 You always show us dedication to your causes and always  
9 try to get us involved. And she's usually successful.  
10 As you know and as we all know, we will be here  
11 to support you and give you a helping hand whenever you  
12 need us over the next year. And the puppies are always  
13 welcome at our home when you're away.  
14 Mom, we know you will be busy over the next year  
15 and I know the Legion Family will take care of you. We  
16 will miss you bunches, but when the year is over, we will  
17 expect to have you back home with us. I would like to  
18 present this gift on behalf of our family and wish you a  
19 productive and successful year.  
20 (Applause.)  
21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: They don't want  
22 any more snow. For you who don't know, I'm going to be  
23 the wizard next year. I wanted to be something else, but  
24 Ruby wouldn't let me be it. Thank you, guys.  
25 PARLIAMENTARIAN KAPSALIS: More snow.  
26 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: On that note, you  
27 know, I'm kind of working on Cassie to go to Palm Springs  
28 next June.  
29 Oh, Jacob, that's beautiful. Thank you.  
30 MR. JACOB MIKESELL: I just want to say good luck  
31 to you, grandma.  
32 (Applause.)  
33 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: At this time I  
34 would like to ask Judy Gama, the unit president for Shasta  
35 197 to come forward for a presentation.  
36 UNIT 197 PRESIDENT GAMA: Well, Terry. Terry who  
37 has given me every job in the Auxiliary. I have a lot of  
38 names. I wear a lot of hats. I don't know what we will  
39 do without her because our motto is "Call Terry." Two  
40 words. Lately every time I try, she says I'll call you  
41 back long distance. So now she's even going a further  
42 distance. And we want to say you're the best. We're  
43 going to miss you at Unit 197. Come back and visit us  
44 once in a while.  
45 So I want to offer you this gift from your unit  
46 and hope that helps you along your way. She's going to  
47 laugh when she reads this. She can't read this out loud,  
48 I don't think.  
49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: You might as well  
50 read it to them, Judy.

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1 UNIT 197 PRESIDENT GAMA: Let me give you these  
2 flowers then. These are from your unit.  
3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Thank you.  
4 UNIT 197 PRESIDENT GAMA: Okay. She can read her  
5 card later. It says, "Congratulations, Terry. This paper  
6 represents a gift to you from your Unit 197's general  
7 fund. We hope that this helps you in your upcoming  
8 travels as California State President. Please write  
9 yourself a check for the amount as voted and approved by  
10 your Auxiliary members." How could we give this to her  
11 secretly? We wish you the very best.  
12 (Applause.)  
13 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: That's pretty  
14 good. Being the treasurer of your unit you can just write  
15 yourself the whole check. They didn't even give you a  
16 limit.  
17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Did you get that,  
18 Judy? There was no limit on that amount.  
19 I have to say just one quick note about Judy  
20 Gama. Unit 197 had a very small poppy program when Judy  
21 joined our unit. We've made almost \$10,000 each year the  
22 last three or four years when Judy has been our chairman.  
23 (Applause.)  
24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: And she was in  
25 charge of the candidate's reception here. Her health  
26 isn't good. She's been here and she brought Velma and  
27 James. And we love you, Judy, and thank you.  
28 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Are there any  
29 other presentations?  
30 HISTORIAN FAQUA: As our head wizard, here's  
31 something you can wear this year.  
32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: But it says "Fine  
33 Jewelry" on it. Eat your heart out, Linda. Isn't this  
34 beautiful?  
35 HISTORIAN FUQUA: It's a wizard. My friend does  
36 vintage jewelry and I thought -- it's really hard to find,  
37 but it's beautiful. Enjoy it. Have a great year.  
38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Thank you.  
39 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Are there any  
40 other presentations? Well, I have one. You were the  
41 fortuneteller back 13 years ago so I present this to you.  
42 There's a card and you can probably read it later.  
43 There's no money in it or anything. So you don't have to  
44 worry about that, but --  
45 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Look at her stand back. Is it  
46 going to explode?  
47 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Maybe I should  
48 have put it in a bag.  
49 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Don't let her keep the knife.  
50 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: She didn't learn

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1 that from Gerri. Those of us were around when Gerri  
2 Jesski was department president, everything was opened.  
3 She could use the paper again in her drawers. Great minds  
4 think alike. Cassie and I discussed this last night.  
5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: There are fairies  
6 in the garden. It's beautiful and it's a music box.  
7 Thank you, Diane.  
8 (Applause.)  
9 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Terry, stand up.  
10 I think we're going to have a problem with her next year,  
11 Ruby.  
12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Are you just  
13 figuring that out?  
14 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: She might have  
15 to have her on a leash or something. At this time would  
16 Linda please come to the podium.  
17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: At this time I  
18 will return the gavel to the Junior Past President Linda  
19 Fercho to close her convention.  
20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Is there any  
21 further business to come before this convention?  
22 (No response.)  
23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: If not, the  
24 Retired Chaplain Alzora Carter will offer prayer.  
25 ///  
26 CLOSING INVOCATION  
27  
28 RETIRED CHAPLAIN CARTER: Dear Father, we give  
29 thanks that we have again had the opportunity to come  
30 together. We are grateful for the time of the fellowship.  
31 We pray that we have done -- what we have done has been  
32 only for the better we serve. As we prepare to leave,  
33 each to go on our separate ways, we pray once again for  
34 those who serve our country that they may return to their  
35 loved ones safely now. Dear Father, keep us in your grace  
36 and be with us until we meet once again. Amen.  
37 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Amen.  
38 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Until we meet  
39 again, let us remember that our obligation to our country  
40 can only be fulfilled by the faithful performance of all  
41 duties of citizenship. Let service to the community,  
42 state, and nation be our main objective of the American  
43 Legion Auxiliary and its members. Let us ever be watchful  
44 of our organization and ourselves; that nothing shall  
45 swerve us from the path of justice, freedom, and  
46 democracy.  
47  
48 RETIREMENT OF COLORS & ADJOURNMENT  
49  
50 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: The

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1 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal may retire the colors of  
2 District 16, Camarillo Unit 741.  
3 The 2011-2012 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal with  
4 the Distinguished Guest Chairman will retire this Past  
5 Department President, escorted by her husband, Dennis  
6 Fercho. When I reach the back of the room, the 93rd  
7 Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of  
8 California will be adjourned.  
9 (Processional.)  
10 (The American Legion Auxiliary Convention  
11 was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.)  
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5 I, Karen A. Andasola, 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 93rd Annual  
9 Convention was taken Sunday, June 24, 2012, 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 93rd 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 93rd 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 3rd day of July, 2012, at Modesto,  
23 California.

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2 DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA  
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4 SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2012; 8:41 A.M.  
5 REDDING, CALIFORNIA

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7 CALL TO ORDER

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9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: The 93rd Annual  
10 Convention, Redding dedicated to Past Department President  
11 Josie Melgard is now convened. We will have the  
12 invocation by our preacher, Alzora Carter.

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14 INVOCATION

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16 CHAPLAIN CARTER: Heavenly Father, we thank you  
17 for our soldiers, these men and women, and the American  
18 Legion Family. Thank you for those who are present at  
19 this meeting this morning. Be with us as we make  
20 important decisions that will affect all of the members of  
21 our organization. Help us to remember that everyone's  
22 opinion is essential in making correct decisions. Help us  
23 to always remember our purpose of the American Legion  
24 Auxiliary.

25 We ask you for a special prayer for our Post



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1 Commander Joe Love, District 28, Post 69. He was  
2 airlifted by helicopter to Stanford Hospital. God give  
3 him the strength. And we pray that whatever is wrong, you  
4 will correct.

5 Bless our officers as they conduct our last  
6 meeting of the 93rd Convention. As we leave this meeting,  
7 go and find -- we are thankful for all the work that you  
8 have done, all these decisions. With praises, we ask in  
9 your name. Amen.

10 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Amen.

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12 ROLL CALL

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14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: I have now the roll  
15 call. Our secretary has arrived from the ranch. Here she  
16 is.

17 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Good morning,  
18 ladies.

19 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

20 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Do you all have  
21 fresh shoes on your horses to get a quick get away out of  
22 here today? All righty.

23 District President Linda Fercho.

24 DISTRICT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Here.

25 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Department Vice

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1 President, Terry Mikesell. She's here somewhere.  
2 Secretary/Treasurer Peggy Vogele is here.  
3 NEC Woman Pilar Reyes.  
4 NEC WOMAN REYES: Present.  
5 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Chaplain Alzora  
6 Carter.  
7 CHAPLAIN CARTER: Present.  
8 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Historian Cherie  
9 Galvan.  
10 HISTORIAN GALVAN: Present.  
11 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Parliamentarian  
12 Diane DeLashmit.  
13 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Present.  
14 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Musician Theresa  
15 Jacob.  
16 MUSICIAN JACOB: Here.  
17 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Sergeant-at-Arms  
18 Gloria Williams.  
19 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS WILLIAMS: Here.  
20 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Marshal Kathy  
21 Harris.  
22 MARSHAL HARRIS: Present.  
23 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Finance Committee  
24 Chairman Susie Tozier.  
25 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Ba-ba.

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1                   SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Finance Committee  
2   Senior Member Norma Billings.  
3                   FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR BILLINGS: Cha-ching.  
4                   SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Finance Committee  
5   Person Junior Member Kathy Martinez.  
6                   FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: Cha-ching.  
7                   SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Advisory Chairman  
8   Madeline Lee.  
9                   ADVISORY CHAIRMAN LEE: Here.  
10                  SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Advisory Committee  
11   Member Odette Cuccaro.  
12                  ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER CUCCARO: Present.  
13                  SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Advisory Committee  
14   Member Sandy Jacob.  
15                  ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER JACOB: I'm here.  
16                  SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Chairmen.  
17   Americanism, Michelle Soares.  
18                  AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SOARES: Here.  
19                  SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: AEF, Kat Conrad is  
20   excused. Children & Youth, Harriet Clendenin is excused.  
21   Community Services, Loretta Marsh is excused.  
22                  Constitution & Bylaws Esther Garcia.  
23                  CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN GARCIA: Good  
24   morning.  
25                  SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Convention Chairman,

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1 Cassie Mikesell is excused.

2 Credentials, Marge Rye.

3 CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN RYE: The homesteads are  
4 established, but the horses are breaking out of the  
5 corral.

6 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Convention  
7 Commission Chairman, Linda Caples.

8 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN CAPLES: Good  
9 morning.

10 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Distinguished Guest  
11 Chairman, Linda Workman.

12 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: (Yelling.)

13 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Editor Estella  
14 Avina.

15 EDITOR CHAIRMAN AVINA: Show me the way to go  
16 home.

17 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Education, Sylvia  
18 Alcantor is excused.

19 Elections, Melanie Taylor.

20 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Good morning.

21 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Girls State Chairman  
22 Lou Thompson is excused. Girls State Director Sherry  
23 Schneider is excused.

24 Junior Finance Director, Jackie Cleveland.

25 JUNIOR FINANCE DIRECTOR CLEVELAND: Here.

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1                   SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Junior Activities,  
2   Wantu Robinson.

3                   JUNIOR ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN ROBINSON: All the  
4   juniors are still active.

5                   SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Leadership, Linda  
6   Diebel.

7                   LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: We're still the best  
8   leaders in the world.

9                   SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Legislative, Pilar  
10   Reyes. Present.

11                  Membership, Karen Karanickolas.

12                  MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN KARANICKOLAS: Present.

13                  SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: National Security,  
14   Terry Mikesell.

15                  DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: I am here.

16                  SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Past Presidents  
17   Parley, LuAnn Capazzi.

18                  PAST PRESIDENTS PARLEY CHAIRMAN CAPAZZI: Here.

19                  SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Poppy, Jean  
20   Cooley-Demeules.

21                  POPPY CHAIRMAN COOLEY-DEMEULES: The poppy poster  
22   first places are on display.

23                  SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Public Relations,  
24   Lisa Stuart.

25                  PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN STUART: Here.

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1 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Rules, Carol Fuqua.

2 RULES CHAIRMAN FUQUA: Present.

3 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Resolutions, Pat  
4 Sweeney.

5 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Still resolving.

6 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: VA&R, Anita Biggs.

7 VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION CHAIRMAN BIGGS:  
8 Good morning, Peggy.

9 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Good morning. Ways  
10 & Means, Denyse Laugeson.

11 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN LAUGESON: The emporium is  
12 now closed.

13 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District presidents.  
14 Kat Conrad is excused. That's for District 1.

15 District 2, Nancy Johnson.

16 DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT JOHNSON: The Rough and  
17 Ready bronc riders are riding over the sunset, but are  
18 still present.

19 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 3, Lola  
20 Ramey.

21 (No response.)

22 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 4, Barbara  
23 LaDoucer.

24 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT LaDOUCER: These miners are  
25 going home.

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1                   SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 5, Virginia  
2    McQueen.

3                   DISTRICT 5: We're heading down the dusty trail.  
4    Woo-hoo.

5                   SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 6, Wendy  
6    O'Brien.

7                   DISTRICT 6: The chicken plucker of poultry  
8    hollow are off the roost until tomorrow. Thank you, Madam  
9    President. Happy trails to everyone.

10                  DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you.

11                  SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 7, Beverly  
12    Chapman.

13                  DISTRICT 7: Home, home on the range. Where the  
14    deer and the Auxiliary play.

15                  SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 8, Tammy  
16    Manini is excused.

17                  District 9, Dolly Rios.

18                  DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: Here.

19                  SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 10, Susan  
20    Peters.

21                  DISTRICT 10: Happy trails to everyone.

22                  SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 11, Joan  
23    Cannon.

24                  DISTRICT 11: Governor Linda, happy trails to you  
25    until we meet again. Yahoo.

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1           SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 12, Jane  
2 Matthews.

3           COLOR GUARD MEMBER: Soldiers, march. Forward  
4 march.

5           (Processional.)

6           (Singing.)

7           COLOR GUARD MEMBER: Just to let you know,  
8 President Linda Fercho, the 12th District Sons of the  
9 American Legion Color Guard is here to welcome you and the  
10 rest of the ladies here. We, the color guard, are now  
11 five-time state champions.

12           (Applause.)

13           COLOR GUARD MEMBER: And we will be five-time  
14 national champions. We are here just to escort the 12th  
15 District Ladies Auxiliary. Thank you.

16           (Applause.)

17           (Processional.)

18           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: For those of you in  
19 the back that may not have heard his announcement, they  
20 are now -- they are the Color Guard from the Sons of the  
21 American Legion District 12 and are now five-time  
22 champions in the Department of California and they are  
23 heading to national to make it five-time national  
24 champions.

25           (Applause.)



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1 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 13, Joyce  
2 Henderson-McLeod.

3 DISTRICT 13: (Yelling.)

4 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 14, Martha  
5 Sweeney is excused. Barbara Davis is filling in.

6 DISTRICT 14 REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS: Here.

7 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 15, Karen  
8 Herrera is excused. Genieca Risner is filling in.

9 DISTRICT 15: Happy trails.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you.

11 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 16,  
12 Rosemary Weber.

13 DISTRICT 16: We are finally bringing the herd in  
14 at the end of the dusty trail.

15 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 18, Kathy  
16 Pipkin.

17 DISTRICT 18: The rodeo is almost over and we're  
18 heading home.

19 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 19, Diana  
20 Moreno.

21 DISTRICT 19: The party is over. See you in Palm  
22 Springs.

23 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 20, Linda  
24 Hayes.

25 DISTRICT 20: Good morning, Madam President.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Good morning.

2 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 21, Cheryl  
3 Hathaway.

4 DISTRICT 21: Good morning, Madam President.  
5 Time to retire our horses.

6 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 22, Gigi  
7 Manno.

8 DISTRICT 22: So long, Linda, and everyone here.  
9 We'll you all in Palm Springs next year.

10 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 23, Denise  
11 Coleman.

12 DISTRICT 23: Good morning, Madam President.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Good morning.

14 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 24, Susie  
15 Johansen.

16 DISTRICT 24: Good morning, Madam President. We  
17 wish you well. The wild milking cows are moooving on.

18 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 25, Donna  
19 Mattox.

20 DISTRICT 25: From Cactus Flats to Redding we  
21 came to say hello. Convention is almost over and it's  
22 time for us to go. Bye, Madam Department President Linda.

23 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 26, Lou  
24 Thompson is excused and LuAnn Johnson is filling in.

25 DISTRICT 26: Good morning.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Good morning.

2 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 27,

3 Danielle White.

4 DISTRICT 27 DISTRICT PRESIDENT WHITE: I'm here.

5 Happy trails.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Happy trails to

7 you.

8 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 28, Renee

9 Yaqub.

10 DISTRICT 28: Out the gate 28 is heading towards

11 new territory.

12 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 29, Tami

13 Bell.

14 DISTRICT 29: The real housewives of Orange

15 County are going home.

16 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 30, Belen

17 Telford.

18 DISTRICT 30 PRESIDENT TELFORD: Present.

19 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: All right. We're

20 almost done. VA&R Hospital Reps. Loraine Sullivan is

21 excused.

22 Mary Lou Warner, Reno.

23 VA&R REP WARNER: Here.

24 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Wendy O'Brien,

25 Sacramento.

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1 VA&R REP O'BRIEN: Here.

2 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Mary Sinopoli and  
3 Gloria are both excused. I think Gloria is at Girls  
4 State.

5 Pat Klang, Palo Alto.

6 VA&R REP KLANG: Here.

7 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Ruth Briggs,  
8 Livermore.

9 VA&R REP BRIGGS: Here.

10 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Phyllis Holmberg,  
11 San Diego.

12 VA&R REP HOLMBERG: Good morning.

13 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Mavis Kanka, Loma  
14 Linda.

15 VA&R REP KANKA: Here.

16 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Pat Alvarez, Long  
17 Beach.

18 VA&R REP ALVAREZ: Good morning.

19 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Earlean Paige, Los  
20 Angeles.

21 VA&R REP PAIGE: Good morning. I'm here still.

22 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Hermine Fosmark is  
23 excused from Santa Barbara.

24 Evangeline Acosta, Barstow.

25 VA&R REP ACOSTA: See you in Barstow.

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1                   SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Lois Cornish, Chula  
2 Vista.

3                   VA&R REP CORNISH: Yes.

4                   SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Peggy Grabski,  
5 Yountville.

6                   VA&R REP GRABSKI: Present.

7                   SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Okay. Madeline Lee,  
8 Ventura.

9                   VA&R REP LEE: Here.

10                  SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Deloris Artis, West  
11 LA.

12                  VA&R REP ARTIS: Here.

13                  SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Madam President,  
14 that is your roll call.

15                  DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: At this time would  
16 the Sergeant-at-Arms along with the Distinguished Guest  
17 Chairman present -- well, he was a past department gopher.  
18 He is now a real department gopher -- Past Department  
19 Commander and his entourage for the purposes of this  
20 presentation.

21                  (Processional.)

22                  PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER FERCHO: Madam  
23 President, as a newly installed PDG, Past Department  
24 Gopher, let me introduce two of my gopher buddies here now  
25 which are alumni. Peter Douglas.

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1 (Applause.)

2 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER FERCHO: And we have  
3 Mr. Jim Park.

4 (Applause.)

5 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER FERCHO: I do have an  
6 envelope here and there is cash money for your project.  
7 And this was brought -- and I will name these and  
8 obviously the eligibility which got them into the PDG  
9 club. Okay. We have Bob Melgard in attendance, obviously  
10 by Josie. We have Jim Park by Nancy. Mr. R.T. Lee by  
11 Madeline. We have Thomas Christner eligibility by Bonnie.  
12 Bob Taylor, eligibility by Melanie. Ralph Jacob was  
13 there, eligibility by Sandy. Peter Douglas by Norma.  
14 Obviously myself by you-know-who here.

15 Not in attendance but contributing was John  
16 Capazzi, eligibility by LuAnn, and Lyle Workman  
17 eligibility by Linda. Madam President.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: \$180.

19 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER FERCHO: No, there's  
20 200. I already spent the other 20.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: That's what I get  
22 for leaving you at home last night.

23 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER FERCHO: R2R could  
24 stand for a lot of things, but I wanted to focus. But  
25 anyway, Madam President, on behalf of the PDG in which I

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1 am definitely proud to be that group now and through your  
2 eligibility made my eligibility, I should say.

3 (Applause.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: For those of you  
5 who hear him say, "Easton, PA" all the time, he was born  
6 and raised in Easton and so was my father.

7 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Linda, can I  
8 say something --

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Absolutely.

10 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: -- before  
11 the gophers leave the room? Mr. Fercho, I'm sorry, I  
12 don't have a gopher so you're on the hook for another  
13 year.

14 (Applause.)

15 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER FERCHO: Just because I  
16 don't have anyone to pass my gopher off to does not mean  
17 that I can't go hide in a mancave someplace.

18 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Who is going  
19 to hide?

20 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER FERCHO: My gopher.

21 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: He can't go  
22 to gifts.

23 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER FERCHO: No, no. This  
24 is passed down. The gopher itself is passed down.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: You get to keep it,

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1 so guess what that means.

2 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER FERCHO: Okay. You are  
3 increasing my travel allowance.

4 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Linda is  
5 paying you.

6 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER FERCHO: Hold on, hold  
7 on.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: You've now got a  
9 third wife, Dennis. Her name's not Linda, but we're going  
10 to christen her as Linda.

11 PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER FERCHO: Actually,  
12 Madam President and the Elected New President, I will have  
13 at least probably 14 to 16 PDGs that will be more than  
14 happy to assist in any of her endeavors.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you.  
16 (Processional.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you. Circuit  
18 Judge is looking for one too. Well, she doesn't have one.  
19 Good morning, ladies.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: And as you can see,  
22 the fun continues and I know the rest of the morning is  
23 going to be fun. We do have some business to be taken  
24 care of along with some presentations that are going to be  
25 extremely exciting.



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1           At this time I am going to ask our Poppy Chairman  
2 Jean Cooley-Demeules to come forward. Jean has done an  
3 amazing job this year. Poppies is one of the most tedious  
4 chairmanships, as you can understand by having to  
5 communicate with every district, every unit. And  
6 yesterday due to time we did not have her read her report  
7 and I think it's extremely important for you to see and  
8 hear the good work that is being done by our department in  
9 one of our most prestigious chairmanships, our poppies.

10           After much discussion yesterday, I know how we  
11 all feel about this, our memorial flower, so I've asked  
12 her to please read it at this time.

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14                           POPPY CHAIRMAN REPORT (Continued)

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16           POPPY CHAIRMAN COOLEY-DEMEULES: We bring you  
17 greetings from the Rolling Hills of poppies of California.  
18 It is a great pleasure to report that the poppy growers  
19 have planted their poppy seeds in the Rolling Hills, even  
20 though a few were just a little bit late, but they  
21 flourished along with all the others.

22           The growers harvested 337,444 poppies and were  
23 delivered to the unit growers to offer to the townspeople.  
24 The townspeople were generous enough that our poppy crops  
25 brought in \$9,823.52 which will be a help to all of the

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1 hospitalized veterans and their families and other welfare  
2 programs. We had 49 veteran growers assist with the  
3 cultivating of these crops.

4 Many of the townspeople used the poppies in a  
5 variety of ways. Just to mention a few, 60 junior members  
6 sent Operation Honor Cards with poppies to military  
7 deployed overseas to acknowledge their sacrifices while  
8 away from their families while attending our state's  
9 junior conferences.

10 They also learned about the poppy story and the  
11 poem about Flanders Field. Others made leis which had 100  
12 poppies in each for graduations, weddings luaus and  
13 fashion shows. Another used extra poppies at Mother's Day  
14 brunches, poppy breakfasts where there were poppy corsages  
15 given out to all the mothers attending.

16 One unit has an annual event. Memorial plates  
17 were hung in the post canteens for the entire month of May  
18 which honored the deceased. For my dad. I'm sorry. Each  
19 plate honored a deceased loved one, pets, dogs and cats,  
20 or just have their own name up there. Each plate was \$5  
21 or more donation, but as you walked into the room, the  
22 plates would -- sorry; I tried not to do this -- would  
23 sway in the breeze and it looked like Rolling Hills of  
24 poppies.

25 On Memorial Day, more than one unit made

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1 beautiful wreaths to display at cemeteries at veterans'  
2 grave sites. More wreaths were used during the Memorial  
3 Day ceremonies that their cities held in honor of our lost  
4 military while defending our country's freedom.

5 Excuse me. Units brought to our California  
6 stampede here in Redding their poppy displays for everyone  
7 to enjoy. We had poppy posters entered in four of the  
8 different classes, each being awarded first place ribbons.  
9 We had two window displays that were awarded first place  
10 and all of these were forwarded to National.

11 To summarize, the Rolling Hills of poppies in the  
12 Department of California have utilized the veteran grown  
13 poppies to the fullest. With the townspeople getting  
14 ready for next year's harvest, our unit growers are now  
15 focusing on our veterans and their families on how to  
16 support their needs, wishes, and desires. We are also  
17 putting our attention to the American Legion Family, which  
18 is why we are always saying, "Hats off to the American  
19 Legion Family of Volunteers" where we show that service,  
20 not self is only one way we show our dedication to our  
21 past, present, and future veterans.

22 Madam President Linda, this concludes my report.  
23 It has been a pleasure serving under you. Thank you.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you, Jean,

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1 very much.

2 At this time I'm going to ask Linda Caples, our  
3 Convention Commission Chairman, to please come forward and  
4 report. Following that I'll ask our Ways & Means Chairman  
5 to have a report. And then we -- and then I'm going to  
6 have our Distinguished Guest Chairman follow Ways & Means.  
7 And I'll save Finance. Thank you, ladies.

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9 CONVENTION COMMISSION REPORT

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11 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN CAPLES: Good  
12 morning, Madam President.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Good morning.

14 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN CAPLES: I have no  
15 written report and I will explain why. I'm sorry. I'm  
16 going to give a very short oral report.

17 I did meet with our new chairman for this year.  
18 I introduced myself and he was very, very pleasurable.  
19 It's Eddie Castillo, I think I'm saying that right, from  
20 District 10.

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: We can't hear you.

22 COMMITTEE COMMISSION CHAIRMAN CAPLES: Eddie  
23 Castillo. And he was an honor to speak with. Very, very,  
24 very, very nice and he did call me when I got here  
25 yesterday or, I mean, the first day as convention, you

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1 know, reconvened. And we walked in in the morning, I got  
2 the phone call walking in.

3 And thank you, Madam President, for the ride over  
4 there to attend the meeting. However, upon walking in the  
5 meeting, I could immediately see it was just a little  
6 different than the normal meeting with the districts and  
7 the Legion. There was business going on, very intense  
8 business. But I quietly took my seat, having no vote in  
9 the Legion, and listened. And when the meeting was over,  
10 I was told that the meeting had been tabled to another  
11 time which would still possibly be this weekend or shortly  
12 after and that I would get a phone call immediately so  
13 that I could attend.

14 So I'm sorry to say that I do not have a meeting  
15 to report, Madam President. And at this time I'd like to  
16 remind everybody there's Palm Springs next year and that's  
17 going to be fun. And following is Santa Clara. And could  
18 I please introduce the Convention Commission Chair?

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Please do.

20 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN CAPLES: Okay. At  
21 this time I'd like to introduce Danielle White, one year  
22 member.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Danielle, can you  
24 stand?

25 (Applause.)

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1 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN CAPLES: In the  
2 back. And two-year member Sue Hooker right in the back.  
3 (Applause.)

4 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN CAPLES: And I  
5 thank you for this appointment, Madam President.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you very  
7 much, Linda. They are redoing their constitution and  
8 bylaws on that committee and so there was a delay in  
9 getting any further business. So we do know Palm Springs,  
10 and we'll all be there; right?

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: And then we'll also  
13 be in Santa Clara. That's going to be exciting.

14 At this time I would like to recognize someone.  
15 We recognized her yesterday; she wasn't here. So I would  
16 like to present to you the Legionnaire of the Year Janet  
17 Wilson from District 9. Please stand. Please stand and  
18 give her a standing ovation.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Janet has been  
21 instrumental in that district. She's as much Auxiliary as  
22 Legion. She's held many positions at the Legion level and  
23 is currently membership chairman. Thank you. And I do  
24 have a small presentation. I'm not sure the commander --  
25 did you get your boa yesterday?

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1 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILSON: No, ma'am, I did  
2 not.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Okay. Well, you  
4 need to find it because he's wearing your feathers. But  
5 we had a wonderful time on membership this year. And  
6 thank you, Janet. Thank you for your service to our  
7 country and to our organization. It's greatly  
8 appreciated.

9 (Applause.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: And at this time  
11 we'll have a report from our Ways & Means.

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13 WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE REPORT

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15 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN LAUGESON: Madam President,  
16 this convention has been entertaining and very down home.  
17 The committee would like to just say that all of you  
18 ladies are truly wholesome and awesome. You all have at  
19 one time or another visited the emporium Ways & Means  
20 table. With all of your support these past four days we  
21 are proud and excited to announce that the Ways & Means  
22 committee is reporting the total amount of greenbacks  
23 taken in at this time is \$1,718, plus 400 for president  
24 charms totals \$2,118 which we will be turning in to Miss  
25 Peggy today to take back to the territorial office in San

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1 Francisco.

2 Madam President Linda, I would like to take this  
3 opportunity to thank you for this experience as the  
4 chairman of the Ways & Means committee and to the members.  
5 Thank you for supporting the Department of California's  
6 general budget with all of your purchases at this  
7 convention. This concludes my report.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you very  
9 much, Denyse. Did she not do a wonderful job?

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: I hope you all had  
12 an opportunity to purchase some of the items, and thank  
13 you for supporting our department. It is greatly  
14 appreciated.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: At this time we'll  
17 have our Distinguished Guest Chairman.

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19 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE REPORT

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21 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Good  
22 morning.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Good morning.

24 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Madam  
25 Department President and Delegates, may I just say again



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1 how much I love this cowboy theme. Shoes and hats are my  
2 thing and I was able to buy a couple pair of cowboy boots  
3 and some new hats. And I bought these stupid horsey feet  
4 that I have no idea what I'm going to do with them after  
5 this is over, but --

6 It has been an honor to serve you and the  
7 Department of California as your Distinguished Guest  
8 Chairman. It has been hard meeting all these new folks in  
9 the back north 40 because you all know how very shy of a  
10 person I am, but I tried my best to overcome it.

11 My duties this year have included escorting our  
12 new officers, playing hostess at the National Convention.  
13 And what a kick it was entertaining at the Western  
14 Division Saloon girl at midyear, herding together all the  
15 saloon girls for the Past Department President's party and  
16 all the invites for your fellow officers and guests to  
17 belly up to the bar for a little sarsaparilla leading up  
18 to being able to two-step around the corral here. I hope  
19 all of you had a great time at our banquet last night and  
20 that you danced the night away.

21 (Applause.)

22 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: I also  
23 want to thank you for allowing me to work with two very  
24 beautiful, very tall women this year, our Sergeant-at-Arms  
25 and Marshal Gloria Williams and Kathy Harris Richardson.

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1 You girls go.

2 (Applause.)

3 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: So here we  
4 are and Linda's got to do what Linda's got to do.  
5 Education is a great tool, and especially cowboy  
6 education, so ya'all listen up cause we gots us some  
7 learnin' to do.

8 We all got pieces of crazy in us. Some people  
9 just got bigger pieces than others.

10 Nature gave us all something to fall back on, and  
11 sooner or later, gal, you're gonna land flat on it.

12 If you speak your mind, you better be riding a  
13 fast horse.

14 If you haven't fallen off a horse, then you  
15 haven't been riding long enough.

16 I don't know about this one. I don't know why I  
17 put this. Life is hard, but it's harder when you're just  
18 stupid.

19 If you're not making dust, you're eating it.

20 True cowboys are the ones who aren't afraid to  
21 get dirty.

22 Old cowboys never die. They just smell that way.

23 Cowgirls, well, they're like barbed wire. Handle  
24 with care.

25 If you're riding your high horse there's no way

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1 to get down gracefully.

2 And when you come to the end of your rope, tie a  
3 knot and just hold on.

4 All joking aside, this last one really means  
5 something. To "cowgirl up" means to rise to the occasion,  
6 not to give up and do it all without whining or  
7 complaining.

8 And my favorite is: Get on, ride hard, hold  
9 nothing back, and give it all you've got. That's the ALA  
10 cowgirl way.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Linda, at this time  
13 would you also take an opportunity to share with all the  
14 cowgirls in the room events coming up to honor and prepare  
15 for our national president.

16 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: First of  
17 all, I want to thank everyone for your donations and the  
18 lucky winners -- we had lucky winners and they have all  
19 picked up their purses. And thank you for your shirt  
20 purchases. I see a lot of them in the audience, so that's  
21 great. There will be more -- it's open today over at the  
22 Red Lion. Oh, they have them up here so you don't have to  
23 walk far.

24 We also have a cruise that is coming up. Look  
25 for that at the [nancybrownpark.com](http://nancybrownpark.com) website. All the

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1 information you want to know about Nancy, and some you  
2 don't, is on the website. But we're trying to earn a lot  
3 of money, and this next year is critical. We won't need  
4 the money when she's national president. We need it  
5 before so she can become national president.

6 We have a great -- those of you in Northern  
7 California, we have a great social event that's going to  
8 be happening in Area 2 at Post 161 in Antioch, California.  
9 Dancing and dinner, \$15. What a deal. And it will be on  
10 October the 27th, 2012. Social hour, 5:30-6:30. Look for  
11 this on the website as well and you can make reservations.  
12 It's on the department website as well.

13 And last night I know had great decorations on  
14 the table, but we had fabulous decorations on the head  
15 table. And we have one here, so what we would kind of  
16 like to do is we're going to make this really quick. Get  
17 your wallets out. We're going to do an auction. And the  
18 auction is starting out at five bucks.

19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Twenty.

20 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Oh, wow, I  
21 have 20.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: I would also like  
23 to add one item to that. Don't read it. It's special.

24 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: This is  
25 the Masked Gun Rider California red. So we've got booze

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1 and boots, baby. Okay. We have 20 in the back.

2 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Twenty-five.

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thirty.

4 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Thirty.

5 Do I have 35?

6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thirty-five.

7 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN:

8 Thirty-five.

9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Forty right here.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Forty over here.

11 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: We have

12 40. Do I have 45?

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Forty-five.

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Fifty.

15 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: We have

16 \$50.

17 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Does it come with a man?

18 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: One with a

19 deep wallet for it. How's that?

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: We have 55.

21 AUDIENCE MEMBER: \$100.

22 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: We have a

23 hundred dollars going once, going twice.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: There's 115.

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: 120.

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1 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: \$120. Oh,  
2 my God. Going once, going twice.  
3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: There's 125.  
4 VETERANS AFFAIR & REHABILITATION CHAIRMAN BIGGS:  
5 Wait a minute.  
6 AUDIENCE MEMBER: 130.  
7 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: 130. 140?  
8 Do I hear 140?  
9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: 140.  
10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: 150.  
11 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: 150 in the  
12 back. 150 going once.  
13 AUDIENCE MEMBER: 160.  
14 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Okay. I'm  
15 not good at this. \$160. Hey, we can do that. Who wants  
16 to match \$160 and we'll give them both to you? We'll give  
17 one to each of you.  
18 AUDIENCE MEMBER: There you go, Madam President.  
19 AUDIENCE MEMBER: \$160.  
20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: She just matched  
21 it. She just matched it. Sold to J.B. Bre from District  
22 16, Unit 741, Camarillo, and Glenda Schultz. Please  
23 stand.  
24 (Applause.)  
25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Ladies, you're

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1 amazing. Thank you.

2 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Thank you,  
3 Madam President.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Linda, if you  
5 can -- Linda, if you can approach my station.

6 Nancy, please go ahead.

7 Linda, this has been a fantastic year and you  
8 have been the best of the best and we've had so much fun.  
9 And as the sheriff now, I don't have anything in this yet,  
10 but here's your picture frame with your sheriff badge on  
11 it.

12 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: How cute.  
13 Thank you. Thank you.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: And a bottle of  
15 that cowboy rain. And it was on the back bar, on the back  
16 counter. And I asked Robin Frasier, our lounge manager, I  
17 said, "Wow, a naked rider?"

18 She says, "Honey, you need new glasses. That's a  
19 masked rider." That's red wine from Sonoma. And it has  
20 John Wayne on it. What could be more perfect for this  
21 year. Thank you.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Oh, this is  
24 exciting. Now we are going to hear from our saloon girls  
25 deluxe, the advisory team, Madam Advisory Deluxe Madams

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1 Madeline Lee, Sandy Jacob, and Odette. I mean, could you  
2 have seen -- I hope you all had pictures of that because I  
3 really don't know if you're ever going to see these women  
4 in fishnet hose again. She had to get a new corset  
5 because the other one was a little tight so we got a new  
6 one. So we are more comfortable than yesterday. Were  
7 they not gorgeous? And they are the backbone of every  
8 president and I truly, truly thank you. Thank you so  
9 much.

10 (Applause.)

11 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT LEE: What I want to  
12 say is it's really been a joy. I'm speaking for the  
13 council here. We enjoyed being your advisors because you  
14 didn't really have too much for us to do. So it's been  
15 great. We've had a great convention and we are all so  
16 proud of you.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you. And I  
18 have a little something for you, a little cowboy red here.  
19 Because I think you're all going to need this at the end  
20 of the day. A little cowboy red.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Oh, are you flying?

23 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER JACOB: \$160?

24 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER CUCCARO: Madam

25 President, I've acted like an old fool, but I'll tell you



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1 I've had more fun than you did.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you. Thank  
3 you.

4 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER JACOB: Linda, great  
5 year. You're such a sweetie.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you.

7 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER JACOB: 160 right here.  
8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: I hope you all had  
10 an opportunity to look over your budget. We will have a  
11 report now from our finance committee.

12 Delegation, while they're coming forward, I would  
13 like to ask for your consent to have the finance committee  
14 read only the totals on the budget instead of every line.  
15 But they will pause and do we still have -- and we'll move  
16 the microphone to the center, and so if you have  
17 questions, please, please do not hesitate. This is your  
18 opportunity. This is your budget for next year. This is  
19 your opportunity to have input. And please come and make  
20 your comments if there are any.

21 If I can get the Sergeant-at-Arms -- I'm sorry.  
22 Carol, can I get the microphone moved from over there to  
23 the center so if there are any questions or discussion.

24 So do I have your consent?

25 ALL PRESENT: Yes.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Do I have  
2 everybody's consent?

3 ALL PRESENT: Yes.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Okay. Thank you.  
5 I want to make sure.

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7 FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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9 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Thank you  
10 very much for that. My finance report. The finance  
11 budget committee met 14-15 May in the department office.  
12 Attendees were Linda Fercho, Department President; Terry  
13 Mikesell, Department First Vice President; Susie Tozier,  
14 Finance Chairman; Kathy Martinez, Junior Member of  
15 Finance; Peggy Vogele, Department Secretary/Treasurer;  
16 Diane DeLashmit, Past Department President; Ruby Kapsalis,  
17 Past Department President; Van Ho, Auditor; Douglas G.  
18 Condie, Vice President Complete Small Business Services;  
19 and a representative from Wells Fargo.

20 At the audit meeting in November, Van Ho  
21 announced that he is retiring from being our auditor. The  
22 department office contacted several companies asking if  
23 they would like to audit the books.

24 This year at the budget meeting we met Douglas  
25 Condie of Complete Small Business Services to interview

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1 for the auditing of the books. Mr. Condie does have the  
2 experience working with nonprofit and completing the  
3 required tax forms; however, he is not a CPA. The  
4 constitution and bylaws state that this position must be a  
5 CPA. Because of this requirement, we will not be able to  
6 accept Complete Small Business Service as our auditors.  
7 As of now, we do not have an auditor to present to the  
8 delegation at this time to start July 1st, 2012 through  
9 June 30th, 2013.

10 The Department Secretary/Treasurer will broaden  
11 the search through the San Francisco area. If any member  
12 knows of an auditor who might be interested, please send  
13 the name to the department secretary so she can solicit a  
14 proposal.

15 Van Ho, Diane DeLashmit, and Ruby Kapsalis met  
16 with us to discuss the E990 and 199 laws. Questions were  
17 asked and clarifications of the requirements. Ruby and  
18 Diane provided us an update of the tax training to be done  
19 at department convention.

20 Department Secretary/Treasurer reported on the  
21 office. She told us that there was a need to have funds  
22 budgeted for replacing office equipment because they were  
23 breaking.

24 Also, we asked why the cost of postage was so  
25 high. She said that the previous secretary/treasurer

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1 returned the bulk mailing stamp back to the Post Office.  
2 The office can only use this for bulk mailing of over 200  
3 items. We asked that she get this back to use for those  
4 bulk mailings for DEC, the end of the year convention.  
5 And also we asked that she look at the other mailings to  
6 cut back on the postage costs. Also, we need the  
7 department office to track the \$25 fee for mailings to see  
8 if this is adequate to cover those mailings sent to the  
9 units and individuals.

10 The code changes were reviewed and those changes  
11 will be brought to the convention.

12 The budget preparation went smoothly. We had  
13 information from the Chairman about the needs of their  
14 program. I hope in the future other chairmen send e-mails  
15 to the finance committee what is the program needs and the  
16 why. This is very important for background. In the  
17 future I hope more chairmen -- I just repeated myself.

18 We met with the two representatives from Wells  
19 Fargo about electronically processing checks. To save  
20 time and money, the department office will be  
21 electronically depositing the checks from the office.  
22 They will use a scanner which will make an electronic copy  
23 of the checks. This file will be transmitted to the bank.  
24 The department office will also save this file for office  
25 records.

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1 I hope unit members attend the workshop at  
2 lunchtime on Saturday about the taxes. Ruby has worked so  
3 many hours to provide us this information. She has a  
4 friend at IRS now.

5 Thank you, Ruby, for all your work you did. It  
6 is very important that the units and districts stay  
7 current on the taxes. This year it will cost the units  
8 and districts who lost their non-profit for failure to  
9 file taxes \$100. Next year it will cost you \$400.

10 Thank you to the members who elected me to this  
11 position. I can honestly say this is a hard job. I have  
12 enjoyed the challenge. I now have a lot of respect for  
13 the department office and how hard they work. I thank you  
14 for the opportunity.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you.

17 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: May I read my  
18 supplemental report?

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Committee report.

20 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: The  
21 convention committee for Finance met on June 21st in the  
22 Derby Room at the Holiday Inn. There is no statistical  
23 report for this committee.

24 Kathy Martinez, Junior Member of Finance, was  
25 appointed secretary. Mara Centers, District 6, offered

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1 prayer. Joan Cannon, District 11, was appointed  
2 Sergeant-at-Arms. There were only a total of 18 districts  
3 who answered the roll call and two visitors.

4 The committee agreed upon the following: The  
5 resolutions were reviewed. Resolution number 4. The  
6 proposed change: Department Constitution, Article IX,  
7 Section 2. Motion made to amend the resolution to change  
8 the department per capita tax from \$6 to \$7. This  
9 department budget has been in the red for several years.  
10 Also, the department is having a hard time finding a new  
11 auditor. Motion passed.

12 The amended proposed change to read: Per capita  
13 tax shall be payable in advance annually. National  
14 senior, \$9. Department senior, \$7. Auxiliary News  
15 assessment, \$1. National junior, \$1.25. Department  
16 junior, 75 cents.

17 This motion was passed yesterday and so your per  
18 capita will be \$17 when you mail them in starting in July.

19 Resolution 12 --

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Susie?

21 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: This is not a  
22 code change for us.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Okay. Thank you.  
24 Thank you.

25 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Resolution

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1 12. Poppy program increase in cost of poppies to 25 cents  
2 per poppy and no annual report. Motion to accept was  
3 rejected.

4 Girls State submitted code changes by Lou  
5 Thompson. Recommended change submitted: The Department  
6 President, in consultation with the Girls State Chairman,  
7 shall call a meeting of the Girls State Committee to be  
8 held as soon as possible, but no later than October 1st.  
9 The secretary/treasurer shall attend the Girls State  
10 Committee meeting. The Girls State registration fee shall  
11 be set annually by the Girls State Committee after the  
12 review of the previous year's budget and expenses and the  
13 current bids received from the colleges for the following  
14 administrative year. The enrollment fee and location of  
15 Girls State shall be ratified by the Department Executive  
16 Committee.

17 The proposed amendment for change Girls State  
18 code number 8 reads: The Department President, in  
19 consultation with the Girls State Chairman, shall call a  
20 meeting of the Girls State Committee to be held as soon as  
21 possible, but no later than October 1st. The  
22 secretary/treasurer shall attend the Girls State Committee  
23 meeting. The Girls State enrollment and registration fee  
24 shall be recommended annually by the Girls State Committee  
25 after the review of the previous year's budget and

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1 expenses and the current bids received from the colleges  
2 for the following administrative year. The enrollment and  
3 registration fee shall be recommended at the midyear  
4 Department Executive Committee meeting for approval at the  
5 department convention. Motion made to accept this change  
6 and motion passed.

7 Motion 27 made to accept the increase of  
8 registration fee from 50 to \$75. Motion rejected.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: These were all  
10 voted on? These were already voted on?

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: This is just  
12 discussions.

13 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: The code number 8  
14 Girls State was also in the finance code.

15 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: I haven't  
16 gotten to those. This is just our discussions. Now we're  
17 going to go into the code recommendations.

18 FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR BILLINGS: Okay.  
19 Department code policy. General. Code 1, page 1 now  
20 reads: Supplies ordered from the department shall include  
21 sales tax and payment must be paid when submitting the  
22 order. Refunds will not be made on overpayments of a  
23 dollar or less. Overpayments shall be credited to  
24 miscellaneous income.

25 Recommended change to read: Supplies ordered



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1 from department office must include payment when  
2 submitting the order. Refunds will not be made on  
3 overpayments of a dollar or less. Overpayments shall be  
4 credited to miscellaneous.

5 "Sales tax" was deleted from the code. The  
6 department office cannot charge sales tax. So the motion  
7 was made for the change and the motion passed. I'd like  
8 to make a motion to have this accepted.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: It has been moved  
10 and seconded to accept this code change. Discussion?

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: The code will now  
13 read: Supplies ordered from department office must  
14 include payment when submitting the order. Refunds will  
15 not be made on overpayments of a dollar or less.  
16 Overpayments shall be credited to miscellaneous.

17 All in favor?

18 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Passed.

22 FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR BILLINGS: Okay. On  
23 Code 2, page 1 now reads: Application blanks, transfer  
24 forms, and membership cards shall be free to the units.

25 The recommended change to read: Application

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1 blanks, transfer forms, and membership cards shall be free  
2 to the units. There will be a charge for shipping and  
3 handling for all items shipped.

4 Motion made to accept this change. Motion  
5 passed, but I'd like to make a motion to accept this  
6 change.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: It has been moved  
8 and seconded to accept this change. Discussion?

9 (No response.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: It will now -- Code  
11 2, page 1 will now read: Application blanks, transfers  
12 forms, and membership cards shall be free to the units.  
13 There will be a charge for shipping and handling for all  
14 items shipped.

15 All those in favor?

16 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Passed.

20 FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR BILLINGS:

21 Administrative, page 4. Code 18 now reads: A fee of \$2  
22 per Girls State Citizen from the Girls State funds shall  
23 be transferred to the general fund.

24 Recommended change to read: The Girls State  
25 program will be charged for the usage of the department

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1 office copier. The usage charges will be posted to the  
2 general fund.

3 The \$2 per Girls State Citizen was deleted a  
4 couple years ago from the Girls State code. So if the  
5 Girls State has any need to use the department copier,  
6 they will reimburse the department office for machine  
7 usage and supplies.

8 Motion made to accept and motion passed. I would  
9 like to make a motion to --

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: It has been moved  
11 and seconded to accept this code change. Any discussion?

12 (No response.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: The code will now  
14 read: The Girls State program will be charged for the  
15 usage of the department office copier. The usage charges  
16 will be posted to the general fund.

17 All in favor?

18 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Pass.

22 FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR BILLINGS: Code 20.

23 When printing out the code, there was no carriage return  
24 between Code 20 and 21. This is just a housekeeping. It  
25 is requested that the carriage return be added so that the

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1 two codes are separated, Code 20 and 21.

2 Code 21, page 4 reads: The Department shall  
3 establish a Headquarters 1000. Members are gained from  
4 National's direct mail solicitation. Members shall be  
5 encouraged to transfer to local units. Unit 1000 shall be  
6 chartered, have bylaws, and no meetings. Annual dues  
7 shall be for senior members \$25 and for junior members \$3.  
8 Administration for the unit shall be the responsibility of  
9 the department office.

10 The recommended change to read: The Department  
11 shall establish a Headquarters 1000. Members are gained  
12 from National's direct mail solicitation. Members shall  
13 be encouraged to transfer to local units. Unit 1000 shall  
14 be chartered, have bylaws, and no meetings. Annual dues  
15 shall be for senior members \$40 and for junior members  
16 \$10. Administration for the unit shall be the  
17 responsibility of the department office.

18 Motion made by Linda Workman to accept this  
19 change and motion approved. I'd like to make a motion.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: It has been moved  
21 and seconded to accept this code change. Any discussion?

22 (No response.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: The code will now  
24 read: The Department shall establish a Headquarters 1000.  
25 Members are gained from National's direct mail

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1 solicitation. Members shall be encouraged to transfer to  
2 local units. Unit 1000 shall be chartered, have bylaws,  
3 and no meetings. Annual dues shall be for senior members  
4 \$40 and for junior members \$10. Administration for the  
5 unit shall be the responsibility of the department office.

6 All those in favor?

7 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Passed.

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: Thank you,  
12 Madam President. Finance Code 5 now reads: Check  
13 vouchers shall be reviewed by at least one member of the  
14 finance committee quarterly. That's 2008.

15 Recommended change for Code 5: The department  
16 office shall provide the finance committee a Profit/Loss  
17 Budget Performance Report, investment accounts, and bank  
18 statements monthly. These are due no later than the 15th  
19 of the month following month end.

20 Motion was approved in committee. I move to  
21 accept.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: It has been moved  
23 -- it has been moved and seconded to accept this code  
24 change. Any discussion?

25 (No response.)

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: The code will now  
2 read: The department office shall provide the finance  
3 committee a Profit/Loss Budget Performance Report,  
4 investment accounts, and bank statements monthly. These  
5 are due no later than the 15th of the month following  
6 month end.

7 All those in favor?

8 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Pass.

12 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: Thank you.

13 Code 6 now reads: The department secretary/treasurer is  
14 authorized use of a credit card for official use only and  
15 shall provide copies of the credit card statement with  
16 copies of receipts to the finance chairman quarterly for  
17 review, verification, and internal controls of  
18 expenditures.

19 Recommended change: The department  
20 secretary/treasurer is authorized use of a credit card for  
21 official use only and shall provide copies of the credit  
22 card statement with copies of receipts to the finance  
23 chairman monthly for review, verification, and internal  
24 controls of expenditures.

25 I move the acceptance of this code change.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: It has been moved  
2 and seconded to accept. The code will now read: The  
3 department secretary/treasurer is authorized use of a  
4 credit card for official use only and shall provide copies  
5 of the credit card statement with copies of receipts to  
6 the finance chairman monthly for review, verification, and  
7 internal controls of expenditures.

8 All those in favor?

9 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Pass.

13 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: Thank you.  
14 Code 8 now reads: Upon completion of the budget by the  
15 Girls State Committee for the ensuing year, said budget  
16 shall be sent to the department secretary/treasurer and  
17 finance committee for review and approval of the finance  
18 committee not later than October 10. The budget shall be  
19 recorded on the form provided by the finance committee.

20 Recommended change: Upon completion of the  
21 budget by the Girls State Committee for the ensuing year,  
22 said budget shall be sent to the department  
23 secretary/treasurer and finance committee for review and  
24 approval of the finance committee not later than October  
25 10. Said budget to be approved by the midyear Department

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1 Executive Committee.

2 Motion by -- I move to accept this change.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: It has been moved  
4 and seconded to accept the Code 8 change. Any discussion?

5 (No response.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Code will now read:  
7 Upon completion of the budget by the Girls State Committee  
8 for the ensuing year, said budget shall be sent to the  
9 department secretary/treasurer and finance committee for  
10 review and approval of the finance committee not later  
11 than October 10. Said budget to be approved by the  
12 midyear Department Executive Committee.

13 All those in favor?

14 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Passed.

18 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: Department  
19 finance code allowance/expenses. Code 9 reads: \$1,200  
20 will be budgeted annually and placed into the general fund  
21 convention expense, line item number G624, by the finance  
22 committee to cover a maximum of \$400 each for the  
23 Department President, Junior Past Department President,  
24 and the Convention Secretary plus plane fare, economy, if  
25 possible, while serving as delegates and attending



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1 National Convention.

2 Recommended change: \$1,200 will be budgeted  
3 annually and placed into the general fund convention  
4 expense, line item number GF62477, by the finance  
5 committee to cover a maximum of \$400 each for the  
6 Department President, Junior Past Department President,  
7 and the Convention Secretary plus plane fare, economy, if  
8 possible, while serving as delegates and attending  
9 National Convention.

10 I move the acceptance of this code change.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: It has been moved  
12 and seconded to change Code 9. Is there any discussion?

13 (No response.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Code 9 will now  
15 read: \$1,200 will be budgeted annually and placed into  
16 the general fund convention expense, line item number  
17 GF62477, by the finance committee to cover a maximum of  
18 \$400 each for the Department President, Junior Past  
19 Department President, and the Convention Secretary plus  
20 plane fare, economy, if possible, while serving as  
21 delegates and attending National Convention.

22 All those in favor?

23 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Opposed?

25 (No response.)

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Passed.

2 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: Thank you.

3 Recommended changes to Girls State budget. Girls State  
4 code number 3 was read and a recommendation to the Girls  
5 State Committee to change this code to conform to the  
6 finance code number 8 recommended changes.

7 Girls State Code 3 now reads: Upon completion of  
8 the budget by the Girls State committee for the ensuing  
9 year, said budget shall be sent to the Department  
10 Secretary/Treasurer and Finance Committee for review and  
11 inclusion in the department budget not later than October  
12 10. The budget shall be recorded on the form provided by  
13 the finance committee.

14 Code 3 recommended change: Upon completion of  
15 the budget by the Girls State committee for the ensuing  
16 year, said budget shall be sent to the Department  
17 Secretary/Treasurer and Finance Committee for review and  
18 inclusion in the department budget not later than October  
19 10. Said budget to be approved by the midyear Department  
20 Executive Committee.

21 Madam President, this was a recommendation to the  
22 Girls State.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you.

24 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: The  
25 department budget for 2012-2013 was reviewed. Motion made

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1 to accept the budget with changes. Motion passed.

2 The delegates to the Finance Committee were  
3 advised that we have no auditor for the 2012-2013  
4 Auxiliary year as we have been notified by our current  
5 auditing firm of Lee, Ho & Company that they will no  
6 longer be providing their services to us after the  
7 completion of the 2011-2012 audit. As we are bound by our  
8 constitution and bylaws, we must retain the services of a  
9 certified public accountant, CPA, to complete our audit.

10 It was recommended that the department office  
11 actively advertise for a qualified CPA. Although the  
12 department office has inquired with auditing firms and  
13 interviews have been conducted, we have been unable to  
14 secure a CPA which will agree to conduct the audit within  
15 the amount we have budgeted, \$16,000. Additional  
16 recommendations from the delegates in the committee were  
17 to monitor the postage cost of monthly mailings to  
18 determine the actual cost of these mailings.

19 It was also recommended that if we cannot get the  
20 department bookkeeper to make correcting journal entries  
21 as requested, that the Department Secretary/Treasurer  
22 should look for a new bookkeeper.

23 The finance committee adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

24 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Okay. We  
25 have now the budgets.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Please. And  
2 remember, ladies, they're going to be reading the line  
3 item totals. And if you have questions, we will hesitate  
4 so that you can look through this. Even though I was --  
5 so be prepared with questions.

6 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Okay. The  
7 first total is on page 2, General Fund Program Income:  
8 \$479,893.50. This includes the per capita raise of a  
9 dollar and the National \$4 raise. Is there any questions?

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: The floor  
11 recognizes microphone two, Linda Farris.

12 MS. FARRIS: Madam President, Linda Farris,  
13 District 19, Unit 314. I just have a question here. I'm  
14 very happy to see it, but the Income From National line,  
15 GF42424 -- I've got to get it out a little farther. The  
16 12,174.06, and then we're budgeting only expecting \$2,000  
17 next year.

18 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: What line was  
19 that again? I'm sorry.

20 MS. FARRIS: G -- it's on the first page,  
21 GF42424.

22 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: There was a  
23 misposting on that line. It should belong to the  
24 sweepstakes line.

25 MS. FARRIS: So it's not Income from National?

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1 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Right.

2 MS. FARRIS: It's our income. Thank you. I  
3 just -- can I leave it on or turn it off?

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Leave it on. Thank  
5 you.

6 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Did you find  
7 the total I was talking about on page 2? It's on the top  
8 -- if you flip it over, it's on the top page. Are there  
9 any other questions on income?

10 (No response.)

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Okay.  
12 Expenses on page 3 for the General Fund - Administrative,  
13 it's at the very top of the page, 177,557.50.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Linda.

15 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: Linda Diebel, 19th  
16 District. I just have a question. On page 2 under  
17 Payroll Tax, GF62402, we budgeted a little under 10,000.  
18 We paid over 20,000. Can you explain what the increase  
19 was? I'm sorry.

20 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Some of that  
21 is prior year costs.

22 PAST PRESIDENT CHRISTNER: Bonnie Christner, Past  
23 Department President. I'm sorry. I probably -- I'm  
24 hoping you're going to have an answer for me. Did we not  
25 decide junior dues were \$2 for -- the 1.25 for National

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1 and 75 cents for the department? Is it -- does it not say  
2 Juniors at 2,596 at \$3.50? Can you -- I'm sorry. Page 1  
3 right under "Comments," the second line. Susie, am I,  
4 like, losing my mind?

5 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: No, you're  
6 not losing your mind, Bonnie. Thank you. I so appreciate  
7 that. I'm sorry.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: I believe, Susie,  
9 what they're saying is it should be 2 instead of 3.50.

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: We're getting  
11 a calculation. Hold on.

12 Okay. We have a couple other changes. The new  
13 number for GF42410 is 340,482. 340,482. We're going to  
14 put in the change for the Unit 1000.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: While they're  
16 working on that, what I would like to do on the Unit 1000,  
17 there are 300- some members in that as you can see by the  
18 report 331. The listing is by zip codes. We will be  
19 working with the newly elected president and her  
20 membership clerk to divide those zip codes up by districts  
21 and getting that information to each district early this  
22 year. So perhaps you can work on that and get these  
23 ladies to join one of your local units.

24 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: That line  
25 will be \$13,362.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Unit 1000 line.

2 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: 42411.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: And that total  
4 again, please, Susie.

5 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: 13,362.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: So the newly  
7 adjusted total on that column?

8 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: 480,525.90 --  
9 50. I'm sorry. It's on page 2 at the very top. Page 2  
10 at the very top, 480,525.50. It's the total line. Total  
11 GF42400 general fund - administrative. We're on the  
12 income right now.

13 MS. WRIGHT: Madam President, Evonne Wright.  
14 Susie, on line 2 on the first page, GF42410, you gave us  
15 340,482. That is incorrect.

16 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Okay. Hold  
17 on.

18 MS. WRIGHT: I get 20,690 times 17.

19 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: It's 16. One  
20 dollar goes to Auxiliary Emergency Fund and that's  
21 calculated on a different line.

22 MS. WRIGHT: Okay. Thank you.

23 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Auxiliary  
24 News. I'm sorry.

25 MS. WRIGHT: Well, you come up with a figure for

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1 juniors.

2 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Juniors is \$2  
3 times 2596.

4 MS. WRIGHT: How much is that?

5 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Hold on.  
6 5,192.

7 MS. WRIGHT: Thank you.

8 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Uh-huh.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: The Chair  
10 recognizes Linda Diebel, microphone two.

11 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: Linda Diebel, 19th  
12 District. I'm going back to the payroll taxes. And the  
13 only reason I'm doing that is we only budgeted a little  
14 over 10. We had 20. You're saying that's a carryover,  
15 but you're budgeting another 20 for this year.

16 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: I'm sorry.  
17 The reason why is we haven't gotten the last tax bill.  
18 That's what it was. I'm sorry.

19 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: Thank you.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Chair recognizes  
21 Cindy Simmons. Man down.

22 MS. SIMMONS; I was just questioning where is the  
23 income for the new -- not the new assessment, but --

24 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: 42,412.

25 MS. SIMMONS: That's the dollar new assessment;



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1 correct?

2 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Yes. The  
3 juniors do not get it. Only seniors and the PUFLs.

4 MS. SIMMONS: Correct. Okay. Maybe I'm just --  
5 all right. Sorry.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Any other  
7 discussion?

8 (No response.)

9 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Thank you.  
10 So the new total of the General Fund is 480,525.50. At  
11 the very top of page 3, very top, the total for the  
12 general -- this is expenses. General Fund -  
13 Administrative, GF62400, 177,557.50. What did I say?  
14 557. I'm looking through the wrong part of my glasses.

15 Just below that a little ways down, GF62430,  
16 General Fund - Other Expenses, 208,437.75. It says,  
17 "Total GF62430: General fund - Other Expenses,  
18 208,437.75. It's in the middle of the page.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Yeah, come down a  
20 little bit. I think we're all looking at this line right  
21 under General Fund - Administration. It's in two places,  
22 ladies, so disregard the first line where it is right  
23 under "General Fund - Administration" and go down further.  
24 That's where we're addressing.

25 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Our next

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1 total will be for the General Fund - Executive Expense at  
2 the bottom of the page, page 3. It will be \$36,525.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: We have discussion.  
4 Linda, thank you.

5 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: Linda Diebel, 19th  
6 District. I just have a quick question. Our  
7 secretary/treasurer's travel allowance was budgeted for  
8 500. She spent almost 1200 and we're only budgeting her  
9 500 for this year. Should that not be increased? It's on  
10 page 3 towards the bottom. It's GF62459. It says,  
11 "Sec/Treas."

12 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: She did  
13 additional travel this year because she was new and next  
14 year she won't be doing it.

15 LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: Okay.  
16 Thank you.

17 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Doris did  
18 some of it too.

19 FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR BILLINGS: The general  
20 fund expense. Turn to page 4. The total for GF62470 was  
21 32,600. Any discussion?

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Just one minute.  
23 We do have a discussion.

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Nancy  
25 Brown-Park, Past Department President. We budgeted for

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1 President Secretary's National Meeting which is  
2 traditionally what we do. This year there will be two  
3 meetings because of the change. So there will be the  
4 actual October president and secretary's. In May there  
5 will be a department leadership conference which will  
6 include the membership chairman for the following year and  
7 the vice president who will be president the following  
8 administrative year. That will only happen this year, but  
9 this year there's a double dip in there. We're going to  
10 have two meetings.

11 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Nancy,  
12 please go to page 4, line 62493.

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Okay. I  
14 see that. But does that include both? It's not going to  
15 be just the membership chairman.

16 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Correct. It  
17 should cover both meetings. The one for the membership  
18 will be 62493. The president and secretary is the line  
19 you're questioning.

20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Right.  
21 Just so you know there's two meetings in your  
22 administrative year, two meetings which will not happen  
23 the following year nor has it happened before because  
24 they're combining those and pushing it up. As long as  
25 it's covered in there somewhere, I'm fine. I do know that

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1 you will get some reimbursement from National.

2 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Correct.

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: As long as  
4 you guys know it's coming.

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

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you.

8 FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR BILLINGS: And then on  
9 page -- we were just on page 4. We're going to look at  
10 the General Fund - Committee Expense. That's GF62480 and  
11 the total comes to \$14,675.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Bottom of page 4.

13 FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR BILLINGS: Bottom of  
14 page 4, yes. GF62480.

15 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Okay. The  
16 total -- it says -- it's the summary of general fund, the  
17 total general fund reserves --

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Top of page 5.  
19 First line, page 5. Please change that to the adjusted  
20 total. 480,250; is that correct, Susie?

21 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: I was reading  
22 the right thing.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: They didn't know  
24 where you were. They can't hear you.

25 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Oh, I'm

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1 sorry. Underneath it says, "Summary of General Fund," I'm  
2 going you the updated numbers for those lines. Top of  
3 page 5. Or in the middle it says "General Fund Summary"  
4 on page 5. See in the middle of it? I'm sorry. I'm  
5 reading top of page 5, "General Fund Program Expense."  
6 Okay. First line, the income line, 480,525.50. Total of  
7 the general fund expense, 469,795.25. Same page. Just  
8 look a couple lines down. It's the summary line. Right  
9 now we're in the profit of \$10,730.25.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Yay. We like to be  
11 in the black.

12 (Applause.)

13 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: And the  
14 reserves are the reserve numbers as of June 30th, 2011.  
15 That's what we have in the bank for those programs. And  
16 that's per the auditor report 2011.

17 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Terry  
18 Mikesell, District 2. I have a question on the general  
19 fund reserve summary. According to this, the actual  
20 general fund has no reserves. Where is that funds listed?

21 FINANCE COMMITTEE SENIOR BILLINGS: What now?

22 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: These numbers  
23 were taken from the audit report, from the auditor's  
24 report for 2011. And these items are part of your general  
25 fund. These are reserve items in the general fund that

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1 are reserved.

2 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT KAPSALIS: Past  
3 Department President Ruby Kapsalis, District 25. I  
4 believe there's \$330,000 in the Ameritrade reserve  
5 account. And if you subtract what's here, 129,000 for  
6 these funds, that leaves a balance in the general fund  
7 reserve of 127,000. There's a difference from what you've  
8 got listed here from the amount that's in -- the  
9 Ameritrade I believe is the general fund reserve.

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Yes.

11 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT KAPSALIS: And that's a  
12 little over 127,000. I don't have the exact figure.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Past Department  
14 President Ruby, did you have the figure in the Ameritrade?  
15 Did you have that figure?

16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT KAPSALIS: Yes, I do.  
17 It's in the car. It's on its way home.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you.

19 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: These are --

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Peggy, do you have  
21 a copy?

22 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: We believe  
23 these are the reserves of the general fund and are  
24 restricted for the usage that are identified.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Our secretary --

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1 we'll continue. She is going to go to the office. She  
2 has the figure as of April 2012. We'll bring that back  
3 in. So if you would like to continue and she will go get  
4 that and will bring that back in so we can plug this  
5 figure into it.

6 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Well, her  
7 numbers are as of April. These figures are as of June  
8 2011.

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: But at least we  
10 would have a letter to look at and we would know what our  
11 general reserve is. So if you would do that. Thank you.

12 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: Ladies,  
13 continuing down the center of page 5, line PF44500, Poppy  
14 Production Fund Income, \$72,740. Any questions? We're on  
15 page 5 just below where the summary reserve numbers are.  
16 You have the Poppy Production Fund Income, total is  
17 \$72,740.

18 Okay. Going to page 6, Poppy Production Fund  
19 Expense, \$60,893. And we have a positive of 11,847 in the  
20 poppy fund.

21 Okay. Going down after Poppy Fund Reserves,  
22 Welfare Fund/VAR. Income, and again this is on line  
23 WF48500. Welfare Fund/VAR, income, 37,800. This is on --  
24 we're still on page 6 right about in the center.

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: This also has been

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1 listed twice, ladies. As you can see it says WF48500.  
2 There is no total to the right, but if you go down that  
3 page past VAR and you'll see Welfare Fun/VAR, that's where  
4 your total is.

5 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: Thank you,  
6 Madam President.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: We've just got some  
8 extra lines in there. That computer.

9 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SOARES: I don't think I  
10 have discussion, but I think it would just calm everyone  
11 down a bit if we just knew that we were talking about  
12 totals only, ladies. So every time she says a number like  
13 "WF," go to the one that says "total" in front of it and  
14 then that will stop all the humming. Because the other  
15 ones are going to be blank, but the total will have a  
16 number there.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you,  
18 Michelle, very much.

19 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: All right.  
20 Ladies, are we ready for the next one? About three  
21 quarters of the way down on that same page, page 6,  
22 Welfare Fund Expense/VAR, \$37,800. And it's almost to the  
23 bottom of the same line. And that is balanced, ladies.  
24 Okay.

25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT KAPSALIS: Past



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1 Department President Ruby Kapsalis, District 28. I just  
2 have a question. I know it's listed twice, but I'm just  
3 wondering about the WF48502, Poppy Proceeds Distribution  
4 300 in the first listing and then you've got Patient  
5 Remembrance 14,000. And then down below it's 14,400 and  
6 then the interest income is not listed below. I'm just  
7 wondering -- I just want to make sure those figures that  
8 are in that first column, that it equals 37 that they've  
9 been included in the total. And my mind don't calculate  
10 that quick, so --

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: I do believe  
12 so, Ruby.

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT KAPSALIS: They are?

14 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: Yes.

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT KAPSALIS: Then the  
16 14,000 TFA is not correct. It's 14,400?

17 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: Yes.

18 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT KAPSALIS: 48503 is  
19 listed -- the first time it's listed, it's 14,000. The  
20 second time it's listed as 14,4. So which one is correct?  
21 Oh, one is income and one is -- oh, sorry, sorry.

22 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: Thank you.

23 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Kathy, I  
24 have a question. On income for VAR Temporary Financial  
25 Assistance is \$1,000 and this year the only amount of

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1 money we're allowing for the chairman for temporary  
2 financial assistance cases is \$1,200?

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: No.

4 VETERANS AFFAIR & REHABILITATION CHAIRMAN BIGGS:  
5 It's 5,700.

6 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Anita is  
7 pointing it out to me that I can't see, I'm on the wrong  
8 line. Thank you, Anita.

9 VETERANS AFFAIR & REHABILITATION CHAIRMAN BIGGS:  
10 You're welcome, my dear. I can't see at all either. My  
11 contacts are blurry.

12 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: And I had to point it  
13 out to her.

14 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Thank you,  
15 Melanie.

16 VETERANS AFFAIR & REHABILITATION CHAIRMAN BIGGS:  
17 It was subliminal.

18 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: Any other  
19 questions? Your next total will be on page 7 about the  
20 third line down. Your total for Welfare account, 48,620.  
21 Welfare Fund Children and Youth, 6,800. That is your  
22 income amount.

23 Going down to your expense account. Total for  
24 that account Welfare line, 68,600. Welfare Fund Expense  
25 Children and Youth, 6,800. We balance that one too.

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1           Welfare Fund/Education is about three quarters of  
2 the way down the page on page 7, account number WF48700.  
3 Welfare Fund/Education income, \$10,800. If you drop down,  
4 your expense, Welfare Fund 68700, Welfare Fund expensed,  
5 10,800.

6           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Balance.

7           FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: We are  
8 balanced.

9           FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: On page 8,  
10 probably about a third of the way down, total WF48840,  
11 Welfare Funds/Past President's Parley, 7,100. A little  
12 bit further down -- that was income total -- WF68800,  
13 Welfare Fund/Past President's Parley, it's the expense,  
14 7,100. That balanced. And then you have your summary of  
15 those what we just read. Welfare Fund/VAR income, 37,800.  
16 Welfare Fund/Children & Youth, 6,800. Education, 10,800.  
17 Past President's Parley, 7,100 for a total of 62,500.

18           Summary of the expenses: VAR, 37,800; Children &  
19 Youth, 6800; Education, 10,800; Past President's Parley,  
20 7100. For a total expenses of 62,500.

21           And then you have the summary of the reserves for  
22 those accounts, 109,843.46. This is as of June 30th,  
23 2011. Children & Youth of 61,383.11. Education,  
24 74,305.87. Past President's Parley, 77,536.56. A total  
25 of 323,069.

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1           Okay. The next page is Junior Activities, Junior  
2 Conference. There's no page number at the bottom. Just  
3 flip the page. Okay. The income for junior activities is  
4 on GF -- total GF42500, 17,300. Down towards the bottom  
5 of the page, the expenses 15,775. They're in the positive  
6 1,525.

7           (Applause.)

8           FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: And if you  
9 flip again you'll have your Girls State budget. This is  
10 for the current year. Total income, 225,500. That's in  
11 the middle towards the top/middle of the page. Okay. And  
12 if you flip to the last page.

13           MS. ENRIGHT: Madam President, I have a couple  
14 questions on the Girls State budget. Donna Enright, Unit  
15 280, District 18. On the Girls State budget, GS43510  
16 Girls State Store Sales, we've sold -- in July 11 to May  
17 12th what we've sold, the Girls State hasn't sold that  
18 much.

19           FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Some of that  
20 is prior year's cost.

21           MS. ENRIGHT: So some of those funds actually  
22 belong --

23           FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: No. That's  
24 expenses in that column. Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. That  
25 was from last session, from 2010 to 2011.

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1 MS. ENRIGHT: So you're showing in this --

2 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Yes, I know.

3 MS. ENRIGHT: -- what we did last year.

4 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Yes, I know.

5 MS. ENRIGHT: Why? I'm sorry. We have only made  
6 approximately --

7 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Bookkeeper.  
8 Bookkeeper.

9 MS. ENRIGHT: -- \$1900.

10 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Yes, I know.

11 It is an issue with the bookkeeper. It is prior years'  
12 costs that should be journal entry'd to prior years. It  
13 should not be in the current year's cost.

14 MS. ENRIGHT: That's income. That's our income.

15 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Yeah.

16 MS. ENRIGHT: Because now they're proposing  
17 16,000.

18 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Yes, that's  
19 what was submitted to us.

20 MS. ENRIGHT: Well, okay. And then let's go down  
21 to one more question on Girls State. Okay. GS63502.  
22 It's about midway down. It's in the expenses.

23 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Uh-huh.

24 MS. ENRIGHT: It says Girls State Resale Items,  
25 \$5,000.

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1 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Right.

2 MS. ENRIGHT: That's for the store?

3 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: She had to  
4 buy some stuff. Did you buy stuff yet? Then it's postage  
5 from the prior year. I know.

6 MS. ENRIGHT: I'm sorry.

7 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: The  
8 bookkeeper did not do a journal voucher and put the costs  
9 in the prior year because they are showing up in the  
10 current year which will be corrected during the audit.  
11 I'm sorry.

12 MS. ENRIGHT: Thank you. Thank you. That  
13 answers my questions.

14 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Okay. On the  
15 next page. I already told you the total expenses on the  
16 next page was 225,725, and they figured they'll be in the  
17 hole \$225. The last page. Right now in reserves as of  
18 June 30th, 2011 is 9,148. That's the end.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Ladies, our  
20 secretary/treasurer's horse is already on its way back to  
21 the corral at the ranch and the figure we were looking for  
22 on that general fund reserves is in a saddlebag, so -- so  
23 at this time perhaps we could have those figures --

24 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: You don't  
25 need the figures to approve the budget.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Right. It's just  
2 information.

3 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: So we can  
4 provide it.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: We'll have the  
6 average of 127,000 and we'll utilize that. Our lieutenant  
7 governor thinks she has it in her saddlebag, which hasn't  
8 gotten on the horse yet, so we may have it. But at this  
9 time we can -- yeah, her horse is just right outside at  
10 the hitching post.

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Ladies, it's  
12 very important that we have this reserve in case of  
13 emergency. And that's why it's very, very important that  
14 we stay in the black on these programs because it costs us  
15 a lot of money. And also we have -- in the future we have  
16 no cost. We don't know when, but there is going to be the  
17 moving of the office to a temporary facility while they  
18 renovate the memorial hall and we don't know what costs --  
19 they don't know -- I don't even think it's in the state's  
20 budget yet to do that, but there is going to be some costs  
21 associated with it. Minimal hopefully.

22 And thank you to the department office and her  
23 helpers, some of the ladies up at the front who went  
24 through the basement and cleaned it up and got rid of a  
25 lot of old stuff down in the basement.

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1 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT KAPSALIS: Madam  
2 Department President, Past Department President Ruby  
3 Kapsalis, District 28. Nancy, you made the announcement  
4 to us last night that this is something that the assembly  
5 doesn't know, that next year National is not going to  
6 charge us that per capita for veterans. So that \$3500  
7 that's in the VAR in our budget that we normally send to  
8 National, they're not going to charge us. So that means  
9 we will have \$3500 more for our veterans.

10 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: That's in  
11 the National budget. So as long as the National budget is  
12 approved, that will be another \$3500.

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT KAPSALIS: Make sure it  
14 happens, Nancy.

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Wait a  
16 minute. Who's voting -- no, not Pilar. You'll be voting,  
17 so vote yes.

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: I will vote yes.

19 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Can we make a  
20 motion to -- I make a motion to accept the budget as  
21 adjusted.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: It has been moved  
23 and seconded to accept the budget as amended. Any  
24 discussion?

25 (No response.)



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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: All those in favor?

2 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Your budget is  
6 passed. Thank you.

7 (Applause.)

8 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Ladies,  
9 there's been a lot of cost cutting with the Chairman and  
10 everyone working together and your donations. You have  
11 the budget. You know where the shortfalls are, so please  
12 go back to your units, especially those who across the  
13 board didn't give any or gave very little, how important  
14 it is to support the programs so we can help the veterans  
15 out there. Thank you very much.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you. Chair  
17 recognizes Linda Diebel at that microphone.

18 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN DIEBEL: Madam President, I  
19 am Linda Diebel, 19th District, 359. Having worked in the  
20 finance, I would like to say thank you to Susie and her  
21 committee for the wonderful work they've done. This is a  
22 great budget and I really enjoyed reading it. Thank you.

23 (Applause.)

24 FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TOZIER: With the new  
25 accounting system, it's made it a lot easier, a lot easier

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1 for the finance committee. I can tell you that.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: I would like to  
3 also thank you very much. And I have as I had mentioned  
4 earlier in the convention a huge, huge new respect for the  
5 work that these ladies are doing. This is a very  
6 difficult job. You can see hours and hours and hours of  
7 work. And I too have a thank you for each of you. If you  
8 want to come forward, just a little thank you from me.  
9 I'm not sure you got your garters, so I want to make sure  
10 you have your garter. And just a little something. The  
11 finance committee, they've given me cowboy kisses to keep  
12 my lips nice, a bracelet, a beautiful scarf. I've got a  
13 little mouse back here. It's snowing. It's snowing in  
14 Redding. It's a beautiful watch. Yeah, now I won't be  
15 late. Oh, a kissing cow and horse. They have magnets.  
16 I'm going to be the horse and Dennis is the cow. He's the  
17 bull. It's a bull.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Also it was  
20 mentioned that we had a wonderful committee that went into  
21 the basement and did some amazing work. And I have to  
22 have them stand and be recognized. And I have a gift for  
23 them. I'm going to leave it with the finance committee  
24 for you, but Ruby Kapsalis once again came to our aid and  
25 helped clean the basement out. Barbara LaDoucer, our

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1 secretary, and our MIA VP. She's back at the ranch. So  
2 it was a very, very, very big job and they're getting  
3 ready for that move and they did an awesome job.

4 Really quick right now I'd also like to  
5 acknowledge our secretary, Peggy. You have done an  
6 amazing job her first year. All of these experiences and  
7 this year having been her first time.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: She's come through  
10 like a champ. And we all can respect and know that this  
11 is not an easy job. I've got great reports as I've  
12 traveled on my buckboard across the state that your office  
13 is always friendly. You're always ready to help and we  
14 appreciate that. And I just think you need a bottle of  
15 this cowboy red to take home.

16 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Thank you.

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Will the  
19 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal along with our Distinguished  
20 Guest Chairman at this time present the newly elected Sons  
21 of the Legion Department Squadron Commander and entourage.  
22 The Detachment. Welcome home. The Detachments are here.

23 (Processional.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Ladies, this just  
25 gives me goose bumps. I am so proud of the Sons of the

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1 Legion. They are the backbone especially in our unit, in  
2 our post. The beautiful mural that you saw at my  
3 installation, they put that together.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: These gentlemen do  
6 an amazing job. They are so much an intricate part of our  
7 Legion family. We all cannot thank them enough. I want  
8 to have our newly elected -- oh, no. You're going to --  
9 you all know who this is. Who does he belong to?

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Kathy Martinez.

11 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: Hi, honey.

12 SAL CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: You all have to excuse  
13 me, the way I talk. She gave me too much medicine. It  
14 makes my throat -- that way I can't talk.

15 It is my pleasure as chairman in the Department  
16 of California to introduce to you the newly elected and  
17 installed Commander for 2012-2013, Mark Smith.

18 (Applause.)

19 SAL COMMANDER SMITH: You know, I think it's  
20 morning still, ladies. Good morning. Welcome to Miss  
21 Molly and my backyard. Hope you had fun.

22 (Applause.)

23 SAL COMMANDER SMITH: My name is Mark Smith. I'm  
24 from the Shasta Post 197 across the river. I've known a  
25 lot of you for years and it's just humbling to be here and

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1 let me know what I can do for you. That's how we roll in  
2 the Sons. We know who the boss is.

3 Let me introduce a couple of gentlemen real  
4 quick. I have our second year NEC term, pastor and  
5 commander Mark Severance.

6 (Applause.)

7 SAL COMMANDER SMITH: Master National Vice  
8 Commander for the Western Region and Past Attachment  
9 Commander Mr. Tim Delgado.

10 (Applause.)

11 VICE COMMANDER DELGADO: Ladies, I'd like your  
12 permission to make a presentation here. I would like to  
13 make a presentation. This here is a Dotty Gerard  
14 Auxiliary Member of the Year for 2012 award. The person  
15 that's going to receive this has served in the Auxiliary  
16 for over 14 years, served as the unit president and second  
17 vice president and post adjunct for over ten, is a  
18 graduate of the American Legion College and is also a dual  
19 member, has served as department chaplain and vice  
20 commander as well as three other appointed positions and  
21 has been on numerous committees as well as national member  
22 and Children & Youth for the national organization.

23 She has completed the Legion Family by organizing  
24 a squadron of the Sons of American Legion and continues as  
25 the adjunct and is currently the squadron advisor,

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1 continues to mentor the squadron in protocol and  
2 leadership. She helps the new members of the post and  
3 advises the chaplain, works membership and is in  
4 leadership this year with the Legionnaires major project,  
5 teaching members about the Legion so they know what to  
6 sell -- how to sell the Legion to others hoping to get  
7 them to move up and into the Legion family life outside  
8 our post and into the district and beyond. Working with  
9 the Riders to organize and coordinate events in our  
10 community like the Saddle Ride and Memorial Day events and  
11 Veterans Day parade.

12 She started the first annual dinner for standing  
13 members of the posts, is a member of the Past Commanders  
14 Club, held positions as the recording secretary for the  
15 Department of California Past Commanders Club and was PPC  
16 district president, continues to work on behalf of the  
17 annual golf tournament in Yountville. This golf  
18 tournament not only allows Legionnaires a wonderful  
19 experience, but it also creates a source of funds for the  
20 veterans in residential homes and fulfills a wish list of  
21 items that they otherwise do not acquire.

22 She has donated numerous hours to work within the  
23 community organization working on gifts of valor and of  
24 honor. These groups provide books to charities such as  
25 Wounded Warriors and numerous areas hospitals. Helps with

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1 choice -- helps choose as to who needs our quilts and  
2 helps distribute them. This year alone they have given  
3 over a hundred quilts.

4 She continues to act as chairman of the board for  
5 district donor programs and has actively organized  
6 numerous blood drives and is an ongoing donor of more than  
7 one gallon.

8 She has recently added docent to the list of  
9 hours of community service. I present to you this award  
10 to Janet Wilson.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Sergeant-at-Arms  
13 and Marshal, please escort Janet Wilson to the podium.

14 (Processional.)

15 VICE COMMANDER DELGADO: Just a little side note,  
16 we have just presented Legionnaire of the Year to Janet  
17 Wilson on the Legion floor.

18 LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR WILSON: I want to thank  
19 the Sons of the Legion for the incredible work that they  
20 do. A lot of it is very unrecognized. The money that  
21 they raise for the Child Welfare Foundation is phenomenal.  
22 They quietly work in my post. I can't tell what I  
23 couldn't do without them. I started the squadron because  
24 there was no place for my husband whose wife happened to  
25 be a Legionnaire. Luckily he fit into the Sons of the

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1 Legion. So I had to start a squadron and now we have a  
2 very strong active squadron. But like he said, I'm trying  
3 to get them to go up to the chairs in the district. Right  
4 now they're homeboys. I don't have any girls in there  
5 yet.

6           Anyway, this is a phenomenal honor. I can't tell  
7 you how happy I am. All the Auxiliary ladies who do  
8 phenomenal work that they do, it is totally appreciated in  
9 my post and my unit. We do recognize our women as women  
10 veterans and it is our goal to make every woman  
11 Legionnaire a dual member. Because when you have a  
12 worker, you get bonus points, guys. There are a few guys  
13 out there.

14           Anyway, thank you so very much. I do appreciate  
15 it. And this is -- like I said, he said this is my  
16 Trifecta this year. I don't know how much more work I can  
17 put on my plate to improve for next year, but I'm  
18 certainly going to try. Thank you very much.

19           (Applause.)

20           SAL COMMANDER SMITH: It's like déjà vu all over  
21 again. Ladies, before I introduce the gentlemen before  
22 you, my newly elected Senior Vice Commander Chris  
23 Affolter.

24           (Applause.)

25           SAL COMMANDER SMITH: The newly elected Junior



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1 Vice Commander Wes Williams.

2 (Applause.)

3 SAL COMMANDER SMITH: My list is freshly  
4 corrected. My chaplain, Mr. Jim Fischer.

5 (Applause.)

6 SAL COMMANDER SMITH: Sergeant-at-Arms Ray  
7 Bradford.

8 (Applause.)

9 SAL COMMANDER SMITH: Out of our Area 1, Mr.  
10 Wayne Bean.

11 (Applause.)

12 SAL COMMANDER SMITH: Area 2, Mr. James Ruck.

13 (Applause.)

14 SAL COMMANDER SMITH: Area 3, Phil Stuart.

15 (Applause.)

16 SAL COMMANDER SMITH: Area 5, Tomidan Jordan out  
17 of Newport, Oregon.

18 (Applause.)

19 SAL COMMANDER SMITH: Skipped one. Area 4, Mr.  
20 Mike Ladre.

21 (Applause.)

22 SAL COMMANDER SMITH: Man, you get around. Area  
23 6, Mr. Art Carlos.

24 (Applause.)

25 SAL COMMANDER SMITH: So this year we're going to

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1 be working as a team. We all accomplish -- together we  
2 accomplish more. Everyone accomplishes more. That's what  
3 we're going to do and we're here to serve. Please get  
4 ahold of us. I want to congratulate you ladies on your  
5 website. Phenomenal. It was great inspiration for ours  
6 and we're trying to still catch up. Good job.

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: He's an old  
9 bartender. He knows where that goes. Thank you,  
10 gentlemen, so very much. And it is our honor to honor you  
11 this day. Thank you.

12 (Processional.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Ladies, isn't that  
14 wonderful? I feel honored that they came over. They are  
15 the backbone. They are always there and are always  
16 willing to help. I know you all appreciate your Sons of  
17 the Legion in your units and in your post home. They are  
18 an intricate member of our family.

19 At this time I am going to have Pat Sweeney  
20 prepare -- come forward with resolutions. I have sent out  
21 some notes for under unfinished business. We will be  
22 presenting some charters today, so that's exciting. But  
23 you know what I heard? I heard that I have a few of my  
24 sisters in the audience. I have -- I have a lot of  
25 sisters and I think all of you can relate to them, so I'm

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1 going to have my -- I hear my Tator Sisters are here.

2 (Applause.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: So if you all give  
4 a big round of applause to the Tator Sisters.

5 Pat, we're going to have you right after the  
6 Tator Sisters.

7 Tator Sisters, come on up. Get your microphones.  
8 I've got to introduce you all. Come on, sisters. Line it  
9 up. Line it up. You're really good at lining up. Let's  
10 go.

11 Will my first Tator Sister take the mic and then  
12 we'll pass it on down so we can all hear.

13 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT WEBER: Greetings,  
14 Auxiliary members. The Tator Sisters were so excited when  
15 I invited them to attend our convention. I really didn't  
16 plan on being the commentator for this program, but when I  
17 thought about it, I guess someone has to do it. I really  
18 don't like to talk, as you know. Some of you know.  
19 Especially in front of a big group of people. All my  
20 Tator Sisters are really active in the Auxiliary programs  
21 and activities. You might say some are out front and  
22 others are in the back there pushing. You know, it takes  
23 all kinds of Tators to make everything click.

24 We have 19 units in our district and some of our  
25 members are really busy. Our Tator Sisters have a lot of

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1 information to share with you and I know you're waiting to  
2 hear from them. Let me introduce our first Tator Sister,  
3 Ms. Participator.

4 TATOR SISTER PARTICIPATOR: Hello everyone. I am  
5 Participator and I want you to know I thoroughly enjoy  
6 being involved in all the activities of our district. Do  
7 you believe it, that some of our members think it's  
8 just -- we just sit around and gossip and drink coffee?  
9 They just don't know what they're missing. Boy, are they  
10 in for a surprise. Besides our regular meetings, we take  
11 time to plan activities such as Christmas parties at the  
12 veterans home, bowl-a-thons, walk-a-thons, teas, and lots  
13 of other things. You know, just by participating today I  
14 have learned to make new friends. I get tired of just  
15 thinking of all the things we do. But do you know what?  
16 When one participates, she learns much faster how being  
17 involved can help fill all the needs in our communities.

18 But I have a big problem. What are we going to  
19 do with other Tators? Dic, irri, hesi, agi, spec, imi,  
20 procrasti, and tot.

21 TATOR SISTER IRRITATOR: Yep, I'm Miss Irritator.  
22 I really enjoy getting everyone upset. And you know it  
23 isn't hard. I can always find a way to irritate somebody.  
24 I know when they were planning for today, President Rita  
25 wanted spaghetti and garlic bread for lunch. Now what

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1 kind of a meal was that? I want filet mignon. After all,  
2 I don't cook and I wanted something exotic. Of course she  
3 won out, but I made them think. But you know what? I'm a  
4 faithful member and I'm always pitching in. Remember, I  
5 really love being an irritator so they don't always think  
6 they're right.

7 TATOR SISTER HESITATER: Hi, everyone. I'm  
8 Hesitater. Why I can think of more reasons why I can get  
9 involved than -- why I can't get involved. You know, the  
10 other day they called and asked me if I would set up some  
11 chairs at the workshop. Well, I hesitated to say that I  
12 would do it. I am sure I wouldn't have done it right.  
13 Then they asked me to be a presenter. Okay. And of all  
14 things, I really hesitated on that. I am sure I would  
15 make mistakes and wouldn't be as good as the others.

16 TATOR SISTER IMITATOR: Good morning, I'm Miss  
17 Imitator. I'm Miss Imitator. I know just how to follow  
18 our leader. I'll do exactly like some of my Tator  
19 Sisters. If Miss Dictator is telling her Tator Sisters  
20 what and how to do something, I'll do just like the rest.  
21 If my sister Hesi isn't going to our meeting, I will find  
22 an excuse not to go either. I get so tired of trying to  
23 imitate our leader and other officers, but I just keep  
24 doing it because I just really want to be just like our  
25 leaders.

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1           TATOR SISTER AGITATOR: Humm, they call me Miss  
2 Agitator. Understand why? Just because I like to gossip  
3 just a little bit. Hey, you know when we get together I  
4 think it's important to know what's going on. I know I  
5 always have to check out the story. But so what? It  
6 cannot hurt. I know I have been told many times to be  
7 quiet at meetings. They think it's disruptive for others,  
8 but when I think of something to tell somebody, I just  
9 have to do it. I might forget. Anyway, somebody has to  
10 keep stirring things up.

11           TATOR SISTER SPECTATOR: Hi, I'm Ms. Spectator.  
12 You got that right. I never miss any of these programs  
13 that are planned by the Legion Family. I'm so happy they  
14 do all these things for us. I just don't have time to  
15 help, but I sure do love to come and be quiet and enjoy  
16 and make everything happen. Some of the Tator Sisters  
17 have told me to quit being a spectator and get involved.  
18 They say that maybe I won't always be complaining about  
19 what and how things are done, but I've been a spectator  
20 for so long, why would I want to change?

21           TATOR SISTER DICTATOR: Hello everyone. Yes,  
22 Miss Dictator. That's me. I'm the dictator. I will tell  
23 you what to do, when to do it, how to do it. And you  
24 don't even have to ask. I want to do it my way because  
25 you see, that's the only right way. New ideas? Forget

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1 about it. Somebody has to tell these people what to do or  
2 it won't get done. So that's my job, dictator.

3 TATOR SISTER PROCRASTINATOR: Hi, I'm Miss  
4 Procrastinator. I was a little late today. Just couldn't  
5 get out of bed. I didn't have my material ready because I  
6 waited until this morning to do it. Well, the printer ran  
7 out of ink, my car was out of gas. I could have gotten  
8 gas yesterday, but I wanted to wait until my tank was just  
9 a little bit lower. I know things will get done  
10 eventually so don't bug me about getting started earlier.  
11 I can always do it later. Maybe if I procrastinate long  
12 enough, somebody else will do it and I won't have to be  
13 bothered.

14 TATOR SISTER TATOR-TOT: Yes, I'm the youngest of  
15 them all, Miss Tator-Tot. I'm a junior member that has  
16 lots of enthusiasm and new ideas. I want to get involved  
17 so that I can learn about the Auxiliary. I don't want to  
18 set tables, clean up, do dishes, or other menial tasks,  
19 but I can do a lot of other things too. I like to visit  
20 the VA hospital when they have parties, help make table  
21 decorations, plan activities, and entertain. Even though  
22 I'm a tator-tot, I can do a lot.

23 (Applause.)

24 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT WEBER: I know a lot of you  
25 recognize ourselves in all of these. Thank you, ladies.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: I think we have a  
2 lot of those Tator Sisters in all of our units. I want to  
3 thank the 16th District Tator Sisters.

4 (Applause.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Now, ladies, we  
6 will have our resolutions report.

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8 RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

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10 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Thank you, Madam  
11 President. I would like to just take one moment to thank  
12 everyone here who helped me over this miserable time. I'm  
13 sorry. But I -- everybody's been nice to me, opened  
14 doors, helped me with my stuff and I appreciate it. Thank  
15 you very much.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you.

17 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Madam Department  
18 President, the Resolution committee met at 11:00 o'clock  
19 a.m. on Thursday, June 21 in the Siskiyou Room in the Red  
20 Lion. I forgot to write down the time.

21 By consent of the delegates, Linda Diebel of  
22 District 19 served as Secretary, Willie Burke of District  
23 11 served as chaplain, and Yvonne Mack of District 16  
24 served as Sergeant-at-Arms.

25 The meeting was opened with a prayer and the



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1 Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call showed 19 delegates  
2 present with two guests in attendance.

3 The committee agreed on the following report:  
4 The code was read and no changes were made. This chairman  
5 reported that three resolutions had been received.  
6 Resolution number 10 was referred to the committee of  
7 reference, and that was the Constitution & Bylaws.  
8 Resolutions number 11 and 12 was referred to the Poppy  
9 Committee. We were told as we walked in the door that  
10 Resolution number 11 was passed and so was 12 and as you  
11 know, the poppy resolutions were taken care of on the  
12 floor.

13 There were no emergency resolutions. The  
14 committee authorized this chairman to author and present  
15 the courtesy resolutions.

16 Madam Department President, this concludes the  
17 report of the Resolutions Committee. May we now present  
18 the courtesy resolutions?

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Please do. Thank  
20 you.

21 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Assisting me are  
22 Joan Cannon of District 11 and Wendy O'Brien of District  
23 6. And I'll let them get started.

24 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT CANNON: Whereas, the  
25 Convention Chairman, Cassie Mikesell along with

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1 Co-Chairman Terry Mikesell and their committee have done  
2 an outstanding job and have generously given their time to  
3 ensure our stay was both comfortable enjoyable; and  
4 whereas, they have worked many long hours to ensure that  
5 President Linda and delegates had a very successful  
6 convention; now therefore be it resolved, that we express  
7 our gratitude and sincere appreciation to Cassie, Terry,  
8 and the members of the 2nd District for their warm and  
9 gracious hospitality and for a job well done.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Standing ovation,  
11 please.

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you.

14 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Whereas, the  
15 management and staff of the Redding Holiday Inn have been  
16 most efficient and courteous and have made every effort to  
17 make our stay in Redding enjoyable and comfortable; now  
18 therefore be it resolved, that we express our gratitude  
19 and appreciation for their outstanding service and for  
20 making us feel right at home; and be it further resolved  
21 that we extend our appreciation to Lori Nipar, Director of  
22 Sales and Events, for her professionalism and dedication.

23 (Applause.)

24 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT CANNON: Whereas, a number  
25 of distinguished guests found time in their busy schedule

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1 to accept President Linda's invitation to attend this  
2 meeting; and whereas, we were honored to welcome them and  
3 enjoyed their warm greetings and informative remarks; now  
4 therefore be it resolved, that we express our appreciation  
5 to the following for their attendance at this meeting: Le  
6 Chapeau Departmental Eight Et Forty, Linda Workman, a  
7 dedicated member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

8 (Applause.)

9 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT CANNON: Mr. Dave Cockrill,  
10 American Legion and District 2 Commander.

11 (Applause.)

12 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT CANNON: Mr. Joseph Handy,  
13 American Legion 1st Area Commander.

14 (Applause.)

15 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT CANNON: Ms. Jan Price,  
16 Convention Corporation President.

17 (Applause.)

18 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Whereas, the Past  
19 Department Presidents continue to be a pillar of strength  
20 and inspirational leaders within our organization who are  
21 always willing to share their invaluable knowledge,  
22 insight, and experience with others; and whereas, there  
23 were 18 Past Department Presidents in attendance this  
24 Redding convention; and whereas, their presence is deeply  
25 appreciated and demonstrates a true and genuine concern

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1 for our members and organization; now, therefore be it  
2 resolved, that we are giving a rising vote of appreciation  
3 to the Past Department Presidents for their continued  
4 dedication and service to our organization.

5 (Applause.)

6 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Whereas, the  
7 Department of California takes great pride in the members  
8 of this department who are serving in the national  
9 organization; now, therefore be it resolved, that we  
10 expresses our gratitude and recognize the following  
11 members: Mrs. Pilar Reyes, National Executive  
12 Committeewoman and Western Division Community Service  
13 Chairman.

14 (Applause.)

15 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Mrs. Robert  
16 Taylor, Melanie, National Americanism Chairman.

17 (Applause.)

18 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Mrs. James Park,  
19 Nancy, National VA&R Chairman.

20 (Applause.)

21 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Mrs. Lonnie Biggs,  
22 Anita, Western Division Girls State Chairman.

23 (Applause.)

24 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Mrs. Bob Thompson,  
25 Lou, Western Division Public Relations Chairman.

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1 (Applause.)

2 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Mrs. John Capazzi,  
3 LuAnn, National VA&R Committee Member.

4 (Applause.)

5 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: And be it further  
6 resolved that we thank these members for the honor and  
7 prestige they bring to this department.

8 (Applause.)

9 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT O'BRIEN: Whereas, the  
10 Department Secretary/Treasurer, Peggy Vogeles, and the  
11 office staff have done an outstanding job in overseeing  
12 the daily operations of the department office; and  
13 whereas, her professionalism, helpfulness, and outstanding  
14 manner she routinely displayed in carrying out her  
15 day-to-day responsibilities is deeply appreciated by the  
16 members and officers of this organization. Therefore be  
17 it resolved, that we express our appreciation to Peggy  
18 and her staff for outstanding and job well done.

19 (Applause.)

20 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: The Department  
21 Commander of the American Legion, Hugh E. Crooks, Jr. has  
22 graciously taken time from his busy schedule to join us at  
23 this convention; and his cooperation in working together  
24 with our Department President, Linda, and Auxiliary  
25 members reinforces the close relationship of the

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1 California American Legion Family and further enhances all  
2 the programs of our organization; now therefore be it  
3 resolved, that we express to Commander Crooks our deep  
4 appreciation for the kindness and many courtesies that he  
5 has extend to our Department President, Linda, during  
6 their travels throughout our beautiful Golden State and we  
7 thank him for his presentation at this department  
8 convention. And be it further resolved that copies of  
9 this resolution be mailed to the Department Commander and  
10 to the American Legion office.

11 (Applause.)

12 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Now whereas, our  
13 gracious and capable Department President, Linda Fercho,  
14 has given a year of dedicated service to the American  
15 Legion Auxiliary and her western dream of, "Hats off to  
16 the American Legion Auxiliary volunteers," inspired  
17 spectacular adventures for our members as they challenged  
18 themselves to attain and surpass previous accomplishments  
19 and contributions for our veterans, their families, and  
20 for our organization; now, therefore be it resolved, that  
21 we express our sincere thanks to President Linda for her  
22 inspiring leadership and for the warmth and friendship  
23 that she has radiated throughout our state; and be it  
24 further resolved, that we show our gratitude by a rising  
25 vote of appreciation; and be it further resolved that

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1 copies of this resolution be given to President Linda and  
2 to her unit.

3 (Applause.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you very  
5 much.

6 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Madam Department  
7 President, now that all the resolutions have been read,  
8 may they be accepted into the record?

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Yes. Thank you so  
10 very much. They are wonderful. Thank you for the help,  
11 Joan and Wendy. Thank you, Pat, for doing this it. Is  
12 greatly appreciated.

13 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Thank you for  
14 giving me two wonderful girls to work with.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Now we will go onto  
18 unfinished business. I sent three notes out and I'm  
19 looking for three people over here. I need someone here  
20 from -- while you're getting up here, I would like to ask  
21 our vice president, our lieutenant governor, to come to  
22 the station. I have thanked her many times for all the  
23 hard work on the convention, but also this year she was an  
24 amazing vice president. She was so many places promoting  
25 the convention, getting ready for it, but also supporting

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1 our organization, representing me in the best light we  
2 could have ever had. She's an amazing woman. You've  
3 elected an amazing woman to be your president next year.

4 I wanted to give you just a little something to  
5 remember the western year. And thank you, Terry, very,  
6 very much.

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: By the way, she's a  
9 kick in the ass.

10 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: I want to  
11 tell you, at the DEC we presented Linda with her gift.  
12 And my sense of humor is sick. I was going to give her  
13 the boot, but I restrained myself.

14 Thank you, Linda, very much. It's been a  
15 wonderful year and I do appreciate it. And I'm not sure  
16 to thank you for electing me or whatever because I'm going  
17 to need your support. Ruby and Diane and Linda and  
18 everybody, thank you.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: At this time I have  
21 a great honor -- well, maybe. District 12, Unit 872  
22 Scranton, would you come forward, please? How do you  
23 pronounce that? I'd like to present at this time the  
24 charter for the newly formed unit Scranton and Quail Post  
25 872, California.



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1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: At this time I will  
3 be signing your charter. What an honor. The secretary  
4 will now sign it.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: This is extremely  
7 special for me. I am so proud of this because I'll get to  
8 see this one a lot. I'd like to present the new charter  
9 to San Luis Obispo, District 16, Post 666.

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: I will now  
12 officially sign your charter. Secretary.

13 Also included with this is a certificate with all  
14 of the charter -- it's the role of the charter members of  
15 this unit. This unit was in existence years and years ago  
16 so they have come alive and well and they're doing amazing  
17 things up there. (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: San Benito, Unit  
19 69, District 28.

20 (Applause.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: They've done an  
22 amazing percentage on membership. They have 17 members.  
23 They started with none. It's my honor to present to  
24 Hollister of San Benito, Post 69 the charter.

25 Ladies, please stand and give a welcome, a warm,

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1 warm welcome for the new charters of the American Legion  
2 Auxiliary.

3 (Applause.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you. Thank  
5 you, ladies, very much. We also had three new units  
6 chartered at the DEC. District 6, please stand. Citrus  
7 Heights, District 6.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: District 16, please  
10 stand. Guadalupe.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: District 18,  
13 Monterey Park.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Next year I hope we  
16 double that and I hope, Terry, you'll be giving out 12 new  
17 charters.

18 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Me too.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: She does too. Is  
20 there any other unfinished business Madam -- our preacher?

21 CHAPLAIN CARTER: Madam Department Linda, it has  
22 been a great experience in being your preacher and I would  
23 like to present to you your prayer book. I know I have  
24 many, many prayers. I had another one, so I will be  
25 presenting it to you today and I will take it back from

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1 you and I will express it to you UPS.

2 And for your personal, this is a gift from me.

3 It's touched by an angel. I was inspired by angels from

4 Josie Melgard when I received my angel. I have always

5 done gold in my unit and district. And I love angels and

6 this is for you.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: This is a book

8 "Blessed By Angels" many stories and poems. It's

9 beautiful.

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Okay. This

12 beautiful lady, elegant as she is, displays this much

13 better than this little bag. It clips on and then you can

14 put your badge on it. So I will always have an angel next

15 to my heart. Oh, and a beautiful angel pin that I will

16 also wear with pride. Thank you.

17 CHAPLAIN CARTER: And this is your book and there

18 are pictures right there.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: My picture.

20 CHAPLAIN CARTER: Thank you again and thank you

21 all again for being so -- I don't know what to say.

22 During the memorial, you guys were just wonderful. You

23 know when to say "Shhhh." It was just wonderful. And

24 again, Nancy, please give the Melgards again my sympathies

25 and regards because they are wonderful. Thank you all.

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1 (Applause.)

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Do we have any  
3 other presentations? I think I have one. The past  
4 department presidents. Oh, we're going to read the  
5 minutes first. The Circuit Judge says minutes first. But  
6 could the past department presidents please line up for  
7 their presentation while we read the minutes.

8 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: These are the  
9 minutes from the pre-convention Department Executive  
10 Committee Meeting, Redding, California, June 21st, 2012.  
11 The post-executive DEC minutes from Ontario are not  
12 available.

13 The secretary was elected at that time, which was  
14 Doris Kilkinney. Remember patience. Learning curve.

15 The minutes from the Department Executive  
16 Committee, January 13th through the 15th, 2012 Beginning  
17 Saturday, January 14th, 2012 at 0830 hours and ending  
18 Sunday, January 15th, 2011. Actions taken. Moved by  
19 Finance Committee Chairman Susie Tozier, seconded and  
20 carried to retain the services of Driver & Nix Court  
21 Reporters for the current 2012 convention in Redding,  
22 California.

23 Moved by Girls State Chairman Lou Thompson,  
24 seconded and carried, the recommendation of Girls State  
25 registration for \$75 and application fee of \$350 to be

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1 brought to the convention floor in Redding, California  
2 June 2012.

3 Announcements of candidates for 2012-2013.  
4 President: Terry Mikesell, Unit 197, District 2. The  
5 vice president: Anita Biggs, Unit 252, District 23.  
6 Junior Member of Finance: Geri Fitzpatrick, Unit 807,  
7 District 4. Candidate for National President 2013: Nancy  
8 Brown-Park, Unit 472, District 26.

9 Moved and seconded and carried to accept the  
10 following for the 2012-2013 American Essays Titles. Group  
11 1, grades fourth and fifth: Why do we celebrate the 4th  
12 of July? Group 2, grades six and seven: What freedom of  
13 speech means to me. Group 3, grades eighth and ninth:  
14 How do you show your Americanism? Group 4, grades 10 and  
15 12: Is Patriotism a commitment? Group 5, exceptional  
16 children: What does it mean to be a good citizen?

17 The following actions moved by the respective  
18 district presidents, seconded, and carried. Hoopa Unit  
19 415 to remain on probation until June 2012. Hopland Unit  
20 529, District 1 remains on probation until June 2012.  
21 George A. Thompson, Unit 544, District 1 remains on  
22 probation until June 2012. Chico, Unit 17, District 4 to  
23 be placed on probation until June 2012. Richard Townsend,  
24 Unit 84, District 7 remains on probation until June 2012.

25 Next Generation of Heroes, Unit 911, District 8

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1 remain on probation until June 12th, 2012. Elijah B.  
2 Hayes, Unit 168, District 12 removed from probation.  
3 Willow Glen, Unit 318, District 13 remain on probation  
4 until June 2012.

5 San Gabriel, Unit 442, District 18 has  
6 surrendered. San Dimas, Unit 475, District 18 to remain  
7 on probation until June 2012. Chilelli Memorial, Unit  
8 888, District 18 to remain on probation until June 2012.  
9 JB Clark, Unit 149, District 22 to remain on probation  
10 until 2012.

11 Leyte, Unit 625, District 22 to remain on  
12 probation until June 2012. Inglewood, Unit 188, District  
13 23 to remain on probation until June 2012. Boron, Unit  
14 636, District 27 to remain on probation until June 2012.  
15 And Mono Basin, Unit 672, District 27 was surrendered.

16 Those are the minutes from the DEC meeting in  
17 January in Oxnard. I move for their acceptance.

18 FINANCE COMMITTEE JUNIOR MARTINEZ: Second.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: It is moved and  
20 seconded to accept the minutes of the DEC meeting in  
21 January at Oxnard. All in favor?

22 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Oh, wait. Stop.  
24 Discussion?

25 (No response.)

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Okay. All in  
2 favor?

3 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Nay?

5 (No response.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you.

7 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Okay. Minutes from  
8 the Preconvention DEC, Redding, California, June 21st,  
9 2012.

10 Beginning on Thursday, June 21st, 2012 at 0715  
11 hours and ending at 0950 hours. Actions taken. It was  
12 moved, seconded, and consented. Administrative code  
13 additions. The department secretary shall keep all  
14 pertinent and relevant tax information up-to-date and  
15 current with National Headquarters and California State  
16 Franchise Tax Board.

17 Do I read these as amended or do I have to go  
18 back and do them again and put in the changes?

19 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: As amended.

20 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Okay. Units shall  
21 send copies of annual confirmation for filing of Federal  
22 990N E-Postcard and state forms 199N E-Postcard, Attorney  
23 General's Office of Charitable Trusts CT-1 form or RRF-1  
24 form, whichever is applicable, to District Presidents no  
25 later than September 30th. Units turning in their

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1 charters shall ensure all State and Federal forms are  
2 filled out and filed with appropriate agencies to dissolve  
3 the unit.

4 District President shall send copies of annual  
5 confirmation for filing of Federal 990N E-Postcard and  
6 State forms 199N E-Postcard and CT-1 or RRF-1 forms,  
7 whichever is applicable, for all units and districts to  
8 department headquarters no later than October 30th.

9 District Presidents shall ensure that units turning in  
10 their charters have filled out and filed all State and  
11 Federal forms with appropriate agencies to dissolve the  
12 unit.

13 Department shall maintain an Excel list  
14 containing name of unit and number; State entity number,  
15 corporate number, if applicable, and mailing addresses for  
16 all units in California to National headquarters annually  
17 no later than February. National assumes the  
18 responsibility of sending a current and up-to-date list  
19 for all units and departments covered by the National GEN  
20 0964 tax exemption annually to the IRS.

21 Department shall e-mail an Excel list containing  
22 the name of unit or district and number, state entity  
23 number, EIN number, corporate number, if applicable, and  
24 mailing address for all units and districts in California  
25 to the Franchise Tax Board no later than February.



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1 Department shall include summary of tax mandates  
2 in packages for all newly chartered units.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Okay. You can have  
4 it back.

5 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: All right. Move  
6 seconded by consent. Amended to the administrative  
7 additions, add the words "Long Form 990" to paragraph 2  
8 and 3 after the words "199N E-Postcard" and add the  
9 letters "EIN" to paragraph 5 between the words "and" and  
10 "number." Moved, second, and consensus. Add the  
11 confidential --

12 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: That's a separate  
13 issue. So -- well, we can vote on the whole thing, so  
14 we'll amend it to its form.

15 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Right.

16 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: So now this is  
17 another issue.

18 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Right. It was  
19 moved, seconded and consensus to add the confidentiality  
20 agreement and conflict of interest statement to the  
21 department policy number 7.

22 It was moved, seconded and by consensus to add  
23 the confidentiality agreement and conflict of interest  
24 statements to the personnel policy under Ethics number 4  
25 for staff to sign.

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1           It was moved, seconded by consensus to add the  
2 word "yearly" to the added two previous motions.

3           The following actions were moved by the  
4 respective district presidents, seconded, and carried.  
5 Hoopa, Unit 415, District 1 remains on probation until  
6 January 2013. Hopland, Unit 529, District 1 to remain on  
7 probation until January 2013. George A. Thompson, Unit  
8 544, District 1 was removed from probation.

9           Chico, Unit 17, District 4 was removed from  
10 probation. Richard Townsend, Unit 84, District 7 was  
11 surrendered. Next Generation of Heroes, Unit 911,  
12 District 8 was surrendered.

13           Elijah B. Hayes, Unit 168, District 12 was  
14 removed from probation. Clinton McCausland, Unit 190,  
15 District 11 was placed on probation until January 2013.  
16 Sharpe Army, District 11 was placed on probation until  
17 January 2013.

18           Willow Glen, Unit 318, District 13 will remain on  
19 probation until January 2013. Moorpark, Unit 502,  
20 District 16 was placed on probation until January 2013.  
21 San Dimas, Unit 475, District 18 was to remain on  
22 probation until January 2013.

23           Chilelli Memorial, Unit 888, District 18 was to  
24 remain on probation until January of 2013. Sunland  
25 Tujunga, Unit 377, District 20 was placed on probation

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1 until January 2013. Newhall Saugus, Unit 507, District 20  
2 was placed on probation until January 2013.

3 Owen Coffman, Unit 519, District 21 was placed on  
4 probation until January 2013. Morrison Memorial, Unit  
5 574, District 21 was placed on probation until January  
6 2013. JB Clark, Unit 149, District 22 was removed from  
7 probation.

8 (Applause.)

9 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Leyte, Unit 625,  
10 District 22 was removed from probation.

11 (Applause.)

12 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Inglewood, Unit 188,  
13 District 23's charter was surrendered. Steele Town, Unit  
14 772, District 25 was placed on probation until January  
15 2013. Boron, Unit 636, District 27 was surrendered. The  
16 charter was surrendered. Pardon me. They were taken  
17 off -- never mine. Sorry. Sorry. Sorry, Danielle. They  
18 were taken off probation. Quechan, Unit 802, District 30  
19 was placed on probation.

20 Request for acceptance of the minutes. I move  
21 for acceptance of the minutes.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: It has been moved  
23 and seconded to accept the minutes of the pre-convention  
24 meeting here in Redding. Discussion?

25 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN SOARES: Madam President,

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1 Michelle Soares, Americanism Chairman, District 28. I  
2 believe that the Next Generation of Heroes, Unit 911,  
3 their charter was revoked, not surrendered. And I think  
4 it's important that we make that distinction.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you. Just  
6 one minute. Yes, mic two.

7 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT HATHAWAY: Carol Hathaway,  
8 District 21. Madam President, 763 surrendered their  
9 charter. It was also turned in.

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: What unit is that?  
11 What is the name of it?

12 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT HATHAWAY: Ray Worrell.

13 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: I'm sorry. That is  
14 correct. I left it off the minutes.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Ray Worrell. Okay.  
16 Surrendered their charter. Thank you.

17 Any other discussion?

18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: All those in favor  
20 of accepting the minutes as amended?

21 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Opposed?

23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Passed. Thank you.  
25 I have two presentations. District 20, would you like to

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1 come up here? District 6?

2 DISTRICT 6 REPRESENTATIVE: Thank you. On behalf  
3 of Unit 521 and all the hardworking members that we have,  
4 we would like to present \$2,000 for Ride2Recovery.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: This is District 6.  
7 Please stand, District 6. Thank you, thank you. Thank  
8 you very much. I have another special presentation.

9 MS. WALSH: I'm a Tator mom. I'm Theresa Walsh,  
10 Unit 741, District 16. On behalf 741, I would like to  
11 present you these roses and say to you welcome home.

12 (Applause.)

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you, thank  
14 you. Could District 16, my district, Unit 741 please  
15 stand? Thank you for your support. You're amazing. Hats  
16 off.

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: And now we will  
19 start with our presidents, our past department presidents.  
20 I'm going to turn this over to our saloon girl, Odette  
21 Cuccaro.

22 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER CUCCARO: Thank you,  
23 Madam President. I'm representing the Peachy Performers  
24 and the Classy Penguins. And if those members of those  
25 groups please stand. We're making our presentation of \$15

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1 to the Past Department President Junior Scholarship and  
2 \$70 to the Creative Arts. And we're doing this memorial  
3 of Peach Josie Melgard and Bea Kininger, performer. Thank  
4 you.

5 (Applause.)

6 VA&R HOSPITAL REP HOLMBERG: Okay. Phyllis'  
7 Musicians, we have two of my presidents here, Emily and --  
8 whoops, the other one. Anyhow, we are very proud to  
9 donate \$100 to the Girls State program and \$125 to the  
10 VA&R temporary financial assistance fund.

11 (Applause.)

12 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: I have to admit I  
13 left my stuff in the room, but I want to give \$300 to Unit  
14 314 Hawthornes because I had stopped that but I decided to  
15 keep that up because we had some donations. And \$50 to  
16 the junior scholarship.

17 And, Peggy, I will get it to you. I didn't bring  
18 it down.

19 (Applause.)

20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BURKE: Marge's Shanks  
21 and Magic Chiefs, Willie Burke's Leaders of the Bank are  
22 giving to the Junior Scholarship 25 and to the VA&R 275.

23 (Applause.)

24 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT QUINONES: If you're  
25 here, please stand. Goldie's Golden Links, Gerry's Cards,

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1 Shelby's Actresses, Margaret's Dream Catchers, and Ruby's  
2 All Stars. We are donating \$170 to VA&R Patient Welfare,  
3 170 to VA&R Patient Remembrance, and \$10 to the Past  
4 Department Presidents Junior Scholarship.

5 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT KAPSALIS: And someone  
6 handed Peggy \$20, so we'll put \$190 on.

7 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: District 25.

8 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT KAPSALIS: Okay. Thank  
9 you. And, Madam Department President, there was three  
10 gophers that were at home in the pasture pitching hay or  
11 something, I don't know what, but on behalf of Art  
12 Kapsalis, Angel Quinones, and Herb Caples here is another  
13 \$75 for your special fund.

14 (Applause.)

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT WORKMAN: Will Linda's  
16 Workmen and Park's Patriots please stand? Our donation is  
17 \$20 to the Junior Scholarship, \$100 to the Girls State  
18 program, and \$60 to Creative Arts.

19 (Applause.)

20 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Will Virginia Gandy's  
21 Engineers please stand? Judy Lloyd's Editors and my  
22 Circus Acts, we are donating \$314 to VA&R and \$108 to the  
23 Nancy Brown-Park campaign fund.

24 (Applause.)

25 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER JACOB: Okay. Could we

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1 have Bev's Stars, Betty's Bears, Sue's Lighthouses,  
2 Melanie's Balloonists, Madeline's Princesses, and Sandy's  
3 Colonels please stand. Oh, and I'm sorry. And BJ's Torch  
4 Bearers. Come on, ladies. It hasn't been that long ago  
5 so we have to have more of you out there.

6 As a group we joined forces and for VA&R TFA we  
7 have \$200, Junior Scholarship \$100, Girls State \$100,  
8 Creative Arts \$100, and for General Fund to help you with  
9 those computers \$260.

10 (Applause.)

11 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAPLES: Linda's  
12 Racers, please stand. We wish to donate to the department  
13 to be used for TFI -- I mean TFA, \$125.

14 (Applause.)

15 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAPAZZI: Will LuAnn's  
16 Ship Captains that are in the audience please stand. Ahoy  
17 out there. Our group is going to donate to the VA&R Tea  
18 Fund \$125, to the National Veterans Creative Arts Program  
19 \$110, and to the department office for their equipment  
20 problems and help \$100, for a total of \$335.

21 (Applause.)

22 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAPAZZI: As I am the  
23 chairman and secretary/treasurer for our Past Department  
24 Presidents, this year we met and we decided that we would  
25 donate to the Girls State program, because that was



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1 Josie's favorite program, and we are donating \$200 to that  
2 fund.

3 (Applause.)

4 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT DUVALL: Will Norma's  
5 Birds of Paradise please stand. We are going to donate  
6 \$105 to the VA&R TFA.

7 (Applause.)

8 NEC WOMAN REYES: Will Pilar's Musicians all  
9 stand up? I saw a lot of you here. We are donating \$175  
10 to VA&R and \$50 to Children & Youth. Thank you all.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you, ladies.  
13 Thank you for all that you do, for all your guidance, all  
14 your help. And I know your -- my Rodeo Queens, next year  
15 we will be getting together the same way as they all do  
16 and we'll be honored to do that and join the ranks.

17 Thank you very much for your donations and your  
18 generosity to our programs. It is very appreciated.  
19 Please, can I have a standing round of applause for these  
20 awesome, awesome, awesome women.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: At this time do we  
23 have any new business to come before this delegation?

24 Madam President recognizes Pilar, Past Department  
25 President Pilar.

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1            NEC WOMAN REYES: This won't take long, you know,  
2 because we have to stay here for our installation. But  
3 anyway, we have received from National advance information  
4 about amendments that will be presented at 2012  
5 convention. This was sent to us so that delegates that  
6 will be attending the National Convention would know what  
7 would be presented and they can ask questions.

8            But anyway, I'm not going to read everything in  
9 its entirety --

10            (Applause.)

11            NEC WOMAN REYES: -- because -- I'll just give  
12 you the information and then -- and I would request -- I  
13 would like to request our secretary to please post this on  
14 the -- Ruby, could you please post it on the website, to  
15 e-mail everything? Could you, please --

16            SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Yes.

17            NEC WOMAN REYES: -- please e-mail all the  
18 delegates and alternates going to National Convention?

19            But anyway, this list is just for your  
20 information. The American Legion Auxiliary 2012 National  
21 Convention, the National organization will be presenting  
22 amendments to the ALA's National Constitution & Bylaws.  
23 The American Legion Auxiliary Strategic Planning  
24 Committee, after three years of consideration will be  
25 proposing an update to the national governance structure

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1 to create a 15-member American Legion Auxiliary board.

2 And the message gives all the purposes of the  
3 board and what it is for and all questions that would be  
4 asked, the purpose of it why is it needed, how it is  
5 structured, and how much it will cost. And I will not  
6 read that. You will get it from the website. And please  
7 do it as soon as we get back to our homes. Please e-mail  
8 to everyone kindly. And thank you very much.

9 So there's a lot of information given, four  
10 pages. I'm not going to read it. Thank you.

11 (Applause.)

12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Nancy  
13 Brown-Park. Just really quickly, I want to be sure that  
14 you understand when you do take the opportunity to read  
15 this, that this does not replace the NEC as it stands.  
16 This new board will report to the NEC. It's very much  
17 like what you have in your unit as an executive board.

18 So there's a lot of conversation -- when they did  
19 mission training, there was a lot of input from the  
20 members, so that's really what this is. This is to kind  
21 of make some of those decisions quickly that need to be  
22 made. But everything has to come back to the NEC for  
23 approval.

24 (Applause.)

25 NEC WOMAN REYES: Yeah. And there were people

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1 considering the issue about adding the districts or  
2 poppies, and that will be talked about. And be sure that  
3 you read it carefully. And those delegates that are  
4 attending National Convention, prepare your questions. Be  
5 sure that you ask questions so that you will understand  
6 what will be going on and what is presented to us and so  
7 that there won't be any cloud in our minds. Thank you.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Thank you. Thank  
9 you very much.

10 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT KAPSALIS: Past  
11 Department President Ruby Kapsalis. You know who I am. I  
12 just want to make a -- we talked about this at the tax  
13 luncheon yesterday, but I just want to encourage all the  
14 national delegates that are going to the National  
15 Convention to make sure they vote yes on getting these  
16 districts into the -- under the National General 0967  
17 exemption. We need it and it's a good thing.

18 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Just  
19 another quick reference to the governance, there will be a  
20 workshop that will talk about the new government board,  
21 how it will be constructed if it's passed and added to the  
22 constitution and bylaws. So if you have the opportunity,  
23 I would like at least some of us to read that so that we  
24 all have a good understanding of how it's going -- it's  
25 going to be. It behooves us to think about changing how

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1 we collect and elect our NEC in the future. So I think we  
2 all want to be aware of what the changes will be.

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Isn't it wonderful  
4 we get firsthand information? Wow. That's what we get  
5 for having the best candidate available ever, ever, ever,  
6 ever for national president. Nancy Brown-Park.

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: If anyone has any  
9 questions regarding -- if you're a delegate going,  
10 regarding the vote that Ruby was speaking of, be sure and  
11 talk to her now so that you understand how important that  
12 yes vote is.

13 Okay. I haven't done this all the time, but I am  
14 going to make an announcement.

15 (Singing.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: This is fantastic.  
17 We have a young lady named Chelsea Elafonte, a junior  
18 member with Unit 289, District 21. This young lady  
19 resides in Riverside and recently was awarded by the ALA  
20 the National Spirit of Youth Scholarship for the western  
21 division, \$5,000.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Chelsea was a past  
24 department Miss Poppy and has been an outstanding junior  
25 member working and helping within her unit serving

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1 veterans, doing fundraising, doing performances, acting in  
2 her church and community and school all the while  
3 maintaining the high honors. She will be attending  
4 California Baptist College this fall. She was recently  
5 elevated to a senior member this year. That is our  
6 future, ladies.

7 (Applause.)

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: At this time we  
9 will be recessing. Don't leave yet. No stampede. We  
10 will be preparing for the installation of officers for  
11 2012-2013. You may now take your boots if you'd like to  
12 take those. Please stay for the installation. There will  
13 be a DEC following that. Important packets will be handed  
14 out. So please stay and enjoy the installation.

15 Terry, do you have any words or things you'd like  
16 to say? Here we go.

17 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: As most of  
18 you ladies who have been here this weekend is aware,  
19 District 2 is a very small district. Our little elves and  
20 slaves have been working. So if you pick up your little  
21 boot if you would, kindly take your little can and park it  
22 over on the side over there. It will take about half an  
23 hour to turn the room around.

24 And I hope that you stay for the installation not  
25 only for me, but for yourselves because there's going to

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1 be some information given out at the DEC that will help  
2 you next year. So if you guys can please stay afterwards,  
3 we really appreciate it for the DEC. Thank you.

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Also, ladies,  
5 following the installation we will be resuming the  
6 convention. We will be retiring the colors on the stage,  
7 and then I will be adjourning it. And at that time when I  
8 leave the convention hall with my 16th District posse and  
9 my family, we will be closing this convention.

10 So after the installation, we will come back to  
11 officially close the convention. So, ladies, please come  
12 back. Half hour. Thank you.

13 We have a couple of dispatches.

14 SECRETARY/TREASURER VOGELE: Would the pages  
15 please meet with Barbara LaDoucer at the back of the room.

16 And Alice Pamdin of District 6 has lost her  
17 glasses. If you see any missing pair of glasses, please  
18 return them. Okay. Well, scratch that one. Thanks.

19 (Recess from 12:01 p.m. to 12:48 p.m.)

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21 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2012-2013

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23 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: The Distinguished  
24 Guest Chairman Linda Workman, Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms  
25 Nancy Brown-Park, Honorary Marshal Bonnie Christner,

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1 Honorary Chaplain Alzora Carter, Honorary Musician Pat  
2 Alvarez, District 2 Color Bearers will be Molly Smith and  
3 Judy Henderson, and the staff of Unit 197 Color Bearers  
4 will be Dawn and Emily Wolbert. We will now proceed with  
5 the installation of the department officers of year  
6 2012-2013.

7 The Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal with  
8 the Distinguished Guest Chairman, please escort the  
9 department chairman.

10 (Processional.)

11 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: As many of you know,  
12 installation can be a little nerve-wracking and sometimes  
13 we forget what we're doing. So we will now have the  
14 Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal and the  
15 Distinguished Guest Chairman please escort only the  
16 district second vice presidents. We were just getting so  
17 excited. Okay. So now here they come, the district  
18 second vice presidents so you get a second look.

19 (Processional.)

20 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: We have a very long  
21 hall so it takes a little while to get to the back of the  
22 room. Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal with the  
23 Distinguished Guest Chairman, please escort the district  
24 first vice presidents.

25 (Processional.)



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1 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Honorary  
2 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal with the Distinguished Guest  
3 Chairman, please escort the district presidents.  
4 (Processional.)

5 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Honorary  
6 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal with the Distinguished Guest  
7 Chairman, please escort the following: Parliamentarian  
8 Ruby Kapsalis, Sergeant-at-Arms Gloria Williams, Marshal  
9 Sheree Galvan, Historian Carol Fuqua, and Chaplain Marge  
10 Rye.

11 (Processional.)

12 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: You may be seated.  
13 Honor Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal with the Distinguished  
14 Guest Chairman, please escort the Junior Member Elect Geri  
15 Fitzpatrick escorted by her friend Randy Taylor.

16 (Processional.)

17 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: You may be seated for  
18 a couple of minutes because the next few you're going to  
19 be standing for a little while.

20 Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms with the Distinguished  
21 Guest Chairman, please escort the Department Vice  
22 President Elect Anita Biggs. And I see that she's  
23 escorted by Jim Park. That was not expected, but very  
24 nice.

25 (Processional.)

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1                   PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT:   Honorary  
2   Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal with the Distinguished Guest  
3   Chairman, please escort the Department President Elect  
4   Terry Mikesell escorted by her friend Steve Bosteen.

5                   (ProceSSIONAL.)

6                   PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT:   Color Bearers with  
7   the Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms and the Distinguished Guest  
8   Chairman, please present the colors of District 2 and  
9   Shasta Unit 197.

10                  (ProceSSIONAL.)

11                  PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT:   The installation of  
12   our newly elected and appointed officers is one of the  
13   most important and impressive ceremonies of our department  
14   convention as we begin this transition from one  
15   administration to another.   We wish to express our  
16   appreciation to the retiring department and district  
17   officers for their outstanding contributions to the  
18   amazing stories of the American Legion Auxiliary,  
19   Department of California.

20                  (Applause.)

21                  PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT:   As we turn from the  
22   memories of a very successful year that we have just  
23   completed, let us all look forward with renewed dedication  
24   and enthusiasm to another year of achievement by our new  
25   department and district officers as we honor and serve our

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1 veterans, their families, and our country. We  
2 congratulate our new officers and wish them a year filled  
3 with mystical enchantment that will enlighten our hearts  
4 and inspire them throughout the year.

5 District Vice Presidents, District Presidents and  
6 Department Officers, please rise. Yes, that's you too.

7 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: I just want  
8 to sit down.

9 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: My fellow members,  
10 you have been chosen to fill the various officers of the  
11 American Legion Auxiliary Department of California. You  
12 will I know vindicate the trust that has been reposed in  
13 you and fulfill in every way the obligations which that  
14 trust entails. You will familiarize yourselves with the  
15 duties of your respective offices as given in the  
16 department bylaws. Always remember that the welfare and  
17 success of the administration depends upon you, and upon  
18 your shoulders rest the burden of observing the integrity  
19 of the American Legion Auxiliary.

20 You must protect its good name before the people  
21 of the United States and at all times endeavor to have  
22 them understand its policy and purpose. Always remember  
23 the tolerant spirit of the American Legion Auxiliary,  
24 allow no distinction of class or creed to appear among its  
25 members. There is no rank among us. For each serves as

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1 the equal of her fellow member and all strive towards the  
2 same goal which is the realization and the life of the  
3 republic of the ideals of justice, freedom, democracy, and  
4 loyalty.

5 Please raise your right hand and repeat after me  
6 giving your name where I give mine. I, Diane DeLashmit.

7 (Response.)

8 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Promise to perform  
9 faithfully.

10 (Response.)

11 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: All the duties of the  
12 office.

13 (Response.)

14 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: I am about to assume.

15 (Response.)

16 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: And I further pledge.

17 (Response.)

18 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: That I am not a  
19 member of.

20 (Response.)

21 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: And do not subscribe  
22 to.

23 (Response.)

24 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: The principles of any  
25 group.

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1 (Response.)

2 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Opposed to our form  
3 of government.

4 (Response.)

5 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: I brought the thing  
6 with me. District Second Vice Presidents, please rise.

7 Into your helpful hands we place the  
8 responsibility of assisting the first vice presidents in  
9 all of their duties. The cooperation and spirit with  
10 which you fulfill your responsibilities will contribute  
11 much to the success of this year. Congratulations.

12 (Applause.)

13 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: District First Vice  
14 Presidents, please rise. To you is given the act of  
15 cooperation with the president for the continued  
16 development of your district programs. In the absence of  
17 the president, you will be prepared to assume the duties  
18 of her office. This year can be a rewarding, learning  
19 experience for you and prepare you for future goals.  
20 Congratulations.

21 (Applause.)

22 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: District Presidents,  
23 please rise. You are assuming a tremendous responsibility  
24 in leading the day-to-day activities of the units in your  
25 district as a deputy to the department president. You are

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1 the most important member of the official family. For you  
2 represent the link between the members of this great  
3 department and the department president. With full  
4 confidence in your abilities, you have been chosen by your  
5 district to fill this important position. May your year  
6 of service as a special treasurer be a happy, exciting,  
7 and rewarding adventure for you and your district.  
8 Congratulations.

9 (Applause.)

10 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Parliamentarian Ruby  
11 Kapsalis.

12 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT KAPSALIS: That's me.

13 PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Yeah, that's you.

14 And, boy, am I glad that's you. Your duty is to advise  
15 the department president of procedural matters in the  
16 deliberations of the department. The benefit of your  
17 experience and wise counsel will be a great asset to her  
18 in the performance of your duties. Congratulations. And  
19 I really do mean that.

20 (Applause.)

21 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Sergeant-at-Arms  
22 Gloria Williams and Marshal Cherie Galvan. You will have  
23 the very special honor this year of carrying the flag of  
24 our country and the banner of the Department of  
25 California. The love and respect with which you carry out

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1 these duties will inspire the membership.

2 In addition, you are responsible for order at  
3 all department meetings and such other duties as may be  
4 assigned to you by the Department President.

5 Congratulations.

6 (Applause.)

7 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Historian Carol  
8 Fuqua. To you is given the rather awesome responsibility  
9 of compiling the history of this administration. Many  
10 memorable accomplishments will occur this year and your  
11 official record will prepare those mystical magical  
12 moments for those who follow. Congratulations.

13 (Applause.)

14 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Chaplain Marge  
15 Rye. You have been asked to serve as the spiritual leader  
16 of this department. The love and empathy with which you  
17 perform the duties of your office will do much to help  
18 lighten the sorrows that may fall upon the shoulders of  
19 our members. You will have the opportunity of offer  
20 prayers that will be uplifting to us and to assist our  
21 members to development a sense of inner strength gained  
22 from God's blessings. Congratulations.

23 (Applause.)

24 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Junior Member of  
25 Finance Geri Fitzpatrick. And you were a Circus Act.

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1 JUNIOR MEMBER OF FINANCE FITZPATRICK: Yes.

2 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: I'm very proud  
3 of all the Circus Acts.

4 You are entering a three-year term of a very  
5 important committee of this department. Study carefully  
6 your responsibility as outlined in the bylaws and  
7 policies. Always remember that you were elected by the  
8 membership to represent their best interests. We know you  
9 will consider well your duties and enjoy your service on  
10 this committee. I congratulate you.

11 (Applause.)

12 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Honorary  
13 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal, please escort the Department  
14 Vice President Elect Anita Biggs to the station.

15 Anita, as the apprentice you will be the  
16 Department President's right hand. She may call on you  
17 for counsel or to represent her at special occasions. You  
18 should be prepared to do so, as well as assuming the  
19 duties of her office if the need should arise. Your  
20 enthusiasm, cooperation will do much to add to the success  
21 of her administration.

22 May this year be a rewarding and learning  
23 experience and help prepare you for future goals.  
24 Congratulations.

25 (Applause.)



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1 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: And I pin over  
2 your heart the badge of --

3 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT BIGGS: Ouch.  
4 (Applause.)

5 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: We have to do  
6 this proper. Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal, please escort  
7 Anita to her seat.

8 Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal, please  
9 escort Department President Elect Terry Mikesell to the  
10 podium.

11 Terry, great trust has been reposed in you by  
12 your election to the highest office within the district of  
13 the Department of California. I charge you to carry  
14 constantly in your mind the obligation which is yours,  
15 that of upholding the four great principles expressed in  
16 the preamble to our constitution: justice, freedom,  
17 democracy, and loyalty.

18 As Department President you have the great  
19 challenge of developing and improving the programs of the  
20 American Legion Auxiliary. You have been selected by the  
21 members to fulfill this challenge. We have faith in your  
22 ability and integrity. We know that you will exemplify  
23 the qualities of leadership that the members expect from  
24 the department president.

25 You will be the spokesperson for all of us to the

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1 public. Our members will look to you for guidance,  
2 inspiration, and understanding. Terry, we know that you  
3 will continue to use your talents, your strengths and your  
4 love of the American Legion Auxiliary in the best  
5 interests of the members of our department.

6 Your leadership will inspire our members to  
7 achieve goals never thought possible in all of our  
8 programs. Your theme of magical, mystical fantasy will  
9 add fun and inspiration to reach for higher goals as we  
10 serve our most enduring treasures, our veterans.

11 Congratulations and best wishes.

12 (Applause.)

13 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: It is an honor  
14 and a privilege for me to pin over your heart the insignia  
15 of department president. She was one of my Circus Acts  
16 too and she wanted everybody to remember that. And yes, I  
17 am very proud of you. I know that you will wear it with  
18 great pride uniting our members in service, ideals, and  
19 commitment leading us to another successful year of  
20 service, not self.

21 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal, please escort  
22 junior -- oh, you stay right here. Junior Past Department  
23 President Linda Fercho and Past --

24 (Applause.)

25 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: And Past

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1 Department President Sue Hooker to the podium to pass the  
2 Department President's ribbon to Terry.

3 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT HOOKER: Terry is also  
4 a Lighthouse which she just reminded me of. Like I needed  
5 any reminding. I am so proud of her, and somewhere in  
6 heaven Gerri Jesski is dancing a little jig and saying,  
7 "See, I told you so."

8 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Honorary  
9 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal, please escort Past  
10 Department Presidents Linda Fercho and Sue Hooker and the  
11 Department President Terry Mikesell to their seats. It's  
12 a long way.

13 Will all the newly installed officers please  
14 rise?

15 Members and guests -- members and guests, I  
16 present to you the officers for the Department of  
17 California for the year 2012-2013.

18 (Applause.)

19 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: My fellow  
20 members, I share in the pride that is yours for these new  
21 officers whom have been chosen to guide our organization  
22 this coming year. They have been charged with a serious  
23 responsibility and I, in turn, charge you likewise.

24 Will every member of the American Legion  
25 Auxiliary Department of California please rise?

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1           Raise your right hand and repeat after me. I  
2 solemnly promise.

3           (Response.)

4           PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: To renew my  
5 pledge of service.

6           (Response.)

7           PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: To the American  
8 Legion Auxiliary.

9           (Response.)

10          PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: And to give  
11 wholehearted support.

12          (Response.)

13          PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: To these  
14 department officers.

15          (Response.)

16          PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: You're supposed  
17 to be standing. Anybody who wasn't standing needs to  
18 stand. And our honorary chaplain will offer prayer.

19          HONORARY CHAPLAIN CARTER: God, this is the  
20 beginning of a new year of work in our beloved American  
21 Legion Auxiliary. Let us speak words of encouragement to  
22 our newly elected officers. Be with them, God, as they  
23 work to lead us in working on all of the good programs we  
24 hold so in our heart. Remember each our beloved members,  
25 for they are the spirit in their own units for the work in

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1 their communities. Let us all work for God and country  
2 together in harmony and love. Dear God, teach us to think  
3 in wisdom and act in love and care for others. Amen.

4 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Amen.

5 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Honorary  
6 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal, please escort Junior Past  
7 President Linda Fercho and Past Department President  
8 Madeline Lee and the Sergeant-at-Arms Nancy Brown-Park to  
9 the podium. Escort yourself, Nancy.

10 Past Department President Madeline Lee will take  
11 off the Junior Past President pin. I've got to make sure  
12 I have the right one here. And present it to our Junior  
13 Past President Linda Fercho.

14 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT LEE: Linda, you have  
15 come to the close of your year as President of the  
16 Department of California American Legion Auxiliary. Your  
17 theme, "Hats off to American Legion Family Volunteers"  
18 inspired a great year for our department. It has been a  
19 tremendous experience for you and you can be very proud of  
20 what has been accomplished under your leadership.

21 As you retire from this office be assured that  
22 you take with you the love and respect of all of our  
23 members. We thank you for taking time out of your busy  
24 life to serve as our president. May you have many happy  
25 memories of your year as Department President. I know you

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1 will.

2           Congratulations on an exceptionally well job  
3 done.

4           (Applause.)

5           PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: And National  
6 Candidate Nancy Brown-Park will present her ribbon.

7           PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Linda, it  
8 gives me great pleasure to place this ribbon over your  
9 right shoulder. You've been an incredible president and  
10 you're one of my Park's Patriots and I'm so proud of you.

11           (Applause.)

12           PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Honorary  
13 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal, please escort -- they just  
14 leave her standing there. Will you please escort our  
15 newly installed president.

16           Madam Department President, there was no other  
17 gravel up here so -- so I'm presenting you with this  
18 gavel, your symbol of authority. May you use it with  
19 discretion and always in the best interests of this  
20 department.

21           Madam Department President, may I be the first to  
22 congratulate you. I wish for you a most successful year  
23 filled with mystical, magical fantasy. Thirteen years ago  
24 you were the fortuneteller in the Circus and I wondered if  
25 you looked in that crystal ball and you foresaw today.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: (Shakes head.)

2 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: I am so very,  
3 very proud of you.

4 (Applause.)

5 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: My fellow  
6 members, I present to you your 2012-2013 Department  
7 President Terry Mikesell.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Thank you,  
10 everyone. I so much appreciate those of you who came to  
11 the Redding convention, those of you who gave me your vote  
12 of support. And you can all sit down. I'm not using this  
13 gavel because I might throw it.

14 I'm supposed to do thank yous and such as this,  
15 but first off I'd like to acknowledge my grandmother,  
16 Gibby Ann Ward, please stand. She's 99 years old.

17 (Applause.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: And my original  
19 eligible comes from her husband, Frank Ward, my  
20 grandfather.

21 The other person I would like to acknowledge next  
22 is my oldest son, Captain Shannon Mikesell who's part of  
23 my other eligibility and my oldest son.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Then from the

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1 working members of the family, because my oldest son is  
2 elusive, my youngest son Chad Mikesell, my daughter Cassie  
3 Mikesell, who has been working hard on this, and kind of  
4 the light of my life, my oldest grandson, Jacob Mikesell.  
5 Jacob is an all-star baseball player and he plays the  
6 saxophone and he's been involved in the Auxiliary since  
7 his birth and -- he has. Our family is kind of an  
8 Auxiliary family more than a Sons family.

9           So thank you for all of your hard work this  
10 weekend, especially Cassie. Thank you for showing up,  
11 Shannon. My younger brother was here this morning, but he  
12 had to go back to Reno and go to work. So thank you guys  
13 very much.

14           And from our unit, I'd like to acknowledge all of  
15 the ladies that helped. Judy Gama, the Wolbert family,  
16 Phyllis Eves. The unit has been fantastic. District 2  
17 convention committee has just been great. And, you know,  
18 there's a little rat sitting back here in the back row  
19 that I want to thank. Ruby Kapsalis. And along with my  
20 thanks. That's -- part of my thanks is her being your  
21 department parliamentarian next year.

22           So you guys can sit down. My theme next year is  
23 going to be, "Magical, Mystical Fantasy." Veterans are  
24 our biggest treasures. The treasure chests -- our biggest  
25 treasures are our veterans. So the District Presidents



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1 are going to be Terry's Treasures. And I have to tell you  
2 everybody who went to the national membership workshop, I  
3 did not want California's district presidents to be known  
4 as "Terry's Fairies." I'm sorry. California has a bad  
5 reputation at National. No offense, Nancy.

6 So we're going to be the Fairy Godmothers for the  
7 officers and chairman. And now I have to rat out somebody  
8 else. The chairman of my advisory committee is going to  
9 be one of my past department presidents, Sue Hooker. And  
10 when you have an issue with me, call Sue; she'll take care  
11 of it. And then if she doesn't -- if that doesn't work,  
12 then you can call Ruby and complain.

13 And I have a thank you for the district  
14 presidents. Jacob and Cassie, I need the little pink  
15 boxes. Steve, you were the one that organized those in  
16 the box, so go help there. You know, those little  
17 flashlight things?

18 Yeah, he's dazed and confused. Cassie has got  
19 them. As I call your name, please come on up and accept  
20 your magic wand.

21 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: So as we call  
22 your name, District Presidents, please come and meet with  
23 Terry. And she has I think a small gift for you. So  
24 District 1 president is Kat Conrad. She is not here.  
25 She's already at Girls State.

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1           District 2, Nancy Johnson. You can please stand,  
2 District Presidents, and get in line. And as I announce  
3 your name, you can meet with Terry. So Nancy Johnson  
4 District 2. District 3, Lola Ramey. District 4 -- you  
5 have 2 and 3 there. We haven't moved up to 4 yet.

6           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: They give and  
7 they take.

8           PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Okay. Next will  
9 be Lorinda Dowden from District 4. Jean Mueller from  
10 District 5. Is Jean here?

11           District 6 I don't have a name. District 7,  
12 Beverly Chapman. District 8 is Tammy Manini. She's not  
13 here. District 9 is Dolly Rios. District 10, you don't  
14 have a name. Susan Peters. District 11, Beverly  
15 Villines. District 12, Lisa Stuart. District 13, Donita  
16 Faltese. District 14 is Rosalie Taylor Bailey. District  
17 15, Genieca Risner. District 16, Marion Rocha.

18           (Appause.)

19           PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: District 18,  
20 Rhondona Enright. District 19 is Patricia Ladre.  
21 District 20 is Ann Philcox. I don't see her. Okay. She  
22 had to leave. Okay. District 21, Jeri Johnston.  
23 District 22, Barbara Love.

24           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: She follows  
25 orders already.

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1 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: District 23,  
2 Elizabeth "Liz" Jones. District 24 I have Rebecca  
3 Stewart-Wilson on my district, but we have Susie Johanson.  
4 District 25, Kathryn Doran. District 26 is  
5 Geraldine Wilcox. And apparently she was here earlier in  
6 the week, but I haven't seen her lately. District 27 is  
7 Vella Meyers. District 28 is Elizabeth Doidge.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: She is like me.  
9 See this dress, everybody? Take note. You may not see it  
10 again.

11 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: District 29,  
12 Cheryl Neiffer. And bringing up the rear, District 30,  
13 Belen Telford.

14 At this time I would like to have Shannon and  
15 Chad Mikesell and Cassie Mikesell. We all know Cassie  
16 from this week. And grandson Jacob to come here to the  
17 stage. They have a little presentation for you.

18 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Thank you.

19 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Good afternoon,  
20 everyone. We are just so proud of Terry and this is just  
21 such a great honor for her and for us also. She's so  
22 dedicated to us. She's always there. She's always there  
23 for us. She's always at Jacob's games. She comes and  
24 helps whenever we need help, school functions and  
25 everything. And I know this next year I'm going to be

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1 away with the Legion Family and it's going to be  
2 different. And that's okay. She's so dedicated to the  
3 veterans, their families, and our community.

4 We know that this next year will be a very  
5 successful year for the American Legion Auxiliary with her  
6 as our department president. It is amazing to me that  
7 when you started this 18 years ago that you would be here.  
8 You always show us dedication to your causes and always  
9 try to get us involved. And she's usually successful.

10 As you know and as we all know, we will be here  
11 to support you and give you a helping hand whenever you  
12 need us over the next year. And the puppies are always  
13 welcome at our home when you're away.

14 Mom, we know you will be busy over the next year  
15 and I know the Legion Family will take care of you. We  
16 will miss you bunches, but when the year is over, we will  
17 expect to have you back home with us. I would like to  
18 present this gift on behalf of our family and wish you a  
19 productive and successful year.

20 (Applause.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: They don't want  
22 any more snow. For you who don't know, I'm going to be  
23 the wizard next year. I wanted to be something else, but  
24 Ruby wouldn't let me be it. Thank you, guys.

25 PARLIAMENTARIAN KAPSALIS: More snow.

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1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: On that note, you  
2 know, I'm kind of working on Cassie to go to Palm Springs  
3 next June.

4 Oh, Jacob, that's beautiful. Thank you.

5 MR. JACOB MIKESELL: I just want to say good luck  
6 to you, grandma.

7 (Applause.)

8 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: At this time I  
9 would like to ask Judy Gama, the unit president for Shasta  
10 197 to come forward for a presentation.

11 UNIT 197 PRESIDENT GAMA: Well, Terry. Terry who  
12 has given me every job in the Auxiliary. I have a lot of  
13 names. I wear a lot of hats. I don't know what we will  
14 do without her because our motto is "Call Terry." Two  
15 words. Lately every time I try, she says I'll call you  
16 back long distance. So now she's even going a further  
17 distance. And we want to say you're the best. We're  
18 going to miss you at Unit 197. Come back and visit us  
19 once in a while.

20 So I want to offer you this gift from your unit  
21 and hope that helps you along your way. She's going to  
22 laugh when she reads this. She can't read this out loud,  
23 I don't think.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: You might as well  
25 read it to them, Judy.

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1           UNIT 197 PRESIDENT GAMA: Let me give you these  
2 flowers then. These are from your unit.

3           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Thank you.

4           UNIT 197 PRESIDENT GAMA: Okay. She can read her  
5 card later. It says, "Congratulations, Terry. This paper  
6 represents a gift to you from your Unit 197's general  
7 fund. We hope that this helps you in your upcoming  
8 travels as California State President. Please write  
9 yourself a check for the amount as voted and approved by  
10 your Auxiliary members." How could we give this to her  
11 secretly? We wish you the very best.

12           (Applause.)

13           PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: That's pretty  
14 good. Being the treasurer of your unit you can just write  
15 yourself the whole check. They didn't even give you a  
16 limit.

17           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Did you get that,  
18 Judy? There was no limit on that amount.

19           I have to say just one quick note about Judy  
20 Gama. Unit 197 had a very small poppy program when Judy  
21 joined our unit. We've made almost \$10,000 each year the  
22 last three or four years when Judy has been our chairman.

23           (Applause.)

24           DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: And she was in  
25 charge of the candidate's reception here. Her health

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1 isn't good. She's been here and she brought Velma and  
2 James. And we love you, Judy, and thank you.

3 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Are there any  
4 other presentations?

5 HISTORIAN FAQUA: As our head wizard, here's  
6 something you can wear this year.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: But it says "Fine  
8 Jewelry" on it. Eat your heart out, Linda. Isn't this  
9 beautiful?

10 HISTORIAN FUQUA: It's a wizard. My friend does  
11 vintage jewelry and I thought -- it's really hard to find,  
12 but it's beautiful. Enjoy it. Have a great year.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Thank you.

14 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Are there any  
15 other presentations? Well, I have one. You were the  
16 fortuneteller back 13 years ago so I present this to you.  
17 There's a card and you can probably read it later.  
18 There's no money in it or anything. So you don't have to  
19 worry about that, but --

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Look at her stand back. Is it  
21 going to explode?

22 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Maybe I should  
23 have put it in a bag.

24 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Don't let her keep the knife.

25 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: She didn't learn

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1 that from Gerri. Those of us were around when Gerri  
2 Jesski was department president, everything was opened.  
3 She could use the paper again in her drawers. Great minds  
4 think alike. Cassie and I discussed this last night.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: There are fairies  
6 in the garden. It's beautiful and it's a music box.

7 Thank you, Diane.

8 (Applause.)

9 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: Terry, stand up.  
10 I think we're going to have a problem with her next year,  
11 Ruby.

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: Are you just  
13 figuring that out?

14 PAST PARLIAMENTARIAN DELASHMIT: She might have  
15 to have her on a leash or something. At this time would  
16 Linda please come to the podium.

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT MIKESELL: At this time I  
18 will return the gavel to the Junior Past President Linda  
19 Fercho to close her convention.

20 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Is there any  
21 further business to come before this convention?

22 (No response.)

23 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: If not, the  
24 Retired Chaplain Alzora Carter will offer prayer.

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1 CLOSING INVOCATION

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3 RETIRED CHAPLAIN CARTER: Dear Father, we give  
4 thanks that we have again had the opportunity to come  
5 together. We are grateful for the time of the fellowship.  
6 We pray that we have done -- what we have done has been  
7 only for the better we serve. As we prepare to leave,  
8 each to go on our separate ways, we pray once again for  
9 those who serve our country that they may return to their  
10 loved ones safely now. Dear Father, keep us in your grace  
11 and be with us until we meet once again. Amen.

12 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Amen.

13 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: Until we meet  
14 again, let us remember that our obligation to our country  
15 can only be fulfilled by the faithful performance of all  
16 duties of citizenship. Let service to the community,  
17 state, and nation be our main objective of the American  
18 Legion Auxiliary and its members. Let us ever be watchful  
19 of our organization and ourselves; that nothing shall  
20 swerve us from the path of justice, freedom, and  
21 democracy.

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23 RETIREMENT OF COLORS & ADJOURNMENT

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25 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT FERCHO: The

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1 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal may retire the colors of  
2 District 16, Camarillo Unit 741.

3 The 2011-2012 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal with  
4 the Distinguished Guest Chairman will retire this Past  
5 Department President, escorted by her husband, Dennis  
6 Fercho. When I reach the back of the room, the 93rd  
7 Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of  
8 California will be adjourned.

9 (ProceSSIONAL.)

10 (The American Legion Auxiliary Convention  
11 was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.)

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5 I, Karen A. Andasola, 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 93rd Annual  
9 Convention was taken Sunday, June 24, 2012, 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 93rd 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 93rd 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 3rd day of July, 2012, at Modesto,  
23 California.

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Karen A. Andasola, CSR No. 10919

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