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7 CALL TO ORDER
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9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: This convention
10 session is now reconvened. I request everyone to have
11 their cell phones turned off. I hope mine is off. Or
12 there's another option. Keep your phones on so we can
13 make a lot of money. Okay. We are ready to begin.

14 At this time Alice Christensen, our Team Spirit
15 Department Chaplain, will offer the invocation.
16

17 INVOCATION
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19 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: Let us pray. Father, as
20 this meeting opens, grant our leaders the knowledge that
21 we as members are thankful for their leadership. The many
22 hours spent in preparation for various reports and
23 activities throughout the year we all are appreciative.
24 As we move towards a better tomorrow in all that we do,
25 have done, and will continue to do, we ask your blessing.
26 Guide us as you have in the past toward a better tomorrow.
27 For our youth, our elders, military, community, family, we
28 ask this prayer in thy holy name. Amen.

29 ALL PRESENT: Amen.

30 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: May we observe a
31 moment of silence for our loved ones that have gone on to
32 be with our heavenly father. Thank you.

33 The Department Americanism Chairman Diane Moreno
34 will lead us in the pledge of allegiance.
35

36 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
37

38 ALL PRESENT: I pledge allegiance to the flag of
39 the United States of America and to the republic for which
40 it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty
41 and Justice for all.

42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Please remain
43 standing as the Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal, with the
44 Distinguished Guest Chairman, would you please escort one
45 of our beloved Dream Girls, Past Department President
46 Mildred Braquet from the years 1972-1973.

47 (Processional.)

48 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you, Mildred.
49 So nice to see.

50 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BRAQUET: It was nice

1 to be here to see all of you.

2 (Processional.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It is a pleasure to
4 have Mildred with us this weekend. I would like to
5 acknowledge some national representatives that are also in
6 the room that I didn't see yesterday. The National
7 American Legion Auxiliary Scrapbook Chairman from District
8 29, Kendall Madsen. Please stand up.

9 (Applause.)

10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Also our own Linda
11 Workman and Sherry Schneider are National Pages to the
12 National President. Give them a round of applause.

13 (Applause.)

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Also we have more
15 appointments from our National President. We have
16 National Pages Val Hardy from District 26 and Tammy
17 Sollazzo.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I will be calling on
20 three chairmen at a time, so when I do call you, please be
21 at the stage and ready to give your reports. I know what
22 it says in the program, but that does not mean that's the
23 order of the reporting. We had to move some things
24 around. So please be sure to have sent notes to the
25 recipients of your awards so that they are present at the
26 right of the stage when you give your report.

27 Recipients, when you receive your awards, please
28 stay at the right of the stage so that an individual or
29 group photos may be taken over here. Remember to be as
30 quiet as possible so that everyone can hear the reports
31 for the following chairmen. Importantly, as I have said
32 before, you can either keep your cell phones on if you
33 want to get us some money or turn them off so you won't
34 disrupt this convention.

35 Our Rules Chairman, Belen Telford will now read
36 the convention rules. No, we're not going to do that
37 because you know why? I crossed it out.

38 Before I go to the Rules, the Department
39 Secretary Ruby Kapsalis -- where did she go? She will
40 call the roll call of officers, chairmen, and district
41 presidents. I got so excited about Mildred.

42 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good
43 morning.

44 ALL PRESENT: Good morning.

45 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madam
46 Department President -- Madam Department President, may I
47 before I start the roll, may I have everyone give a warm
48 welcome to Karen Andasola who is our court reporter.

49 (Applause.)

50 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I guess

1 we're not in court, but she's our reporter so that we have
2 history of all that happens at this convention. And I
3 thank her for being here.

4
5 ROLL CALL

6
7 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Department
8 President Anita Biggs?

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Here.

10 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Department
11 Vice President Harriet Clendenin?

12 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Good
13 morning, Ruby.

14 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Acting --
15 key word, Acting -- Secretary/Treasurer Ruby Kapsalis?
16 (Applause.)

17 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: NEC Woman
18 Terry Mikesell?

19 NEC WOMAN MIKESELL: She's here.

20 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Chaplain
21 Alice Christensen?

22 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: Present.

23 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Historian
24 Linda Diebel?

25 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: Here.

26 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
27 Parliamentarian Diane DeLashmit?

28 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: (Blows whistle.)

29 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Musician
30 Joyce Patton?

31 MUSICIAN PATTON: Present.

32 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
33 Sergeant-at-Arms Cherie Galvan?

34 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS GALVAN: Present.

35 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Marshal
36 Taadhimeka Stovall?

37 MARSHAL STOVALL: Here.

38 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Finance
39 Committee Chairman Kathie Martinez?

40 FINANCE CHAIRMAN MARTINEZ: Good morning.

41 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good
42 morning, Kathie. I met her at 5:30 this morning. Finance
43 Committee Senior Member Geri Fitzpatrick?

44 FINANCE SENIOR MEMBER FITZPATRICK: Still here.

45 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Finance
46 Chairman Junior Member Kathryn Doran?

47 FINANCE JUNIOR MEMBER DORAN: Looking at numbers.

48 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Looking at
49 numbers. She's probably tired of looking at numbers by
50 now. Advisory Chairman Madeline Lee?

1 ADVISORY CHAIRMAN LEE: Here.
2 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Advisory
3 Committee Member Odette Cuccaro?
4 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER CUCCARO: Here.
5 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER BURKE: And number two
6 is here.
7 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And Willie
8 is here. Okay. We don't have any past national
9 presidents yet. She's still got to fulfill her duty, but
10 next -- soon we'll add her to the list. But we welcome
11 you, Nancy, home.
12 NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Thank you.
13 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
14 Americanism, Diana Moreno?
15 AMERICANISM CHAIRMAN MORENO: Present.
16 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Auxiliary
17 Emergency Fund, Dona Enright?
18 AEF CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: Shooting rockets for our
19 members.
20 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yeah, I
21 remember those rockets from DEC. Children & Youth, Sherry
22 Schneider?
23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Excused.
24 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Did I hear
25 Sherry?
26 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Excused. She'll be
27 back.
28 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Oh,
29 excused. Community Service Joan Cannon?
30 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CANNON: Present and
31 still rocking and rolling for our veterans. Come and get
32 your wristbands for \$2. It all goes to Anita's special
33 project.
34 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right.
35 Constitutional & Bylaws Harriet Clendenin?
36 CONSTITUTIONAL & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN CLENDENIN: I'm
37 here still.
38 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Convention
39 Theresa Jacob?
40 CONVENTION CHAIRMAN JACOB: Here.
41 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Convention
42 Commission Melanie Taylor?
43 CONVENTION COMMISSION CHAIRMAN TAYLOR: Good
44 morning, Ruby.
45 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good
46 morning. Credentials Liz Doidge? She's probably over
47 there working hard in the registration area.
48 Distinguished Guest Linda Workman?
49 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Bouncing
50 the balls.

1 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Oh, what
2 was that? Editor Estella Avina?
3 EDITOR AVINA: Hear ye! Hear ye! Read all about
4 it.
5 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Education
6 Michelle Soares?
7 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: Educating and ready
8 to report. Can't wait.
9 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Elections
10 Carol Fuqua?
11 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN FUQUA: My vote is for ALA.
12 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right.
13 Mine is too. Girls State Linda Hayes?
14 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: I just made that
15 hoop.
16 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: She just
17 made a hoop. Girls State Director Valerie Hardy?
18 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR HARDY: Are you from Girls
19 State?
20 ALL PRESENT: Yeah, yeah.
21 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Junior
22 Activities Stacey Smith?
23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Excused. She'll be
24 here tomorrow.
25 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Junior
26 Conference Director Jackie Cleveland?
27 JUNIOR CONFERENCE DIRECTOR CLEVELAND: Present.
28 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Leadership
29 Wendy O'Brien?
30 LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN: I'm here.
31 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Legislative
32 Terry Mikesell?
33 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: She's still here.
34 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Membership
35 Gloria Williams?
36 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Good morning,
37 Ruby.
38 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good
39 morning, Gloria. National Security Loretta Marsh?
40 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN MARSH: We're secure.
41 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Past
42 Presidents' Parley Pilar Reyes? Pilar, I know you're
43 here.
44 MS. CAPAZZI: She's here. She's talking.
45 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Tattletale.
46 Tattletale. Poppy Alzora Carter?
47 POPPY CHAIRMAN CARTER: Here.
48 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Public
49 Relations Tami Bell?
50 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BELL: I'm here.

1 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Resolutions
2 Margaret Quinones?
3 RESOLUTIONS CHAIRMAN QUINONES: I'm here.
4 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I know
5 you're here. There you are. I see it. Rules Belen
6 Telford? Belen, I know you're here.
7 RULES CHAIRMAN TELFORD: Here.
8 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: There she
9 is. She's standing up. Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
10 Susie Tozier?
11 VA&R CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Here.
12 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Ways &
13 Means Chris De La Rosa?
14 WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN DE LA ROSA: Here.
15 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
16 Presidents. District 1, Pat Lindley?
17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Excused.
18 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 2,
19 Barbara Dailey?
20 DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT DAILEY: Nothing but net.
21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Nothing but the net.
22 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 3,
23 Lola Ramey?
24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I'm sorry, Ruby.
25 Can you go back to District 1. Is Marialice Clanclini
26 here? Okay. I don't see anything. Okay. Go ahead.
27 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 3,
28 Lola Ramey? Lola was here yesterday.
29 DISTRICT 3 PRESIDENT RAMEY: I'm here.
30 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Oh, there
31 you are. Okay. District 4, Laura Dowden?
32 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT DOWDEN: We're here.
33 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 5,
34 Wenonah Angier?
35 DISTRICT 5: Good morning everyone from District
36 5.
37 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 6,
38 Glenda Schultz?
39 DISTRICT 6: Here we are.
40 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Number one
41 front row. District 7, Janie Bandera?
42 DISTRICT 7: (Whistle blows.)
43 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Did they
44 make the basket, Madam President?
45 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I think they made a
46 foul. They're already committing fouls.
47 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 8,
48 Tammy Manini?
49 DISTRICT 8 PRESIDENT MANINI: Here.
50 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 9,

1 Wendelin Geltz? And I believe --
2 ACTING DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: I'm here.
3 Wendelin Geltz is here.
4 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
5 That's Dolly Rios sitting in for Wendelin.
6 I'm sorry, Karen. I'll give you a copy of my
7 roll call. That's my first strike. District 10, Susan
8 Peters?
9 DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT PETERS: Here.
10 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
11 11, Beverly Villines?
12 DISTRICT 11 PRESIDENT VILLINES: We are here.
13 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
14 12, Lisa Stuart?
15 DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT STUART: Here.
16 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
17 13, Mary Hidalgo?
18 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT HIDALGO: Here.
19 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
20 14, Sandra Urban?
21 DISTRICT 14: Who let the dogs out?
22 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Well, I
23 know they're awake. District 15, Karen Herrera?
24 DISTRICT 15 PRESIDENT HERRERA: Present.
25 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
26 16, Connie Biggers?
27 DISTRICT 16: American Eagles, proud and true.
28 Shooting hoops is what we do. Sweet 16 says hello to you.
29 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
30 18, Laura Bradshaw sitting in for Judy Forrest?
31 DISTRICT 18: We are proud to be the Auxiliary
32 and we honor the veterans we serve. [Inaudible] is our
33 name. Service is our game. We'll give you the help you
34 deserve. We'll be shooting hoops for our gallant troops
35 and we will play until we win the game. We are winners
36 all the times we call. We are the daughters of Auxiliary.
37 (Applause.)
38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you.
39 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
40 19, Tammy Sollazzo?
41 DISTRICT 19: Good morning. [Inaudible].
42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you.
43 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
44 20, Kathy Goslin?
45 DISTRICT 20: Good morning, Madam President.
46 We're small in a group, but we're shooting the hoop.
47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All right. Good
48 morning.
49 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
50 21, Jennifer Bieger?

1 DISTRICT 21: Good morning. We are the tigers,
2 District 21 mighty, mighty tigers.
3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Good morning.
4 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
5 22, Karen Bobren?
6 DISTRICT 22: Good morning. Slam dunk.
7 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
8 23, Sharon Moore?
9 DISTRICT 23: Madam President Anita, it's been a
10 hoop of a year running the court volunteering for our vets
11 who we hold dear. Now we're at the finals, a few more
12 hoops to go. We wish you a great convention. Now go on
13 and win the show.
14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Hoops.
15 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
16 24, Rebecca Stewart and Ruth Hackney sitting in for
17 Rebecca?
18 DISTRICT 24: Good morning, good morning.
19 Clippers slept the whole night through. Good morning,
20 Anita, did you?
21 (Applause.)
22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, I did.
23 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
24 25, Debbie Fletcher?
25 DISTRICT 25: We played your game of basketball
26 and had a lot of fun. You were a great commissioner and
27 now your year is done. Good morning, Madam President
28 Anita.
29 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Good morning.
30 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
31 26, Louann Johnston?
32 DISTRICT 26: Good morning.
33 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: There you
34 are. District 27, Vella Myers?
35 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT MYERS: Good morning, Madam
36 President.
37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Good morning.
38 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
39 28, Robin Falkenberg?
40 DISTRICT 28: Good morning, Madam Commissioner.
41 There's nothing hotter than an otter.
42 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And I'm one
43 of those hot otters. I love that saying. I'm nothing
44 hotter than an otter.
45 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Me too. Me too.
46 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
47 District 29 Cheryl Neiffer?
48 DISTRICT 29: Good morning, Madam President.
49 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
50 30, Kim Vincent?

1 DISTRICT 30 PRESIDENT VINCENT: Present.
2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Good morning.
3 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Hospital
4 reps. Fort Miley, Lorraine Sullivan? Sacramento, Wendy
5 O'Brien?
6 HOSPITAL REP O'BRIEN: Still here.
7 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Fresno,
8 Toni Lopez? Palo Alto, Pat Klang?
9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: She's in registration.
10 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Livermore,
11 Ruth Briggs?
12 HOSPITAL REP BRIGGS: Good morning.
13 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good
14 morning, Ruth. San Diego, Lois Cornish?
15 HOSPITAL REP CORNISH: I'm here.
16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You're still here.
17 Jerry L. Pettis, Mavis Kanka? Mavis.
18 HOSPITAL REP KANKA: Here.
19 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: So there
20 you are. Okay. You know, they say the first thing to go
21 is the hearing and mine is on its way. Long Beach, Pat
22 Alvarez?
23 HOSPITAL REP ALVAREZ: Good morning, Ruby.
24 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good
25 morning. Greater LA, Earlean Paige?
26 HOSPITAL REP PAIGE: Good morning.
27 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Good
28 morning. Nevada, Mary Lou Warner? Barstow, Angie Costa?
29 Veterans home Chula Vista, Lois?
30 HOSPITAL REP CORNISH: Still here.
31 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Fresno,
32 Rosalie Taylor?
33 HOSPITAL REP TAYLOR: Fresno is here and strong.
34 (Applause.)
35 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Lancaster,
36 Linda Hayes?
37 HOSPITAL REP HAYES: Present.
38 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Redding,
39 Terry Mikesell?
40 HOSPITAL REP MIKESELL: (Blows whistle.)
41 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Are you
42 using Diane's whistle?
43 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Yes, she is.
44 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Ventura,
45 Madeline Lee.
46 HOSPITAL REP LEE: Oh, here.
47 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: West LA,
48 Ruth Hackney?
49 HOSPITAL REP HACKNEY: Here.
50 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And

1 Yountville, Peggy Grabski?

2 HOSPITAL REP GRABSKI: Here.

3 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I think
4 that concludes it, Madam President.

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you very much.
6 At this time our Rules Chairman, Belen Telford, will now
7 read the convention rules.

8
9 CONVENTION RULES

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11 RULES CHAIRMAN TELFORD: Good morning, everyone.
12 Good morning, Madam President.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Good morning, Belen.

14 RULES CHAIRMAN TELFORD: At this time I will
15 present the convention rules. Your convention rules can
16 be found on page 11 of the report.

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

20 Number 2: A quorum shall exist when one-third of
21 the units in good standing are partially or wholly
22 represented by duly elected delegates or alternate.
23 Article IV, Section 3, Department Constitution.

24 Number 3: The audience shall remain seated until
25 the business of the convention. The Department President
26 shall designate certain doors to accommodate the delegates
27 who find it is necessary to enter or leave the convention
28 hall during the reports of the committee or when a speaker
29 has the floor. Cell phones must be turned off or in
30 vibrate mode.

31 Number 4: The chairman may deviate from the
32 printed program when necessary or expedient.

33 Number 5: The Credentials Chairman shall report
34 registration as directed by the Chair.

35 Number 6: The registration of delegates and
36 alternates shall close at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, June 21st,
37 2014.

38 7: Only qualified delegates shall have voice and
39 vote.

40 8: It shall be the responsibility of the
41 district president to see that only accredited delegates
42 and alternates serving as delegates are seated in their
43 district delegation during the business meeting of the
44 convention.

45 9: If a delegate expected to be absent from the
46 convention, except for purpose of attending a committee
47 meeting, she shall relinquish her delegate card to her
48 alternate. The alternate shall then take her seat in the
49 voting section. In the event the delegate does not have
50 the opportunity of reporting to the district president it

1 shall become the duty of the chairman of the unit
2 delegation to report to the district president the absence
3 of the delegate and the presence of the alternate or the
4 absence of both the delegate and the alternate.

5 Number 10: A delegate voting the privilege of
6 the floor shall rise, address the Chair as Madam
7 President, give her name, unit, district name -- numbers,
8 excuse me, pause, and wait to be recognized by the Chair.

9 11: A member speaking in debate on a question
10 shall be limited to three minutes. No one shall speak
11 more than twice on the same question without consent of
12 the assembly.

13 12: Delegates attending called committee
14 meetings shall be notified when the convention is
15 considering and voting upon adoption of any changes in
16 policy or matters affecting finance.

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

23 14: Any committee whose proposed changes in the
24 policy might conflict with that of the American Legion
25 shall confer with the American Legion before presenting
26 said change to the convention.

27 15: A committee recommending an appropriation of
28 funds for any purpose shall consult with the Department
29 Finance Committee before presenting the recommendation or
30 resolving to the convention.

31 16: All resolves to be presented to the
32 convention shall be in triplicate and properly signed.

33 Number 17: Committees may amend resolving and
34 recommendation referring to them before favorable
35 reporting the same. Resolving or recommendation rejected
36 by a committee shall be marked rejected, signed by the
37 chairman of the committee, and returned to the department
38 resolving chairman immediately following the committee
39 meeting.

40 18: A unit, district, or member presenting a
41 resolving or recommendation shall have the privilege of
42 explaining the same to the committee to which it was
43 referred.

44 19: Committee shall report to the convention all
45 resolves properly submitted and accepted by a majority of
46 the convention committee.

47 20: A resolved rejected by a committee may be
48 brought before the convention by a two-thirds vote.

49 21: Emergency resolving which may arise during
50 the convention or after the date for submitting resolving

1 may be presented no later than noon of second day of the
2 convention. Article IV, Section 4b, Department
3 Constitution.

4 22: Nomination of officers, junior member of
5 finance, department delegates and alternates to the
6 national convention shall be held Friday afternoon, June
7 20th, 2014.

8 23: Endorsement of candidates for national
9 office shall follow nominations.

10 24: Nomination speeches shall be limited to
11 three minutes. Here shall be no seconding speeches.

12 25: Election of department officers, junior
13 member of finance, national candidate, department
14 delegates, and alternates to the national convention shall
15 be held on Saturday morning, July 21st, 2014.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: June.

17 RULES CHAIRMAN TELFORD: June. Thank you. 26:
18 The doors of the convention hall shall be closed during
19 the entire election procedure and no one shall leave or
20 enter the hall until the Chair states that election is
21 concluded. The exception to this shall be that in an
22 emergency, a member may leave, and if her absence affects
23 the voting strength, the district president shall
24 immediately notify the presiding officer.

25 27: When there is but one nominee for all
26 department officers and but one nominee for junior member
27 of finance, the nominees shall be elected vice-a-versa.
28 Article V, Section 3, Department Constitution. Upon roll
29 call, the district president shall report the number of
30 units partially or wholly represented by duly elected
31 delegates or alternates present in the delegation at the
32 time of roll call. This is to determine that there is a
33 quorum of units present at the time of the election.

34 28, when there is more than one nominee for the
35 department officer, junior member of finance, or
36 endorsement for national office, election shall be by
37 written ballot. The district president shall, when they
38 are instructed by the Chair, take a roll call of their
39 respective delegations and alternate. The wholly
40 voting -- totally voting strength of their district for
41 the election reporting the same to Chair.

42 29: When there are three or more nominees for
43 the office, junior member of office, or endorsement of
44 national office, unless one nominee receives a majority
45 note on the first ballot, the nominee receiving the lowest
46 number of votes shall be automatic dropped before
47 proceeding with the next ballot.

48 30: When there is a candidate or candidates for
49 endorsement for the national office, a majority vote shall
50 be by ballot. Constitution Article V, Section 13.

1 31: Each district president and department
2 member of election committee shall distribute and collect
3 the votes casted by the district delegation and deliver
4 them to the department chairman of elections.

5 32: Department officers, chairmen, committee
6 members and past department presidents shall vote with
7 their representative district.

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

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

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

19 36: Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised,
20 shall be the parliamentary authority on all points not
21 covered by these rules, the department constitution and
22 bylaws and the convention mandates.

23 Madam Department President, this concludes the
24 reading of the convention rules. I move that the
25 convention rules be considered as read and be adopted as a
26 whole.

27 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Second.

28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It has been moved
29 and seconded that the rules be accepted seriatim and
30 adopted as a whole. Is there any discussion?

31 (No response.)

32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All those in favor
33 say aye.

34 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

35 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Those opposed say
36 no.

37 (No response.)

38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Motion carried.
39 Thank you, Belen. Great job.

40 (Applause.)

41 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You can give her a
42 round of applause. At this time I will designate the
43 doors for entering and exiting the hall as these doors on
44 the sides, unless there is an emergency and you need to
45 leave from the rear. But these doors are designated for
46 exiting and those for entering. The bathrooms are located
47 on my left and to the right when you exit the door.
48 They're right there to the right.

49 At this time we will have the Constitution &
50 Bylaws Chairman Harriet Clendenin.

1 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHAIRMAN CLENDENIN: Good
2 morning. We have an emergency before us and this is going
3 to be the first. Article III -- I'm sorry. Article V,
4 Section 13 now reads: Endorsement for national office.
5 All members seeking national office shall be endorsed at a
6 department convention by a majority vote not more than two
7 years prior to the date they are to be a candidate for
8 office. Votes shall be by ballot.

9 If adopted the change will be: Endorsement for
10 national office. All members seeking national office
11 shall be endorsed at a department convention by a majority
12 vote not more than two years prior to the date they are to
13 be a candidate for office. Vote shall be by viva voce
14 unless there is more than one candidate. Then election
15 shall be by ballot. Thank you.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. This is
17 the first reading of an emergency resolution and it will
18 be read again tomorrow morning. You will be voting on it
19 at that time to change the constitution. So did you all
20 hear and understand what Harriet read?

21 AUDIENCE MEMBERS: Yes.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. The vote
23 is tomorrow. We're going to move on. Will the Vice
24 President Harriet Clendenin please assume the Chair so I
25 can give my report. I will be giving my report as the
26 Alternate NEC as well as my Department President's report.

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28 ALTERNATE NEC WOMAN REPORT

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30 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Good morning. You
31 all look wonderful out there. Kind of spread out, but you
32 look fabulous.

33 It was my honor -- this is my Alternate NEC or
34 National Executive Committee report. It was my honor to
35 represent California at the Washington D.C. conference due
36 to the illness of our NEC Woman Terry Mikesell. Once in
37 Washington D.C., the spirit of our service is immediately
38 felt. The National Executive Committee approved the
39 ambitious five-year centennial strategic plan with five
40 goals.

41 The vision is by 2019, the American Legion
42 Auxiliary's million members will be making a difference
43 for veterans and their families in every neighborhood.

44 (Applause.)

45 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I will tell you the
46 five goals. Goal 1: Attain a million members by our
47 100th Anniversary, 2019-2020 year. Goal 2: Create an
48 internal culture of goodwill. Goal 3: Develop leadership
49 at all levels. Goal 4: Strengthen department and units.
50 Goal 5: With the American Legion, build brand loyalty.

1 The strategies associated with each goal can be
2 found at the national website www.alaforveterans.org. You
3 will be hearing much more about this plan and how
4 important you are to meeting these goals.

5 There were many outstanding presentations,
6 workshops, and events which included meeting the author of
7 "Dinner With the Smileys," a beautiful military family,
8 mother and three sons, who hosted a different person for
9 dinner each week at their home while Mr. Smiley was
10 deployed.

11 The highlight of the DC conference was the flash
12 mob performed by over one hundred members at the Lincoln
13 Memorial. The surprised look on the tourists' faces was
14 priceless as they joined in, saluted, and even cried when
15 we were all joined on the steps singing patriotic songs.
16 If you missed it, you can still find the video on the
17 YouTube and the national website. The YouTube. That
18 sounds so old, huh? YouTube.

19 Thank you to Linda Workman and Sherry Schneider
20 for sharing your room with me. And a very, very special
21 thank you to our National President Nancy for all of your
22 graciousness, hospitality and outstanding leadership.
23 This concludes my report. Thank you.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. Now the long
26 report. Exhausting long. I'm not kidding. Because I
27 want you to know what I did this year. I can't see all of
28 you because -- I think that's a speaker. I want that
29 moved.

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31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT REPORT

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33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: This is the report
34 of the President. The last six months have been exciting
35 and some of the most enjoyable times of my life. After a
36 lively midyear DEC meeting in Long Beach, I was off to the
37 28th District. I made my way to beautiful Carmel and the
38 hotter than an otter group of ladies made sure my stay was
39 wonderful. Thank you, 28.

40 I then made my way to the 24th District Clippers
41 at Pacific Palisades where I was presented with a
42 basketball from the post commander, great donations to our
43 special project, and outstanding hospitality.

44 I then had the pleasure of attending the Chapel
45 of Four Chaplains memorial ceremony in San Francisco. I
46 became enamored with our Department Membership Clerk
47 Janeen who took the time out of her busy Saturday in the
48 pouring rain to pick me up from the airport. We then met
49 with bookkeeper Imelda for lunch and a tour of her home.
50 After lunch, Janeen and I made our way to the magnificent

1 cathedral and the reception hosted by District 10. Janeen
2 even had a big huge welcome basket of snacks for me that I
3 really couldn't eat, but what a wonderful day.

4 As some say, there's no rest for the weary. It
5 was on the 27th District and a fun-filled weekend. I was
6 invited to their Valentine's Day party along with Mr.
7 Biggs. Well, he wasn't feeling well so I made the trip on
8 my own and that was a good thing. You see, I was
9 serenaded by some guitar-playing gentleman. I don't
10 remember his name, but, you know, he was playing the
11 guitar for me and it was very nice. So that was good that
12 Mr. Biggs wasn't there to see that.

13 The district meeting the next day was a
14 basketball treat full of outstanding reports, and Linda
15 will show you what I gave her that they gave me I think
16 tomorrow during the parade. So you'll get to see them.
17 I'm not going to say what they are, but you'll know when
18 you see them. I insisted I had to pass these on to Linda
19 Workman. Okay? Because she asked for them at midyear.
20 Anybody who was at midyear will remember what they are.

21 The next day I was off to the Elegant 18th
22 District and an evening of great reports and amazing
23 gifts. A couple weeks later I was off to the 14th
24 District accompanied by the referee Diane in Kerman. We
25 had a wonderful time having lunch with the Legion and
26 Auxiliary members followed by an informative meeting.
27 Diane and I then went on the official visit in Culver City
28 that evening and we had a wonderful time.

29 The next morning I was off to Hemet to visit the
30 21st District. What a great day. The reports and
31 hospitality were outstanding. I had the pleasure of
32 meeting members from the new Temecula Unit 852. Are they
33 in here? Unit 852. Give them a great round of applause.

34 (Applause.)

35 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: And a young lady by
36 the name of Kelly Donnell who recently moved from North
37 Carolina and transferred to that unit. I also had the
38 pleasure of meeting J.R., also known as Tinman, and his
39 wife Dawn. J.R. started Vets Day Out Project, also known
40 as VDO. Along with other legionnaires at their post, they
41 have made it their mission to bring hospitalized and
42 ambulatory veterans to planned outdoor events. They are
43 actually quite amazing.

44 The next week it was on to the 29th District
45 which was held in wonderful Seal Beach right next to Long
46 Beach. Yes, these ladies are -- I got lost, but -- Tammy
47 Sollazzo can tell you I got lost. These ladies are
48 from -- I got lost right up the street. There was
49 construction. Okay. These ladies at Seal Beach are
50 phenomenal. You don't see them until you go to Seal

1 Beach, but they are great. They embraced the basketball
2 theme with uniquely beautiful decorations. There were two
3 female veteran guest speakers. Both had been homeless and
4 now work at the Long Beach VA Pier Center.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Their stories were
7 so inspiring, I offered them both a gift membership in the
8 Auxiliary. I am happy to say they both agreed and now
9 they belong to Los Alamitos Unit 716. Thank you, Tami
10 Bell.

11 (Applause.)

12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: The next week I was
13 in my back yard visiting the noisy 19th.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: At the Lakewood
16 Post, which is actually in Long Beach. Okay. I don't get
17 lost going there. These Hoosier Starfish put on such a
18 wonderful dinner, meeting, and the District 19
19 Globetrotters, which you guys seen yesterday, led by Post
20 Commander Bill Miller, they were a slam dunk all the way.
21 And the difference from that time and this time was I was
22 actually in the game. Not blocking shots, but making
23 dunks.

24 Okay. The end of the month had me travel to
25 Ceres to visit the District 12. Unit member Elizabeth --
26 is she here? Is Elizabeth here? Her name is Elizabeth
27 from District 12. Yeah, there she is. That's my friend.
28 Hi, Elizabeth. Her mom -- her and her mom were the most
29 gracious hosts picking me up at the airport, allowing me
30 to stay in their beautiful home where I was able to see
31 Elizabeth's creative pin work. She made this poppy
32 corsage I'm wearing right now. She makes felt poppies, a
33 lot of them in all different colors and all different
34 sizes and kind. And she sells them at a craft fair at her
35 unit. There was such a wide assortment I just had to buy
36 a few of them. Thank you, Elizabeth.

37 The meeting the next day was very nice and I had
38 the pleasure of meeting the ladies who are forming a new
39 unit in Los Banos. Are they here today? No. Okay.
40 Well, we'll get to see them soon. I look forward to
41 seeing their progress because they're a very dedicated
42 group.

43 The next weekend the Teamin' 23rd District hosted
44 an outstanding homecoming for me. What a day. There were
45 many surprises, performances, and such a wonderful
46 outpouring of love. Thank you, Sparks. Love you guys.

47 (Applause.)

48 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I was looking
49 forward with great excitement to visit District 22.
50 Unfortunately there was a last-minute conflict of dates

1 and I had to travel to National Headquarters. I want to
2 thank Vice President of Operations Harriet for stepping in
3 and delivering my message to the district. I thought I
4 was going to have to fight her, I mean, actually
5 physically fight her and Past Department President Terry
6 for my special autographed basketball I got from the
7 Harlem Globetrotters. They wanted to keep it. But cooler
8 heads prevailed. Harriet gave me the ball at Junior
9 Conference and I gave Harriet a consolation thank you
10 gift. I hate to think of fighting, you know, but I had to
11 have that ball.

12 Next up, junior conference. No lions, no tigers,
13 but bears, oh, my. Yes, we had a scary bear sighting and
14 a mouse. But the mouse ran across the stage. Okay. And
15 as Susie Tozier said, "I never saw you jump so high."
16 Well, although we were in the mountains, we were really
17 scared of that bear. The junior conference was very well
18 done with an increase of 14 new junior members which is
19 fantastic.

20 (Applause.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It was a very
22 informative fun weekend and the senior members put on a
23 very spirited poppy fashion show. Then it was off to the
24 Veep's fundraiser, but first that morning I attended the
25 Sons of the American Legion super membership making
26 conference. You all say that; right? That's a lot of
27 words. They shared some new exciting ways to develop a
28 membership program. Mr. Biggs, he did get to go on this
29 trip. We traveled to Bakersfield and we enjoyed a
30 beautiful evening, even though I did not win any baskets.
31 Sue Hooker, where are you? I win everything. But Harriet
32 felt sorry for me and gave me a wonderful centerpiece.
33 Thank you, Harriet.

34 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: You're
35 welcome.

36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: The next morning it
37 was off to Terra Bella for their district meeting, a
38 somber memorial service, and election of new officers. I
39 had the pleasure of meeting members from the new Unit 711.

40 (Applause.)

41 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yay! Just love
42 those numbers and I know the ladies will do a great job.
43 Memorial Day I was invited to take part in their parade of
44 plants as they had a heartwarming ceremony honoring the
45 fallen in the City of Inglewood. That evening it was my
46 honor to install a new unit, Chinatown Unit 628. And in
47 one fell swoop, the 17th District has been reborn.

48 (Applause.)

49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We now have 30
50 districts again, so get ready for that. 17th district is

1 back, all you chairmen that are coming in. If you ever
2 get the opportunity to go to a meeting or an installation
3 at the Golden Dragon Restaurant, jump at the chance and go
4 on an empty stomach. I believe there were eight or nine
5 courses. Each were so good. Needless to say, we ate a
6 lot. I want to thank the new president Rachel Yee and our
7 past first lady Yoko Crooks for the honor of this historic
8 occasion.

9 With the assistance and organizing of our Past
10 Department President, my friend Terry Mikesell, I was able
11 to visit District 4 and 2. Thank you, Terry. Terry drove
12 an astounding number of miles. Thousands of miles. Was
13 it thousands or hundreds?

14 NEC CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Hundreds.

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It seemed like
16 thousands. Hundreds of miles and she wouldn't even let me
17 drive. Picking me up at the Sacramento airport and
18 driving to Willow where we had lunch with the ladies of
19 District 4. We had a wonderful time discussing new ways
20 to work programs and bringing in more members. That
21 afternoon Terry and I rolled into Weed.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: National president
24 Nancy knows what I'm talking about. She's done that.
25 That's right. There's a town called Weed. Where you at,
26 Weed? Hey, there they go. That was another historic
27 event as this was the first time Henry Tucker Unit 565
28 hosted a district meeting. I can't thank them enough. It
29 was a wonderful way to end my district visit. They held a
30 moving memorial service and elected new district officers.
31 Thank you so much. I really enjoyed myself.

32 Throughout these six months I visited the VA
33 medical centers. The tours are eye opening and we asked
34 what more can we do? Although there are recent sad
35 developments within the VA system with veterans not
36 getting appointments in a reasonable amount of time, once
37 in the facility, the care in California appears to be
38 top-notch. But the investigation will prove the truth. I
39 know our team therapists and hospital volunteers are
40 providing the best service to our veterans.

41 (Applause.)

42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I have learned
43 throughout my travels this year that California Auxiliary
44 members have and always will be at the forefront of
45 service to our veterans. You are by far the best there is
46 and it is my prayer that we continue growing, search out
47 those members, check on them, help them, and keep working
48 on those renewals. Membership never stops. Let us keep
49 membership as our main objective as we continue helping
50 and serving veterans.

1 Thank you so much for a wonderful year full of
2 unforgettable memories. This concludes my report.

3 (Applause.)

4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. Thank
5 you, Harriet. That's why I put theirs on the small font
6 and front and back. I think it was one double sided.
7 Because if you saw it on six pages long, you would have
8 lost your mind.

9 NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: We can't read
10 this.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I know. That's why
12 I did that way. We will now have the report of the
13 National Executive Committee Member Terry Mikesell.

14 (Applause.)

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16 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORT

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18 NEC CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Ladies, you've heard of a
19 short and sweet report? This one is going to be short and
20 sweet. Thank you to Past -- no. Excuse me, Anita. The
21 current Department President Anita Biggs for attending the
22 NEC in my place that I wasn't able to attend. Madam
23 President, that concludes my report.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You told me you had
26 more to say. That's it? Okay. Well, thank you, Terry,
27 for letting me have all your time. I appreciate it.

28 Okay. We will now have the reports of the
29 department officers. So will all officers not already on
30 the stage please come up quietly and be ready to give your
31 report. This is just a reminder to all the officers and
32 chairmen. All reports excluding Americanism, Education,
33 Membership, Children & Youth, Poppy, Resolutions, and
34 Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation per the department
35 policy code are to be limited to five minutes. This
36 includes your committee report, supplemental, and first
37 place award presentations. So you will be timed. Who's
38 going to be timing them? Harriet. The Gong Show.

39 So we'll start off with our vice president of
40 operations, Harriet Clendenin.

41 (Applause.)

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43 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

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45 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Good
46 morning, Madam President, distinguished guests, and
47 members. The second half of this year seemed to go even
48 faster than the first half. Standing in for President
49 Anita at Past Department Commander Dan Hetherington's
50 funeral was bitter-sweet. An honor to stand in, but such

1 a sad occasion to be at the funeral of a very close friend
2 of mine and mentor to my husband.

3 Then came the request to visit District 22.
4 Karen and the rest of her team were gracious and
5 welcoming, and as some of you may recall, Madam
6 President's gift was the topic of much discussion on
7 Facebook. Past Department President Terry and Pilar both
8 had something to say about that very cool gift, but in the
9 end, I did give it into your hands.

10 Next came junior conference. What a fabulous
11 time we had being entertained by over 50 juniors. Things
12 went well for the most part except, of course, seeing the
13 bear. Ladies, can you imagine what seven women sound like
14 when they are all screaming at the same time? My ears are
15 still ringing, although I have to admit I was one of the
16 seven.

17 Despite that adventure, installing the junior
18 officers was an honor. Our next honorary junior
19 president, Maya Novicki from District 24 will do great
20 things next year and make us all proud.

21 Besides junior conference, in April I attended
22 Madam President's homecoming. It was nice to be
23 comfortable in casual clothes, although I didn't even own
24 any basketball shirts. There were many friends I was able
25 to visit with, and as they say, a good time was had by
26 all.

27 In May the trip to Indianapolis where I had the
28 privilege of meeting many outstanding women from across
29 the country. Our national leadership team is made up of
30 very dedicated members who have a vision for the future
31 and at the same time honoring our history.

32 All in all it was a busy but exciting second half
33 of the year and I want to thank everyone for this
34 opportunity to represent the Department of California
35 shooting H.O.O.P.S. and honoring our opportunity to
36 provide services to our veterans. Thank you. That
37 concludes my remarks.

38 (Applause.)

39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Great job. Thank
40 you, Harriet. Next up, our Secretary/Treasurer Ruby
41 Kapsalis.

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43 ACTING DEPARTMENT SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

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45 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madam
46 Department President, it has been an honor and a privilege
47 to serve as the Department Acting Secretary/Treasurer for
48 the past nine months. It has not only been interesting,
49 but a learning and eye-opening experience. I want
50 everyone to know that during these past nine months, I now

1 have earned a new nickname, not only by the Legion staff,
2 but from the hotel where I stayed, and that is Ruby
3 Tuesday. That's because I arrived on Tuesday and left on
4 Thursday.

5 On behalf of the staff, Mel Cruz, bookkeeper, and
6 Janeen Thomas, membership clerk, and myself, I want to
7 thank all of our members for their outstanding patience
8 and understanding throughout this transition period. You
9 are truly an extraordinary group of ladies providing
10 extraordinary services to our organization and always a
11 pleasure to work with.

12 As the district presidents serve as the link
13 between department and our units, I want to commend each
14 one of them for going above and beyond for answering the
15 call when their services were required throughout the
16 year. Thank you for an outstanding job well done.

17 We continue to look for ways to improve our
18 services to our members and the department and I am very
19 pleased to report that the office is running very smoothly
20 with nothing falling behind schedule.

21 (Applause.)

22 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And a big
23 thanks to a conscientious staff, Mel and Janeen,
24 membership is now being received and posted within two
25 days of receipt.

26 (Applause.)

27 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And all
28 checks are deposited the same week they are received.

29 (Applause.)

30 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: A special
31 thanks to Terry Mikesell for volunteering and doing a
32 tremendous job assisting Janeen posting and keeping
33 membership current. I am sure glad she likes to do it
34 because I don't know what we would have done without her.

35 Another volunteer I would be remiss if I didn't
36 mention, the one I owe a deep debt of gratitude to is my
37 husband, Art, who is always there keeping the information
38 on the website current and up-to-date. His understanding,
39 patience, and being a husband without a wife for three
40 days each week for nine months, never, never complaining
41 has been phenomenal and greatly appreciated.

42 (Applause.)

43 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Everyone
44 probably has noticed that the membership on the website is
45 now being updated and will continue being updated weekly
46 every Wednesday morning. And he gets up at 3:00 o'clock
47 in the morning so it will be there when you wake up.

48 (Applause.)

49 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And the
50 nice thing about this the is Department has -- it's not --

1 we don't have to do anything. It's being downloaded
2 directly from the National ALAMIS database, so it saves us
3 a lot of work.

4 We are so fortunate to have such dedicated
5 volunteers always willing to step up to the plate to do
6 what they can do for our organization. And Pilar Reyes
7 exemplifies and sets the example for others to emulate.
8 Thank you, Pilar.

9 (Applause.)

10 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: It didn't
11 matter when or why she was needed. She was always there.
12 Last but not least and by no means -- last but not least
13 by any means, my deepest appreciation to the American
14 Legion staff for their help and specially Sarah Etzel for
15 all of her computer assistance she provided during the
16 transition.

17 Speaking of the American Legion, I want to
18 publicly thank them for allowing the Auxiliary to share in
19 the profits from the sweepstakes program they oversee and
20 also thank Past Department President Margie Shank who had
21 the insight and worked this deal out with the Legion. We
22 received a total of \$9,902 this year to help offset the
23 expenses of our general fund operating expenses.

24 (Applause.)

25 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: This is our
26 best fundraising income and I want to encourage all of our
27 members to participate and buy the tickets when they
28 receive them. Actually, two sweepstake programs are held,
29 one in the summer and one in the winter. The more money
30 earned, the more receipts received for the Auxiliary. And
31 not only that, our members have a great opportunity to win
32 some good cash prizes as well. A win/win situation for
33 all concerned.

34 I'm told California leads the nation in the
35 number of units who have signed up to the National ALA
36 Management Information System, better known to many as
37 ALAMIS or live unit formerly called Test Units. And I've
38 told this story to a few people, but I have to tell you
39 when I first got in the office in September, units would
40 call in and I would -- they were asking questions, and
41 immediately I would say do you realize if you were a live
42 unit that you could go to the ALAMIS database and find out
43 this information. Well, I don't know, she may be in the
44 room. I don't know who I was talking to, but I said,
45 "Well, are you a live unit?" And she responded, "Well, of
46 course we're alive."

47 (Applause.)

48 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: So in
49 future phone calls I had to -- every time I would start
50 asking if they were live, and I would have to rethink what

1 I was saying. A test unit or something.

2 Okay. Ninety-five out of 274 units in California
3 are signed up. This is one of the best membership tools a
4 unit can have because not only does it allow the unit to
5 keep track of their membership, they can pull paid and
6 unpaid membership rosters for the current and past year.
7 They can export the information into an Excel worksheet
8 and use it as a database to create letters, mailing
9 labels, and make address or name changes themselves rather
10 than sending in a member data form. I have to tell you a
11 fun -- oh, I already told you that story. That's one of
12 the funniest stories.

13 This upcoming year all donations to National
14 Auxiliary Emergency Fund, Spirit of Youth, National
15 President's Special Project or National President's
16 Scholarships will be sent directly from the unit to
17 national with a copy of the report form only. The checks
18 and a form go -- you will mail it directly to national.
19 This is a new way of doing business which will alleviate
20 work for the department office and still allow the
21 department to keep track of how much our members are
22 donating to those programs.

23 Along the same note, the department is reducing
24 the number of donation forms back down to one form for
25 donations to department.

26 (Applause.)

27 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: We hope
28 that this change will not only improve our way of doing
29 business, but will eliminate a lot of confusion and cut
30 down on the amount of paperwork that our units, districts,
31 and department have to keep track of. We are always
32 looking for easier and more efficient ways to operate and
33 welcome suggestions from all members.

34 Financial aspect of our operations is not where
35 I'd like it to be yet, but is a work in progress and I
36 believe we will reach all milestones during the upcoming
37 year. Madam Department President, \$20,000 was moved from
38 the general fund checking into a business high-yield
39 savings account and combined with the \$7,000 that was
40 previously invested in a CD when the account was opened
41 and not earning very much interest. We not only get a
42 better interest rate, but these funds automatically serve
43 as a backup protection preventing overdrafts and we can
44 withdraw or add money without any penalties.

45 (Applause.)

46 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: It has been
47 a real pleasure working with the finance committee this
48 year and thank them for their patience and understanding
49 when we were unable to provide reports in a timely manner.
50 Kathryn Doran was instrumental in getting our accounts

1 cleared up and always willing to step up to the plate to
2 help. Thank you, Kathryn. Another instance where I don't
3 know what we would have done without you.

4 (Applause.)

5 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And I have
6 to tell you, Wells Fargo they have this young gentleman at
7 our -- we have an account for Wells Fargo for our general
8 fund. And he is calling me out or sending me emails all
9 the time. He knows we have money over at US Bank and he
10 wants us to move it over to his bank. But he's so cute.
11 He says the more money we put in, the more interest you'll
12 make.

13 Most of you already met Cassie Mikesell who is
14 taking care of the department office this year and another
15 one I don't know what I would do without. If you haven't
16 already guessed, Cassie is Terry's daughter-in-law and
17 member of Unit 197 in District 2. I want to publicly
18 thank her for being here and accepting the job. It's a
19 job she is very familiar and done a few times before, so
20 if you need anything, stop by the office and she'll take
21 good care of you.

22 With your permission, I would like to shoot three
23 more hoops before I conclude. 2015 membership cards are
24 here and can be picked up by incoming district presidents
25 to distribute to the units in her district in the
26 department office. And if you picked up -- I understand
27 that several units have already picked up some membership
28 cards. If you picked your cards up before today, there
29 were no blank cards in there. You'll need to go to the
30 office to get some blanks. Okay?

31 The national delegate and alternate packets are
32 also in the office at the Hyatt -- or no, in the office,
33 and those can be picked up after elections on Saturday.
34 All of the 2014 Dream Team needs to ensure they turn in
35 their procedure books flash drives and get a receipt from
36 Cassie before they pick up their mileage checks on Sunday.
37 2015 officers and chairmen need to make sure they pick up
38 their procedure books no later than Sunday at close of
39 convention.

40 Madam Department President, thank you for your
41 vote of confidence and putting your trust in me to carry
42 out the responsibilities of this position and I hope that
43 together we have exceeded the expectations in meeting the
44 needs of our department and its members. And this
45 concludes my report.

46 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Absolutely.

47 (Applause.)

48 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Oh, my goodness. I
49 just heard some disparaging news. We did send an email
50 out. Did anyone bring in membership and transmittals? We

1 offered that. Did anyone get the message? Oh, you did.
2 Oh, good. We will really -- I think, 23, did you bring
3 memberships? Okay. I'm getting ready to go see the
4 Legion. I think they're beating us in membership. Oh,
5 no. I don't want to be dressing up as Wilt Chamberlain.
6 He's going to forget my part of the challenge. If I have
7 any membership on transmittals with the money attached,
8 please see Ruby. Okay? And if you have any membership
9 that you know you can transmit, I think we have this
10 transmittal. If you have the money, see Ruby.

11 At this time I would request that our Vice
12 President Harriet Clendenin assume the Chair. I will be
13 going to visit the Legion, and I'll be right back. Thank
14 you.

15 (Applause.)

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: And I'm taking our
17 National President with me. Thank you.

18 (Processional.)

19 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: We're going
20 to have the reports of the Chaplain, the Musician, and the
21 Historian. Could you please come to the stage. And let's
22 start with the Chaplain, the Team Spirit.

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24 DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN REPORT

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26 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: Madam President, the
27 convention committee on chaplains, for God and Country,
28 met on June 19th, 2014 in Room 211 of the Santa Clara
29 Convention Center, Santa Clara, California. The
30 statistical report of this chairman appears on page 14 of
31 the Book of Reports. What is lacking there is the number
32 of units to report; however, I have enough problems with
33 trying to keep track of 29 districts, let alone 274 units.
34 So therefore, when you turn to your district report, page
35 14, cross out units and write in districts 26 reporting.

36 Arlene Barton was appointed secretary from
37 District 25, Delores Ryan offered prayer from District 15,
38 and Megan Bell was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms from
39 District 30. A total of 22 district delegates answered
40 roll call. There were five visitors present.

41 The committee agreed upon the following report:
42 The code was read and there were no changes. Certificates
43 of 100 percent reporting were awarded to 18 district
44 chaplains, 26 districts reporting. Certificates of
45 appreciation were presented to each district chaplain for
46 their year's service as well as a personal thank you card
47 from this Department Chaplain.

48 Second and third place awards were presented in
49 committee. A complete listing will be posted in the
50 office at the end of this report.

1 Various documents were reviewed and
2 recommendations will be forwarded to the department. This
3 completes the report of the Chaplain's committee meeting.
4 By direction of the committee, I move the adoption of this
5 report.

6 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you.
7 (Applause.)

8 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: With your permission,
9 Madam President, may I continue with first place awards
10 and a short supplemental report?

11 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Yes you
12 may.

13 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: Thank you. In the
14 category most cards for various occasions, first place
15 goes to District No. 10, District Chaplain Emily Magwill
16 and District 22, District Chaplain Amy Gemmell.

17 (Applause.)

18 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: In the unit category for
19 most cards, was Unit 258, District 22, Eleanor Flocken.

20 (Applause.)

21 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: The Chapel of Four
22 Chaplains Largest Donation goes to District 10, Emily
23 Magwill and District 22, District Chaplain Amy Gemmell.

24 (Applause.)

25 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: And in the unit category,
26 District 4, Unit 88, Josephine Whitmore.

27 (Applause.)

28 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: And you may hold your
29 applause because there are many second places. District
30 18, No. 755, Diane Mitchell.

31 (Applause.)

32 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: Unit 359, District 19,
33 Chaplain Marie Cowan; Unit 53, District 21, Chaplain Jeri
34 Johnston; Unit 434, District 22, Chaplain Georgie Charles;
35 and Unit 31, District 28, Chaplain Sabrina Orozco. Thank
36 you.

37 (Applause.)

38 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: In Loving Tribute, the
39 largest donation was cumulative. District 22, District
40 Chaplain Amy Gemmell.

41 (Applause.)

42 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: And the unit was 6,
43 District 22, Chaplain Genevieve Lamb.

44 (Applause.)

45 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: The best supplement goes
46 to District 28, District Chaplain Sherryl Panek.

47 (Applause.)

48 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: And the unit goes to 359,
49 District 19, Marie Cowan.

50 (Applause.)

1 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: The best prayer book as
2 you know was judged here at convention. The best prayer
3 book goes to District 25, District Chaplain Arlene Barton.

4 (Applause.)

5 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: The unit prayer book goes
6 to Unit 280, District 18, Rev. Dr. Rodica Andreescu. And
7 the junior, we have a junior prayer book, that goes to
8 Unit 282, District 22, and the chaplain is Jolina M.
9 Freeman.

10 (Applause.)

11 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: Thank you, ladies. There
12 was 100 percent reporting 18 of 29 districts.
13 Congratulations to each of the unit and district
14 chaplains.

15 Madam President, I'm going to do my narrative
16 now. The name given chaplains this year, "Team Spirit,"
17 not only reflects the concept to make an impact on a team,
18 not just one, and spirit includes not only the manner in
19 which we do our work, but includes our God in all things.
20 Service not self, our motto, was demonstrated in all that
21 chaplains do.

22 Chaplains, unit and district made contact with
23 department chaplain, some with phone calls or notes
24 attached to death notices. Some just shared what was
25 going on in their life. Some for information as this was
26 their first time as chaplain, and others shared what
27 various activities they had involvement. The activities
28 are considerable in which the Auxiliary chaplains were
29 asked to be a part of or took the lead in various
30 circumstances. Chaplains not only supported our warriors
31 both at home and aboard, but members. So many chaplains
32 supported new areas of service for our veterans and
33 members' needs and is nothing short of amazing.

34 To name a few, there was the Shawl Ministry, Tree
35 People, books and handmade bookmarks that included the
36 serenity prayer, lap robes for convalescent homes, a
37 prayer quilt, the start of sending spiritual thoughts to
38 members, and the giving of clothes and shoes to a post for
39 distribution to the homeless and needy veterans and
40 assisting a post in Stand Downs. Many made known to the
41 public what as volunteers they were trying to accomplish
42 and received community support.

43 As we Auxiliary members grow older, we don't
44 retire to the couch, but continue our love of God and
45 country and support our precious Auxiliary in a different
46 format as it was done this year. Early in the year forms
47 were updated and posted online. Direct contact, snail
48 mail, was made with district chaplains of record giving
49 them a heads up of what to report and emphasize. As quite
50 a few of you do not have access to or know how to cruise

1 the ALA website, felt the need to make direct contact so
2 there would not be any surprises at midyear and end of
3 year report time. Updated forms were supplied as well as
4 four bulletins. The bulletins were mainly reminders.

5 As stated at the DEC, it is vital that we do --
6 we all do our job giving complete information when
7 requested, replying to requests timely, and when
8 information is not complete, we have a follow-up plan for
9 getting complete information to the proper person timely.
10 Communicate.

11 As ALA Department of California Chaplain, I
12 attended the workshop held in August at Clovis, Department
13 Executive Committee meeting held in January at Long Beach,
14 the Chapel of Four Chaplains program in San Francisco in
15 February, and made use of the In Loving Tribute on several
16 occasions. In particular, sent thinking of you cards to
17 Past Department Presidents that I personally had not seen
18 at convention in recent years. This year at convention
19 held a memorial service for deceased members Thursday
20 afternoon. All districts had the opportunity to
21 participate. The theme was faith, hope, love.

22 Leaders, both past and present, are to be thanked
23 for their effort in keeping this great organization in the
24 forefront of support for veterans, active military,
25 community, and family. I feel chaplains at all levels did
26 their utmost in support of the theme H.O.O.P.S., Honoring
27 Our Opportunity to Provide Services for our veterans.
28 Madam President, this concludes my report.

29 (Applause.)

30 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you.

31 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: May I approach the podium?

32 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Would you
33 like to wait until Anita gets back?

34 CHAPLAIN CHRISTENSEN: Whatever you wish. Thank
35 you.

36 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you,
37 Alice. We now will hear from the Musician Joyce Patton.
38 She's here.

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40 DEPARTMENT MUSICIAN REPORT

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42 MUSICIAN PATTON: Good morning. The convention
43 committee on music met on June 19th, 2014 in Room 212 of
44 the Santa Clara Convention Center, Santa Clara,
45 California. Helen Hines was appointed secretary, Emily
46 Toufaye offered prayer, and Jean Cooley-Desmeules was
47 appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. We had a total of eight
48 district delegates answered roll call. There was one
49 visitor. And this was a miracle because we didn't even
50 know we were going to caucus, so there was a miracle.

1 The second and third and honorable mention awards
2 were announced. At this time I'd like to give my awards.

3 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: You may
4 continue.

5 MUSICIAN PATTON: Thank you. Certificate of
6 appreciation presented to Deborah McCulla, District 18,
7 Unit 75 for participating in the Patriotic Sound Off music
8 competition.

9 (Applause.)

10 MUSICIAN PATTON: Thank you. And will you stay
11 right there. Okay. District 18 also received the second
12 place in our Patriotic Sound Off music competition.

13 Estella Torres and Maria Torres. It was a joint venture
14 on this song, but they did a beautiful song. I wish you
15 guys could just sing all these songs, but they were
16 beautiful. So I would like to present you with that
17 certificate.

18 (Applause.)

19 MUSICIAN PATTON: And also, since you're here
20 we're just going to give you all of yours now. 18 was
21 busy.

22 (Applause.)

23 MUSICIAN PATTON: I appreciate it. Also our
24 first place in our Patriotic Sound Off music competition
25 was presented to Diane Mitchell, District 18, Unit 775.

26 (Applause.)

27 MUSICIAN PATTON: I'm going to redo the
28 certificate. I appreciate it. Oh, don't go. Don't go.
29 I want to give you -- she wasn't -- Diane wasn't at DEC
30 and she did get an award. She was awarded a certificate
31 of appreciation of the recognition for her active
32 participation in the Department of California music
33 contest. So I received hers earlier before. At DEC she
34 did get an award. So thank you. You're welcome. Do you
35 want me to stay here or -- so District 23, if District 23
36 will come up. I'd like to present for outstanding music
37 report. This is the only report I received and I'm glad
38 it was from our district. Matilda Hayward, District 23,
39 Unit 639.

40 (Applause.)

41 MUSICIAN PATTON: Also Matilda Haywood, District
42 23, Unit 639 is awarded third place in the Patriotic Sound
43 Off music competition.

44 (Applause.)

45 MUSICIAN PATTON: Thank you. Okay. Before I go
46 on to my report, I would ask -- I know you guys want to
47 know what the song sounds like. We're going to ask
48 District 18 to stand. They have a copy of the song. I
49 wish we could all sing it, but we couldn't make that many
50 copies. So if District 18 will stand and we will sing

1 this song. One, two, ready, begin.
2 DISTRICT 18: We're striking --
3 MUSICIAN PATTON: Okay. Let's start again.
4 Let's start again. I think just got the words. They just
5 got the words. Hold on. One, two, ready, begin.
6 DISTRICT 18: We're striking up the band to honor
7 veterans everywhere and passing on our winning spirit just
8 to show we care. The songs we sing, the music played will
9 echo through the air, our Dream Team's marching on. Let's
10 all hear for the Auxiliary. Shooting hoops, we're the
11 Auxiliary. Veterans served by the Auxiliary, our Dream
12 Team's marching on.
13 (Applause.)
14 MUSICIAN PATTON: Thank you so much. Thank you
15 so much. It was fun to receive these songs and I hope
16 that they continue this. But there is one -- 18 and Jean.
17 I'm sorry. Jean, come up. Jean is 19; right? Noisy 19.
18 (Applause.)
19 MUSICIAN PATTON: Jean thought we were doing a
20 music book. Isn't it beautiful? It's beautiful. It's
21 full of patriotic songs. She even had basketball songs.
22 She has --
23 MS. COOLEY-DESMEULES: Starfish.
24 MUSICIAN PATTON: Holiday songs. And I hope this
25 is something the new music chairman picks up also.
26 Because they did so much work on this, I had to do
27 something for her, and I'd like to present her with this
28 basketball basket.
29 (Applause.)
30 MUSICIAN PATTON: And she's going to put the book
31 in the back so you guys can look at it. I hope it will be
32 all right. And, Madam Sergeant-at-Arms, will you do this
33 because this is the 18th first place award I forgot to
34 give her. Yes, you should have stayed, thank you. May I
35 move on to my report?
36 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Sorry?
37 MUSICIAN PATTON: To my report?
38 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: No, let's
39 wait until we get the president.
40 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: She needs to finish
41 her report.
42 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Oh, she
43 needs to finish. Okay. Go ahead.
44 MUSICIAN PATTON: This music band director has
45 been busy directing the band throughout the department.
46 We started out by providing music at many installations as
47 we did in our district for our incoming officers.
48 September is music month and I know many of you provided
49 all kinds of musical activities including, but not limited
50 to, sponsoring, attending and/or participating in music

1 events at churches, schools, posts, VA hospitals, or
2 perhaps you just listen to music at the mall while working
3 membership. However, I know that music month was a most
4 enjoyable month for this band director.

5 This Musician attended the department workshop in
6 Los Alamitos, California. There were many opportunities
7 in your units and districts to strike up the band. In one
8 district, they have been very busy this year and they have
9 many activities to show for it. This district had a choir
10 and they performed for Madam President's visit. They also
11 performed at the veterans Christmas party at the VA. They
12 also had music at their monthly meeting. They attended a
13 musical event at local community theaters. They attended
14 musicals at the schools, many concerts, church musicals,
15 sang at their memorial service, and had a fundraiser which
16 one lucky winner won tickets to the Playboy Jazz Festival
17 and Gladys Knight concerts. Sounds like this -- sorry.
18 Sounds like this district has been striking up the band.

19 Four bulletins was posted regarding our song
20 writing contest. I am happy to report that we received
21 six songs for this competition. I am proud of the
22 districts and unit musicians who took the time to write
23 songs for this competition. Thanks to all of you for your
24 support and dedication this year, and let's continue to
25 make music a part of our everyday lives because music is
26 what makes the world go round. Musically and creatively
27 yours, Joyce Patton, Musician, aka band director.

28 (Applause.)

29 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Thank you.
30 Will the Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal along with the
31 Distinguished Guest Chairman please bring back to the
32 podium our Department President Anita and our National
33 President Nancy.

34 (Processional.)

35 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you, Harriet.
36 What did we do? I am supposed to remind them of
37 five-minute reports. Five-minute reports.

38 We will now hear from our referee, our Department
39 Parliamentarian Diane DeLashmit.

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41 PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT

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43 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Madam Commissioner,
44 this has been a very challenging year to say the least.
45 Penalties were given for fouls, out of bounds, personal
46 fouls, and various other infractions. This referee has
47 been blowing the whistle several times this season,
48 however the last few weeks there has been a need for some
49 timeouts. We are all volunteers and we try our best.
50 When errors are made we need to come to a just resolution

1 and move on. We have many rookies and they need to learn,
2 but it takes time. Sometimes it's the old guard that
3 needs to adapt to new ways. Rules are needed for
4 everything in our life and the game of basketball is no
5 different.

6 Sometimes we forget that there are boundaries to
7 observe. We are a team and all players are important,
8 otherwise the team cannot succeed. We were all rookies at
9 one time and we made our fair share of fouls too.
10 Personalities need to be left off the court, and the best
11 interest of the team is what is important.

12 (Applause.)

13 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: When we play by the
14 same rules there is a lot less conflict. Rules can be
15 found in the Constitution & Bylaws, Standing Rules, Unit
16 Handbook, and last but not least Robert's Rules of Order.
17 To be a positive influence on your team, you owe it to
18 yourself to become familiar with these documents.

19 Commissioner, it has been a daunting year, but
20 you have handled every situation with dignity and grace.
21 I was happy to be able to assist you.

22 (Applause.)

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you, Diane.
24 You left your referee on the podium. Did you want him to
25 stay over there?

26 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: I'll get it. I might
27 have to use it.

28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: There may be some
29 technical fouls, later fouls, thrown out the game.

30 NEC CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Thrown out the game.

31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I didn't say
32 anything over there at the Legion about the membership. I
33 said to myself and to Linda Workman and to Nancy -- uh-oh.
34 The referee is speaking. I will let the Commander bring
35 it up because we are not in the lead.

36 AUDIENCE MEMBER: How far behind?

37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: They're at 95
38 percent. We are at 93 percent. Okay. So if the
39 Commander brings it up, I'll put on my outfit. But if he
40 doesn't, what membership? Okay. If you all have some
41 membership, bring it up here and give it to Ruby. We're
42 taking it at the last minute through our Acting Secretary.

43 Okay. Our Sergeant-at-Arms Cherie Galvan, along
44 with our Acting Marshal Taadhimeka Stovall.

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46 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS REPORT

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48 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS GALVAN: Madam President, you
49 don't have to worry about the shot clock with me. I am
50 Cherie Galvan, District 10. Taadhimeka Stovall, District

1 23. President Anita, we thank you for these appointments.
2 And in the game of basketball, there's a lot of
3 substitutions. And we have had three marshals this year I
4 thank you for each of them. I've had a great time with
5 Kat at the workshop, with Gail at the DEC, and I'm getting
6 to know Taadhimeka here at Santa Clara.

7 (Applause.)

8 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS GALVAN: This year Anita has
9 called the Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal equipment
10 managers. The colors and banners are an important part of
11 our organization and for each unit and district for
12 participated in opening ceremonies. Later on we will have
13 a special gift for you. And I thank the Legion Convention
14 Corporation for their donation of this gift.

15 In closing, if you have not done so, please
16 return your gloves to the back of the room. And, pages,
17 you signed out for your badges. Please remember to return
18 them on Sunday. Thank you, Madam President.

19 (Applause.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you so much,
21 my outstanding equipment managers. Cherie, for being so
22 gracious for allowing all these substitutions and she's
23 been teaching them well. Thank you very much.

24 Is Teresa Jacob here? If not, we'll defer her
25 report when we can find her. Next up is our Girls State
26 Director, Girls State Chairman, Legislative in that order.
27 Could you please come to the stage?

28 Before that we will hear from our Historian Linda
29 Diebel. And I want to thank the juniors that are running
30 around. In District 10 -- where are the District 10 young
31 lady, Susan's daughter I think. Where are you? I can't
32 see. Rosa, wave your hand. Rosa, thank you for the
33 junior pages. And aren't they cute with their little
34 purses? Do you call those things? They look fantastic.
35 Okay, Linda.

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37 HISTORIAN REPORT

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39 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: The Convention Historian
40 Committee met on June 19th, 2014 in Room 207 of the Santa
41 Clara Convention Center in Santa Clara, California. The
42 statistical report of this chairman is on page 20 of the
43 Book of Reports.

44 Jean Cooley-Desmeules, District 19 served as
45 secretary, Candace Wilson, District 14 offered prayer, and
46 Pamela Hicks, District 18 was appointed Sergeant-At-Arms.
47 A total of 15 district delegates answered roll call and
48 there were four guests present.

49 The committee agreed upon the following report:
50 The Historian department code was renewed and no changes

1 were recommended. The following awards were presented in
2 committee meeting. 100 percent reporting by District 6,
3 9, 10, 11, 15, 18, 19, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, and 29.
4 The best statistical report for the district, third place
5 went to Louann Johnston, District 26.

6 (Applause.)

7 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: Second place went to LuAnn
8 Capazzi, District 27. Best unit supplemental reports.
9 Third place went to Sharon Starr, Unit 716.

10 (Applause.)

11 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: District 29. Second place
12 went to Lori Altman, Unit 359, District 19.

13 (Applause.)

14 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: A certificate of appreciation
15 will be given to each District Historian for the many
16 pictures and notes sent to this Historian. It was passed
17 out on the floor this morning. All first place awards
18 will be presented on the floor.

19 It was asked if this Historian would accept more
20 pictures, flyers, mailers from the units and the
21 districts. I told them they have until August 1st to get
22 them to me. After that I have to shut it off because I
23 have too many pictures to deal with as it is and I need to
24 get the books together to give to Anita at DEC in January,
25 otherwise, she's not going to get it for another year.

26 I have to tell you that in the Book of Reports I
27 show that I recorded that I received 200 photos. Well,
28 the last two weeks I've received another 2,000. I'm glad
29 to know I'm not the only procrastinator in the group.

30 Madam President, this concludes our committee
31 report. By the authority of the committee I ask that this
32 be approved.

33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes.

34 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: And if I may, I'd like to
35 proceed with my floor presentations.

36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You may.

37 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: I have to tell you that this
38 Department Historian had a great time following Anita
39 while she made her inspections of the California Dream
40 Teams. But I have to tell you the most fun I had was
41 sitting down in front of my computer trying to figure out
42 how to get pictures off of Facebook and Twitter. I have
43 16 grandchildren and nieces and they were all sitting
44 there watching me and laughing. No help, but a lot of
45 laughs.

46 I finally got them. That's one of the reasons
47 why I procrastinated so much it was hard to get them off.
48 The workshops in Clovis and Los Alamitos were well
49 attended and great fun. We had a lot of basketball
50 players in our group and Anita made great use of them in

1 making them play for their money. Playbooks were handed
2 out and the team coaches were there to run the plays for
3 our players.

4 Our Dream Team held several holiday parties for
5 our veterans, their families, and their communities. One
6 unit held a Thanksgiving party for homeless vets in their
7 area. Another held a sixth annual Christmas party for an
8 Army Reserve Command. Several units held Christmas
9 parties for military children. One district had a grand
10 ball for military children. Our members are working with
11 their American Legion Posts to put together food baskets
12 for families in need in their community. Several units
13 gave local fire departments and police stations goody
14 baskets, and let me tell you they ate those up fast.

15 Our team photographers were there to record all
16 the events. I thank you for all the photographs of all of
17 these events. I was sorry that I had to miss the DEC, but
18 our team photographers, our officers, and especially Tami
19 Bell sent me photos like crazy of everything that went on
20 at DEC.

21 (Applause.)

22 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: Thank you. Thank you. We are
23 now at the end of the year. I'm still receiving pictures.
24 I talked to my sister. She called me and said I got a box
25 of a hundred photos in the mail yesterday. So I know that
26 I will receive some great ones, and when I put the books
27 together, Anita will have a great time looking through
28 them and remembering her year as our commissioner.

29 Madam President, I thank you for this
30 appointment. It has been a learning experience, and this
31 concludes my supplemental. May I please present my first
32 place winners?

33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Please do. Thank
34 you.

35 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: I have to tell you it was very
36 difficult. I had five judges helping me judge and they
37 had a hard time. We were there for two and a half hours
38 going through the books. First, I'd like to do the
39 District Historian. First place winner, Jean
40 Cooley-Desmeules, District 19.

41 (Applause.)

42 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: Don't go anywhere. Since
43 you're here, first place district supplement goes to Jean
44 Cooley-Desmeules, 19th District Historian.

45 (Applause.)

46 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: First place unit supplemental
47 goes to Susan Romero, Joe Dominguez Unit 742, Historian.
48 Is she here?

49 (Applause.)

50 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: First place winner for best

1 district picture book goes to Cathy Medina, Unit 496,
2 District 19.
3 (Applause.)
4 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: Madam President, this
5 concludes my awards. May I please approach your bench or
6 your station? Your bench.
7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: My bench. You can
8 come to my bench any time.
9 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: Skybox. Okay. This is your
10 H.O.O.P.S. rule book.
11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Oh, how beautiful.
12 Okay. And this is a rule book. Very beautiful.
13 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: That's the Department
14 Constitution & Bylaws, all of the standing rules.
15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Fabulous.
16 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: Everything we need to run our
17 business.
18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I needed that
19 earlier in the year.
20 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: This is your H.O.O.P.S.
21 playbook.
22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Playbook.
23 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: And this is all the plan of
24 actions.
25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: With all the plan of
26 actions. Thank you so much. This is beautiful.
27 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: Okay. This is your
28 communication book, everything that was sent out and your
29 reports from today will -- of this meeting will be in
30 there as well.
31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: This is absolutely
32 gorgeous.
33 (Applause.)
34 HISTORIAN DIEBEL: Because of all the pictures
35 that I have gotten, I only brought a sample of the book
36 because I can't bring them all down here. Will you hand
37 me the other book that's in there?
38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: She lives in
39 Lynwood. That's like right next door to Long Beach. I'll
40 pick it up. Good. Thank you so much.
41 (Applause.)
42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Is Linda Hayes in
43 the audience?
44 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: She's in
45 the office.
46 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: She's in the office.
47 Okay. Did Teresa Jacob come back in the room? Not yet.
48 Okay. I'm going to defer Girls State then until Linda can
49 show up. And we'll then begin with Terry Mikesell with
50 Legislative, and then after Terry it will be Community

1 Service, Jackie Cleveland for Junior Conference -- no.
2 I'm going to move you to tomorrow.

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4 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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6 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: The convention
7 committee on Legislative met on June 19, 2014 in Room 212
8 of the Hyatt Hotel Convention Center, Santa Clara. The
9 statistical report of this chairman appears on page 21 of
10 the Book of Reports.

11 Harriet Clendenin was appointed secretary,
12 Florence Perdue offered prayer, and Barbara Ross was
13 appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 18 district
14 delegates answered roll call. There were six visitors
15 present.

16 The committee agreed upon the following report:
17 The code was read with the following proposed changes.
18 Code 6 currently reads: "A copy of Legislator's replies
19 to letters of our members should be sent directly to:
20 Director, National Legislative Commission, The American
21 Legion, 1608 K Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20006 with a
22 copy to the Department Chairman. The unit name and number
23 shall be indicated on all replies so that California may
24 receive credit. 1999."

25 They recommended that we remove after
26 consultation with the National Legislative Chairman.
27 Renumber remaining 6 through 8.

28 Madam Department President, by direction of the
29 committee I move the adoption of this code change.

30 DEPARTMENT VICE PRESIDENT CLENDENIN: Second.

31 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Have I confused
32 you?

33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yeah, big time.
34 Okay. You're just moving to delete this code?

35 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Yes, ma'am.

36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It has been moved
37 and seconded that we delete code 6 that currently reads:
38 "A copy of Legislator's replies to letters of our members
39 should be sent directly to: Director, National
40 Legislative Commission, The American Legion, 1608 K Street
41 NW, Washington, D.C. 20006."

42 Is there any discussion?

43 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: No, it's no
44 longer necessary.

45 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Let me read the
46 remainder of this code: "With a copy to the Department
47 Chairman. The unit name and number shall be indicated on
48 all replies so that California may receive credit." We're
49 removing that entire section of the code. Did you offer
50 rationale? I'm sorry. Did I miss it?

1 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: I beg your
2 pardon?
3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Did you offer
4 rationale to it?
5 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Yes, ma'am.
6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Can you repeat it?
7 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Because it's no
8 longer necessary. The plan of action will be sent via
9 email or some other form I can't remember, but they're no
10 longer physically sending by snail mail hard copies to
11 that address. And like I said, I did confer with Melanie
12 on this code change.
13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you very much,
14 Madam Chairman. Is there any discussion?
15 (No response.)
16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All those in favor,
17 say aye.
18 ALL PRESENT: Aye.
19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Any opposed say no.
20 (No response.)
21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That motion is
22 carried. Thank you.
23 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Thank you, Anita.
24 Certificates for second and third place unit and district
25 supplemental were given in the unit packets. Copy of
26 these winners has been posted in the department office.
27 100 percent reporting certificates were presented to
28 District 4, 6, 7, 9, 19, 23, 27, 28, and 30. There were
29 no resolutions nor any recommendations. With no further
30 business, the meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.
31 Madam President, may I continue with my
32 supplemental?
33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, please do.
34 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Thank you. This
35 has been a very busy year for the Legislative Chairman for
36 the Department of California. They have been shooting
37 hoops all over their counties, state, and the nation.
38 Hundreds of phone calls, letters and emails have been sent
39 to their respective contacts.
40 As noted in the statistic information in our Book
41 of Reports, they have been very busy. I have sent out
42 hundreds of emails regarding Legislative action items.
43 Ninety-one Legionnaires and Auxiliary members attended the
44 Legion Day At the Capitol. Several Auxiliary members
45 assisted the Legion while they visited their respective
46 representatives. Being as I was not able to attend this
47 function, I received the report from this event from
48 Barbara Ross in District 7.
49 I was not able to attend the Awareness Assembly
50 in Washington D.C., but our President Anita Biggs attended

1 in my place. She provided me with a report where she and
2 National President Nancy Brown-Park visited their
3 respective representatives along with Linda Workman and
4 Sherry Schneider. They visited Senator Feinstein's
5 office. Anita also visited Representative Janice Hahn's
6 office and each of these visits included passing along the
7 drop sheet and a discussion about the importance of
8 veterans' rights.

9 The National Legislative Chairman Melanie Taylor
10 provided our members with a very informative report at the
11 NEC meeting. California was well represented at this very
12 busy and hectic week. A copy of the drop sheet was
13 included in each district's packet at the Legislative
14 committee meeting.

15 Madam President Anita, may I continue with my
16 awards?

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, please do.

18 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Thank you. First
19 place district supplemental, Linda Farris, Chairman
20 District 19.

21 (Applause.)

22 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: First place unit
23 supplement, District 27, Unit 118, Danielle White,
24 Chairman. And this report was submitted to the National
25 Western Division Chairman. And to accept on her behalf is
26 District President Vella Myers.

27 (Applause.)

28 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Danielle is on
29 her way to Alaska. I'm very pleased to report that I
30 learned a lot from this chairmanship. Madam President
31 Anita Biggs, this concludes my report.

32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you very much.
33 Terry Mikesell, would you please stay at the podium for
34 the purposes of a presentation by Carol Fuqua. Carol, are
35 you prepared?

36 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN FUQUA: I'm right here.

37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. Only for
38 Terry.

39 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Because I told
40 the ladies in the Legislative meeting, you know, the king
41 and I were like this. When I was grounded for four
42 months, the king and I had to have a separation because I
43 couldn't socialize with him.

44 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Bad food.

45 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN FUQUA: Now, you've got to
46 have your Burger King hat on.

47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That fits so good.

48 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN FUQUA: Anyway, once upon a
49 time there was a Grand Wizard named Terry and she traveled
50 from the Land of Shasta. Terry, it has been such an honor

1 this year working on your Historian book. I do want to
2 say thank you to all the ladies that helped me, who
3 answered my phone calls, told me who they were in photos.
4 And I was thrilled. The Department of California has some
5 awesome ladies and you do such great work in your
6 districts. Thank you. Now, Terry.
7 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Yes, ma'am.
8 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN FUQUA: You have several
9 books. You have the best of both worlds. You have the
10 computer. You have this stuff. You've got photos, but I
11 put it in a little treasure chest for you over here.
12 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: A little treasure
13 chest.
14 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN FUQUA: Well, the ladies in
15 California do a lot of work.
16 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Yeah.
17 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN FUQUA: And they gave me a lot
18 of stuff.
19 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: I've got to tell
20 you, I was strutting myself because I don't have a program
21 next year, so I didn't have to take a tub home. Shame on
22 me.
23 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN FUQUA: But it's full of
24 treasures.
25 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Thank you.
26 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN FUQUA: And a few other gifts
27 that you'll enjoy.
28 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Thank you.
29 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN FUQUA: And I've learned many
30 new things. How to use a camera, how to use a computer,
31 how to get the film down from the camera to the computer.
32 And I've never scrapbooked in my life.
33 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: She has now.
34 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN FUQUA: I am experienced.
35 Enjoy.
36 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Thank you, Carol.
37 Now I would like to make a presentation to Carol with your
38 permission, Anita.
39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, you may.
40 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Thank you. I
41 wanted to get from Jackson & Perkins a rose. I can't
42 remember the name of it. Diane?
43 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Honoring Our
44 Veterans.
45 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Honoring Our
46 Veterans. And when I went to order it, they said it would
47 be speed delivered at planting time. Well, I couldn't
48 wait for that. So, Carol, this rose is for you. And its
49 name is We Salute You. And it's a beautiful orange and
50 pink rose.

1 (Applause.)
2 LEGISLATIVE CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: And it had a very
3 tough ride and been in a dark room the last two or three
4 days.
5 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN FUQUA: I hope there's
6 instructions. Yeah, there's instructions. Thank you.
7 (Applause.)
8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Wow, that's
9 fantastic.
10 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN FUQUA: Yes. Keep the hats.
11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you.
12 ELECTIONS CHAIRMAN FUQUA: You're welcome.
13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Is Joan Cannon here?
14 Okay. Joan Cannon, Community Service Chairman. And then
15 after that we're going to have our -- I see her -- Girls
16 State Director Val Hardy and Chairman Linda Hayes. Will
17 you all come to the stage, please?
18 And before -- while y'all are coming to the stage
19 -- that's my southern roots -- will the Distinguished
20 Guest Chairman please escort the Sons of the American
21 Legion Detachment Commander Christopher Affolter to the
22 podium or to the microphone for an announcement.
23 (Processional.)
24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Oh, did I say that?
25 I meant a dribble. You've got to come to the stage.
26 They've got sad music for you to come to the stage.
27 DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: Madam President,
28 with your permission.
29 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes.
30 DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: I have two
31 announcements; one is inviting --
32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: They're going to
33 sing that song.
34 (Singing.)
35 DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: I won't do that
36 no more. You know, I didn't know that that was a
37 tradition in the Auxiliary. I know it is a tradition in
38 scouting. I will watch that word whenever I come to see
39 you.
40 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Perfect.
41 DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: I have a few
42 things to share.
43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay.
44 DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: How's that? I
45 have a few things to share. At 3:00 p.m. today there's
46 going to be a bus or van that will be right outside of the
47 convention center that will be taking, if you would like,
48 the juniors, adults, and also youth sons and some adults.
49 They're going to be going to a water park for free. Okay?
50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I brought my suit.

1 DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: We have room for
2 30 participants, whether it's adults or you. The Sons of
3 the American Legion does this every year to provide for
4 our youth because we all believe in our youth. Don't we,
5 ladies?

6 (Applause.)

7 DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: Because we want
8 them to grow up to be great citizens of this great nation.
9 Yes, so that's happening. And you love veterans and VA&R;
10 right?

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Very much.

12 DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: Okay. Well, this
13 evening at 4 -- Post 419, we have a burger fry that the
14 Detachment of -- well, actually one of the Squadrons from
15 the 3rd area that is actually putting on a burger fry.
16 And the proceeds will go for the VA&R Foundation for the
17 Department of California which is the -- which is my
18 personal project for this year. I believe that we need to
19 keep our money right here in California to be able to
20 provide for our veterans right here.

21 (Applause.)

22 DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: And, of course,
23 we have been diligently working to get those funds into
24 place. I made a commitment to the American Legion of
25 \$10,000. And I don't even know where we stand right now,
26 but I will by the time that my cap turns to all light
27 blue, which means that I'll be a junior past and I'll be
28 presenting a check to the American Legion.

29 And I know that your H.O.O.P.S. program is, you
30 know, jumping too. So I would just really thank you for
31 the time to share this information along to you. And I'll
32 get out of your way with your permission, Madam President.

33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you very much,
34 Commander. We appreciate you. That invitation is at
35 3:00?

36 DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: 3:00 p.m. And,
37 by the way, hot dogs, chips are provided, you know, so
38 they have a dinner too.

39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. We'll let our
40 Chairman of the Junior Pages coordinate that if they're
41 able to go. That will disrupt our delivery if we do
42 without our pages, so we'll have to have the
43 Sergeant-At-Arms and Marshal step up. But thank you very
44 much for the offer.

45 DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: They'll be back
46 about 7:00, 8:00 o'clock.

47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: May give somebody a
48 break.

49 DETACHMENT COMMANDER AFFOLTER: Absolutely.

50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you so much,

1 Commander. Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal, please escort
2 our Detachment Commander Mr. Christopher Affolter from the
3 stage. Thank you.

4 (Processional.)

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We'll now hear from
6 our Community Service Chairman Joan Cannon. After that
7 we'll do Girls State.

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9 COMMUNITY SERVICE REPORT

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11 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CANNON: The
12 convention committee on Community Service met on June
13 19th, 2014 in Room 208 of the Santa Clara Convention
14 Center, Santa Clara, California. The statistic report of
15 this Chairman appears on page 17 of the Book of Reports.

16 Susan Baker, District 28 was appointed secretary.
17 Marge Rye, District 21 offered prayer, and Ann Philcox,
18 District 20 was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 19
19 district delegates answered roll call. There were four
20 visitors present.

21 The committee agreed upon the following report:
22 The department community service code was read with zero
23 changes. There were no resolutions and no
24 recommendations. Certificates for 100 percent reporting.
25 Walk, Run & Roll participation, and second and third place
26 awards were handed out.

27 During question and answer session it was noted
28 that Community Service Chairman did not receive any
29 applicants for a junior volunteer of the year. It was
30 requested this upcoming year to really look into our units
31 and find those very special members, whether a senior or a
32 junior. Marge Rye District 21 noted that Junior
33 Activities and Education Chairman should work closely with
34 the Community Service Chairman to help this be
35 accomplished.

36 With no further business the meeting of the
37 membership committee -- Community Service committee
38 adjourned at 10:42 a.m. Madam President, may I continue
39 with my supplement?

40 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, you may.

41 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CANNON: Who gives her
42 time, talents, love, money, understanding, and a
43 gratefulness for no reward? An American Legion Auxiliary
44 unit member. Department of California's treasures is our
45 members who continually step up and take charge to ensure
46 our military service members, their families, and our
47 veterans, their families, and our communities are given
48 what is needed at the time of need. We do not hesitate in
49 organizing, planning, and delivering our services.

50 Department of California district and units

1 participated in six Walk, Run & Rolls with three of them
2 benefiting veterans programs. Two members participated in
3 the Monterey Peninsula Stop Soldier Suicide Motorcycle Run
4 adding \$3,000 to their fund. Eleven members donated 120
5 hours and provided full meals for 200 riders in Ride 2
6 Recovery Wounded Warrior project. The last added \$1200
7 for veterans projects within their district. The
8 remaining walks supported various cancer programs.

9 Department of California Auxiliary members are
10 out in our communities working to support our military and
11 veterans and their families. Our units are driving many
12 miles to support veterans that are patients in local VA
13 hospitals and veterans homes. We are providing
14 Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners with all the trimmings,
15 as well as gifts, ornaments, and cards. We are making lap
16 robes, hats, and scarves, afghans, and providing books and
17 shoes. But the most special gift we give is ourselves
18 visiting our veterans and spending time just talking.

19 Some special activities I would like to share.
20 Several units have adopted veterans that are either
21 homeless or in veterans homes. A motor home was purchased
22 and placed on a unit member's property taking a homeless
23 veteran off the streets and giving him a safe place to
24 live.

25 Another unit provided a veteran with household
26 items, furniture, new quarters and gift cards to stock his
27 pantry, a gift that keeps giving was paying for the
28 veterans membership dues to the post. Providing him with
29 a new family and continued support.

30 A female veteran was adopted from Menlo Park VA
31 facility. The unit provided her with clothing, books,
32 puzzles, and her favorite chocolates. This veteran is a
33 gold star mother who lost her son in Iraq and was adopted
34 by the unit and provided her with an honorary lifetime
35 membership just to say thank you for your service and your
36 sacrifices for our country.

37 Numerous units volunteered time at VA hospitals,
38 VA homes, nursing homes, and veterans -- house veterans.
39 They provide meals, gifts, their time visiting and singing
40 with veterans. We send Girl Scout Cookies to our soldiers
41 in Afghanistan. We have members that are housebound, but
42 they still volunteer their time doing what they can.

43 We have a unit member that makes baby blankets
44 for newborn babies at the Ventura County Naval Base. This
45 unit member has completed 100 blankets and was presented
46 with a certificate of appreciation for her dedication.

47 Several units do something that seems so simple,
48 but the effect is life changing. They collect pull tabs
49 from cans and donate to their local Ronald McDonald House.
50 Why is this important? Many active duty military members

1 stay at the Ronald McDonald house while their children are
2 in the hospital receiving treatment. This allows military
3 families time to support their children in the time of
4 need. Something so simple, but allows the parents peace
5 of mind by being able to be there for their children.

6 We are holding Stand Downs supporting our
7 veterans and bringing them resources and materials needed.
8 We have unit members serving on our local committees
9 working on homeless issues and awareness. We have units
10 bringing veterans into our post, serving them meals,
11 fellowship, and just listening to their stories. We
12 gather cans and use this money to buy food for our local
13 homeless veterans.

14 One of our Auxiliary members had a special moment
15 when she took an entire family to San Diego to welcome
16 their son home from a cruise on the USS Coronado. And to
17 make that trip extra special, they all made their local
18 news.

19 The Department of California had 3,731 volunteers
20 who donated \$67,272 and had 81,689 volunteer hours serving
21 our military, veterans, and our communities. A job well
22 done. The stories can go on and on. Department of
23 California Auxiliary members are always searching,
24 planning, and working for our military veterans, their
25 families, and our communities.

26 It has been a pleasure working with our 29
27 districts learning their great works. We, the Auxiliary,
28 are always ready to serve and lift up those that are
29 broken, lost, and forgotten.

30 That concludes my report. May I continue with my
31 first place awards?

32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, you may,
33 please. Thank you.

34 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CANNON: First place
35 district supplemental, District 28, Susan Baker.
36 (Applause.)

37 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CANNON: Our first
38 place unit supplemental, Unit 741, District 16, Madeline
39 Lee.

40 (Applause.)

41 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CANNON: Those just
42 keep on working. My last award is for our volunteer of
43 the year. She was unable to be here, so in her place
44 is -- her name is Donna Baker from Unit 26, District 15.
45 She was unable to be here so -- okay. So her unit
46 president, Deanne Graham from Unit 26 is here to accept
47 her award.

48 (Applause.)

49 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CANNON: And this year
50 I just wanted to note that all of our community service

1 volunteers were called shooting stars, and I was able to
2 find for Donna -- oops, a shooting star for her great
3 work.

4 (Applause.)

5 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CANNON: And this
6 concludes my report and thank you for the great year I
7 had.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. Are you
9 going to talk about the walk --

10 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CANNON: Oh, yes.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That little thing we
12 did yesterday on Wednesday.

13 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CANNON: Yes. We had
14 our Walk, Run, Roll Wednesday, and thank you for everyone
15 who came and participated. We still have these lovely
16 little wristbands over in District 11. And if any
17 district wants to come and get a bunch and help pass them
18 out. And we'd like a \$2 donation for Anita's special
19 project. We are so close, ladies, to \$6,000 raised.

20 (Applause.)

21 COMMUNITY SERVICE CHAIRMAN CANNON: If you could
22 just visit us in District 11, we can make that 6,000 goal
23 and maybe even break it. So I do appreciate everyone.
24 And I will ask for a little bit of time. I'm closing out
25 the donations Saturday at noon and I'll just ask for maybe
26 a couple seconds to hand out the monetary awards for unit,
27 district, and individual who donated the most money to
28 Anita's special project.

29 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you so much,
30 Joan Cannon.

31 (Applause.)

32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I will not have time
33 to do Girls State at this time. I will get you
34 immediately following the nominations this afternoon. I
35 have to do Past Presidents' Parlay. I have no choice. As
36 quickly as possible, we'll hear from our Girls State
37 Director and our Girls State Chairman. I apologize.

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39 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR REPORT

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41 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR HARDY: Okay. I'm really
42 sorry. I'm getting on a plane to get back to be at Girls
43 State.

44 Madam President Anita, my good friend Nancy,
45 distinguished guests and teammates. This is really short.
46 Thirty-four years ago I had the privilege and the honor to
47 be selected by District 19, Unit 314 to represent El
48 Segundo High School at California Girls State. The
49 experience changed my life.

50 I was able to reinvent myself at Girls State and

1 try things I had never done before. I had always felt
2 like a good American coming from a military family. My
3 dad served in the Army Air Corps in World War II and my
4 brother served in the Marine Corps in the Vietnam
5 conflict. Girls State lit a fire of patriotism in me
6 giving me greater pride in our country and a stronger
7 understanding of democracy.

8 All these years later I am still involved with
9 Girls State, taking on the role of director.

10 (Applause.)

11 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR HARDY: Thank you. The 2014
12 session will occur shortly after this convention with 522
13 delegates slated to attend. And I will be departing this
14 afternoon so I can ready for tomorrow.

15 I must tell you that the preparation leading up
16 to this Girls State has been very difficult. As of May
17 15th, we had 72 reservations without delegate paperwork.
18 There are still many today with paperwork that is
19 incomplete. Girls State is a program that requires months
20 of preparation, careful planning, and hours of work
21 leading up to the session.

22 Anyone who has attended Girls State in one
23 capacity or another can attest to that fact. So raise
24 your hand if you have helped at Girls State or are a Girls
25 State Chairman. So you know the number of hours that go
26 into that.

27 The program we present is one we can all be very
28 proud of. I know we can accomplish our mission with
29 almost every young woman who attends. The job of director
30 is one of preparation prior to and to act as the leader
31 during the session. I will be on-call 24 hours a day for
32 our six-day session, and that has certainly been part of
33 my expectation. What I did not expect was working
34 eight-hour days teaching kindergarten, followed by an
35 additional eight hours each day for the last month working
36 on Girls State. Thank you God I have an understanding
37 husband in Jack.

38 As I am buried in paperwork, I think about all
39 the hundreds of hours we could have saved, not to mention
40 the money in paper, printing and postage by eliminating a
41 paper registration -- excuse me. A paper registration for
42 our delegates and alternates.

43 Who are our clients at Girls State? They are 16-
44 and 17-year-old young women. If we hope to reach these
45 young women and get them excited about our mission, we
46 need to meet them where they are. And where they are is
47 online.

48 (Applause.)

49 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR HARDY: Now you're going to
50 make me cry. They speak social media. They turn in their

1 homework online. Their college applications are all
2 online. They Tweet, use Instagram, Facebook, and take
3 selfies, which I'm hoping Nancy will come and do for me.
4 They're connected with the world through their
5 technological literacy. A paper application is as archaic
6 to them as a ditto machine.

7 We have been charged by the National Organization
8 to use Girls State as a tool to increase our membership.
9 How are we to do this you ask? By making our Girls State
10 Chairmen women who don't have to be paper pushers, but
11 women who are passionate about our mission for veterans,
12 their families, and our community. Don't just select your
13 girls and forget about them. All of these girls are
14 required to complete volunteer hours prior to graduation.
15 So why not volunteer with us? With us. With us.

16 Girls State Chairmen shall be the face of our
17 organization to our young people. They should be inviting
18 the girls to spaghetti dinners, Memorial Day
19 commemorations and visits to the VA hospitals and homes.
20 These girls may already be involved in community
21 activities in their schools and in their community, but
22 they are truly looking to make a difference in the world.

23 By meeting them where they are and providing them
24 with the opportunities for service, we let them see that
25 the American Legion Auxiliary is as relevant today as it
26 was 90 years ago. We can and we must change with the
27 times to improve the Girls State program and increase our
28 membership. Let's work together to make this dream a
29 reality.

30 (Applause.)

31 GIRLS STATE DIRECTOR HARDY: Thank you, Madam
32 President. That concludes my report.

33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you, Valerie.
34 Great job. We'll now hear from our Girls State Chairman
35 Linda Hayes while they get their selfies in. After that
36 will be our Past Presidents' Parlay Chairman, and then
37 we'll move to the luncheon. So we have to get moving,
38 Linda. Thank you. Get to the podium.

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40 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN REPORT

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42 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Whew, I made it.

43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yeah, I'm glad.

44 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: They're passing out
45 the reports to go to our ladies.

46 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Don't worry about
47 the passing out. You can start your report.

48 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Good morning, Madam
49 President.

50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Good morning.

1 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: The Girls State
2 pre-convention meeting was held Thursday, June 19th in
3 Room 206 at the convention center. There were 23
4 delegates and seven guests present.

5 Secretary was LuAnn Capazzi and the Chaplain was
6 Elizabeth Tomlin and our Sergeant-at-Arms was Anita Kelly.
7 The Girls State Director, Valerie Hardy, explained
8 potential changes to the Girls State application form
9 which will streamline the entire application process.

10 Afterwards the department code was read and the
11 changes were voted on and passed. Madam President, may I
12 read the changes?

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, you may.

14 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Code 12 currently
15 reads: "Reservation forms for Girls State will be made
16 available on the department website and mailed by the
17 Department Chairman annually, naming the school or schools
18 they desire to sponsor for the next session of Girls
19 State. Deadline date for the reservations to the
20 Department Chairman is October 1st. Failure to file a
21 reservation form by deadline date will indicate the school
22 is being dropped and thus creating a numerical vacancy.
23 The Department Chairman shall fill such vacancies by
24 advising units who have letters on file requesting an
25 opening in their area. The application packet shall be
26 mailed and made available on the department website by the
27 department office or chairman the first week of November."
28 And that was done in 2008.

29 The proposed change will read: "Reservation
30 forms for Girls State will be made" --

31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Excuse me, Linda.

32 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Yes.

33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You must read the
34 code as it is -- as it is written, and Code 12 is
35 different in our code. So it has to be read exactly as
36 it's written in the code now. Do you have a copy of your
37 code?

38 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: No.

39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I have a copy. I've
40 got a copy right here.

41 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Thank you. Okay.
42 Currently reads: "Reservation forms for Girls State will
43 be made available on the department website and mailed by
44 the department office by September 30th."

45 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: September 1st.

46 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: I meant September
47 1st. Well, September 1st. I'm sorry. I left that out.
48 "Unit shall file a reservation with the Department
49 Chairman annually naming the school or schools they desire
50 to sponsor for the next session of Girls State. Deadline

1 date for reservations to the Department Chair is October
2 1st. Failure to file a reservation form by deadline date
3 will indicate the school is being dropped and thus
4 creating a numerical vacancy. The Department Chairman
5 shall fill such vacancies by advising units who have
6 letters on file requesting an opening in their area. The
7 application packet shall be mailed and made available on
8 the department website by the department office or
9 chairman the first week of November. After November 30th
10 the cost of duplicate mailing of packets will be \$5," and
11 then five dollars written out. This was passed in 2008.

12 The proposed change will read: "Reservation
13 forms for Girls State will be made available on the
14 department website and mailed by the Department Chairman
15 annually, naming the school or schools they desire to
16 sponsor for the next session of Girls State." In there it
17 should say mailed -- no, it shouldn't.

18 Okay. "Deadline date for the reservations to the
19 Department Chairman is October 1st. Failure to file a
20 reservation form by deadline date will indicate the school
21 is being dropped and thus creating a numerical vacancy.
22 The Department Chairman shall fill such vacancy by
23 advising units who have letters on file requesting an
24 opening in their area. The application" -- we're deleting
25 "mail" and inserting "packet," "shall be made available on
26 the department website by the department office or
27 chairman the first week of November." We are deleting the
28 last sentence. It ends there. In 2014. May I have a
29 motion to have this code change accepted?

30 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: There's no motion
31 moved. This was approved in committee; right? All right.
32 It's been recommended. The motion was made and seconded
33 that the proposed change for Code 12 will read:

34 "Reservation forms are for Girls State will be made
35 available on the department website and mailed by the
36 Department Chairman annually naming the school or schools
37 they desire to sponsor for the next session of Girls
38 State. Deadline date for the reservations to the
39 Department Chairman is October 1st. Failure to file a
40 reservation form by deadline date will indicate the school
41 is being dropped and thus creating a numerical vacancy.
42 The Department Chairman shall fill such vacancy by
43 advising units who have letters on file requesting an
44 opening in their area. The application packet shall be
45 made available on the department website by the department
46 office or chairman the first week of November."

47 Are there any questions?

48 (No response.)

49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Are you ready for
50 the question? All those in favor, say aye.

1 ALL PRESENT: Aye.
2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All opposed, say no.
3 (No response.)
4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: The motion carried.
5 You can continue.
6 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Okay. Code 14A
7 currently reads under eligibility requirements: "Limited
8 to girls who are 11th grade students for the current
9 school year, (public private or home schooled). Each
10 candidate must plan to continue high school and attend one
11 or more semesters immediately following the Girls State
12 session."
13 The proposed change is to read -- is housekeeping
14 only. We're deleting one comma and adding two. "Limited
15 to girls who are 11th grade students for the current year"
16 take out that comma, (public, private, or home schooled).
17 Each candidate must plan to continue high school and
18 attend one or more semesters immediately following the
19 Girls State session."
20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. That
21 housekeeping code change is accepted.
22 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Code 14C currently
23 reads as follows: "Candidates shall be selected on the
24 basis of outstanding leadership, scholastic merit,
25 interest in community and government, character, honesty,
26 and cooperativeness. Candidates should be independent in
27 the physical requirements of daily living; if not; they
28 must provide an attendant at their own expense. This
29 attendant shall be a minimum of 21 years of age, female
30 and must be able to attend the entire session."
31 The proposed change is housekeeping only: Delete
32 the comma after "living" and the semicolon after "not,"
33 and replace by commas. And that already was wrong. Let's
34 see. The comma after "living" stays. It's the semicolon
35 that we're removing and inserting a comma after "if not."
36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. That
37 housekeeping change has been accepted. You can continue.
38 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Code 16C currently
39 reads: "Shall provide the campus rules, Girls State
40 constitution and bylaws, (bound in the program book) to
41 the citizens upon registration."
42 Proposed change is to be: "Shall provide the
43 campus rules, Girls State constitution and bylaws to the
44 citizens upon registration." We're removing "bound in the
45 program book."
46 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: So by the direction
47 of your committee, they have approved or moved and
48 seconded that we accept the change to Code 16C to read:
49 "Shall provide the campus rules, Girls State constitution
50 and bylaws to the citizens upon registration."

1 Is there any discussion?
2 (No response.)
3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All those in favor,
4 say aye.
5 ALL PRESENT: Aye.
6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Any opposed say no.
7 (No response.)
8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That motion carried.
9 Thank you.
10 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: 16D currently reads:
11 "Shall file with the department office a complete set of
12 all materials given to the candidates, including the
13 roster for future references after the close of Girls
14 State Sessions."
15 The proposed change again is housekeeping only.
16 To remove the "S" on "sessions." "Shall file with the
17 department office a complete set of all materials given to
18 the candidates, including the roster for future references
19 after the close of Girls State Session."
20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. That
21 housekeeping change has been accepted.
22 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Code 17 currently
23 reads: "Unit procedures for selecting of candidates. All
24 materials and necessary information relative to the
25 qualifications and methods of selection shall be presented
26 to the school representative by the unit chairman or her
27 substitute. The recommendation of candidates and
28 alternates shall be made by the school faculty and
29 provided to the sponsoring units. Only the unit shall
30 have final approval of the recommendations, subject to
31 acceptance by the Department Chairman. Last year's Girls
32 State Citizen may provide guidance in selection of the
33 current candidate and may be included as part of the
34 committee when interviews are scheduled. When the unit
35 has chosen the candidate, the fee and supporting papers
36 shall be forwarded no later than March 12th as provided in
37 the instructions."
38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It says March 31st.
39 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Does it?
40 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: In the code it
41 states not later than March 31st.
42 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Okay. This is a
43 little bit old then. "As provided in the instructions.
44 Publicity may be released indicating that the candidate
45 has been chosen. If selected delegate and alternate, due
46 to circumstances beyond control, cannot attend the Girls
47 State Session, a second alternate selected in the same
48 manner shall attend to prevent forfeit of the unit fee.
49 2004. Each application must be signed by the candidate,
50 the unit chairman, and the school representative. When

1 two or more units sponsored one candidate, only one
2 application form shall be" --

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Hold on, Linda. We
4 don't know where you are. You're reading Code 17? I
5 don't know what old book you have. It's old. Did you
6 move on to 18?

7 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: No, I am reading
8 here what I have for 17.

9 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: That was the end of
10 18.

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: No, that was
12 actually 18. The end of 17 is "second alternate selected
13 in the same manner shall attend to prevent forfeit of the
14 unit fee." That's the end.

15 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Then this book is --

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I know we're getting
17 close to 12:00, but we were told that it may take a while
18 for our Past Presidents' luncheon. So if you can be
19 patient we'll just do the preconvention meeting for Girls
20 State and we'll pick up her report supplemental report
21 after lunch. Is that good? Okay. But we have to have
22 the Past Presidents' Parlay speak so, if you can finish
23 these code changes as soon as possible. What are you
24 changing in code 17?

25 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Code 17 changes:
26 "Unit procedures for selection of candidates," we're
27 removing "selecting" and inserting "selection." "All
28 materials and necessary information relative to the
29 qualifications and methods of selection shall be presented
30 to the school representative by the unit chairman or her
31 substitute. The recommendation of candidates and
32 alternates shall be made by the school faculty and
33 provided to the sponsoring unit. Only the unit shall have
34 final approval of the recommendations, subject to
35 acceptance by the Department Chairman. Last year's Girls
36 State Citizen may provide guidance in selection of the
37 current candidate and may be included as part of the
38 committee when interviews are scheduled. When the unit
39 has chosen the candidate, the fee and supporting" --
40 inserting "documents," removing "papers" -- "shall be
41 forwarded no later than March 31st as provided in the
42 instructions. Publicity may be released indicating that
43 the candidate has been chosen. If selected delegate and
44 alternate, due to circumstances beyond control, cannot
45 attend the Girls State Session, a second alternate
46 selected in the same manner shall attend to prevent
47 forfeiture of the unit fee."

48 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: By direction of the
49 Girls State committee, they are presenting the following
50 code change to 17: "Unit procedures for selection of

1 candidates. All materials and necessary information
2 relative to the qualifications and methods of selection
3 shall be presented to the school representative by the
4 unit chairman or her substitute. The recommendation of
5 candidates and alternates shall be made by the school
6 faculty and provided to the sponsoring unit. Only the
7 unit shall have final approval of the recommendations,
8 subject to acceptance by the Department Chairman. Last
9 year's Girls State Citizen may provide guidance in
10 selection of the current candidate and may be included as
11 part of the committee when interviews are scheduled.
12 When the unit has chosen the candidate, the fee and
13 supporting documents shall be forwarded no later than
14 March 31st as provided in the instructions. Publicity may
15 be released indicating that the candidate has been chosen.
16 If selected delegate and alternate, due to circumstances
17 beyond control, cannot attend the Girls State Session, a
18 second alternate selected in the same manner shall attend
19 to prevent forfeiture of the unit fee."

20 Are you ready for the question? Is there any
21 discussion?

22 (No response.)

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

25 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

26 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Any opposed say no.

27 (No response.)

28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That motion has
29 carried.

30 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Code 18 reads as
31 follows: "Each application must be signed by the
32 candidate, the unit chairman, and the school
33 representative. When two or more units sponsor one
34 candidate, only one application form shall be
35 forwarded" -- I see what you mean now. I went on it --

36 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yeah.

37 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: I'm sorry. "The
38 unit responsible for processing the application shall sign
39 the forms and the co-sponsoring unit or units shall attach
40 their name, number, and signature on a separate sheet so
41 that proper recognition may be given."

42 The proposed changes shall read: "The contact
43 sheet must be signed by the candidate, the unit chairman,
44 and the school representative. When two or more units
45 sponsor one candidate, only" -- oh, that's right. We
46 changed "contact sheet" to say "signature page."

47 "The signature page must be signed by the
48 candidate, the unit chairman, and the school
49 representative. When two or more units sponsor one
50 candidate, only one signature page shall be forwarded.

1 The unit responsible for processing the signature page
2 shall sign the form and the co-sponsoring unit or student
3 shall be attached their name, number, and signature on a
4 separate sheet so that proper recognition may be given."

5 "Each application" is removed to say "signature
6 sheet page."

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: By the direction of
8 the Girls State committee, they have approved a code
9 change, Code 18 to state: "The signature page must be
10 signed by the candidate, the unit chairman, and the school
11 representative. When two or more units sponsor one
12 candidate, only one signature page shall be forwarded.
13 The unit responsible for processing the signature page
14 shall sign the form and the co-sponsoring unit or student
15 shall be attached their name, number, and signature on a
16 separate sheet so that proper recognition may be given."

17 Is there any discussion?

18 (No response.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All those in favor,
20 say aye.

21 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Any opposed say no.

23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. Motion
25 carried.

26 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Code 20A of --

27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Linda, due to time
28 and we have to go to lunch and we must have report by the
29 Past Presidents' Parlay Chairman, would you please
30 continue your report after the nominations this afternoon?

31 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Sure.

32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you very much.
33 You all hold that thought for Girls State and we'll finish
34 with the code changes and her supplemental report. Thank
35 you, Linda.

36 (Applause.)

37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Now I'll call on our
38 Past Presidents' Parlay Chairman Pilar Reyes. And we are
39 okay because they needed a short delay anyway for us for
40 lunch. So we're on time. Our secretary will drive
41 provide a dribble after the report to tell us where we're
42 going. If Sandy or Teresa Jacob is in the room, we need
43 to see you as soon as possible.

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45 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY REPORT

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47 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: Madam
48 Commissioner, the Convention Committee on Past Presidents'
49 Parley Program met on June 19th, 2014 in Room 208 of the
50 Santa Clara Convention Center, Santa Clara, California.

1 The statistical report of this chairman appears on page 23
2 of the Book of Reports.

3 Joan Cannon of District 11 was appointed
4 secretary, Vella Myers of District 27 offered prayer, and
5 Emily Magwili of District 10 was appointed
6 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 20 delegates answered roll
7 call and there was one visitor present.

8 The committee agreed upon the following report:
9 The meeting started with the opening ceremonies in the
10 prepared agenda. The department code was read and the
11 attached proposed change was made. Madam Department
12 President, I would like to read the proposed change.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Please go ahead.

14 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: "The
15 department" -- the current code reads: "The department
16 Chairman will send out rules for Auxiliary Member of the
17 Year competition. Entries will be submitted to the
18 Department President for judging by the first Friday in
19 May. The Department President shall notify the recipient
20 by letter and send a copy of the letter and nomination to
21 the Department Chairman. The Department Chairman shall
22 notify the National Chairman, National Secretary, and
23 Department Office prior to June 1st. The recipient will
24 be honored at an appropriate function during the
25 Department Convention. The Department Chairman will send
26 an invitation to the recipient for the event where she
27 will be honored and will notify her unit and district
28 presidents of the honor extended their member as soon as
29 possible. The Department Office will supply the recipient
30 with housing forms and agenda for the National Convention
31 where she will be honored. The recipient will be given
32 mileage for attendance at the department function where
33 she will be honored. She shall be given a ribbon similar
34 to page's ribbon inscribed 'California' in the year she is
35 honored. The ribbon shall be given to her whether or not
36 she is able to attend a department function."

37 The proposed change to this code is -- it's only
38 a simple one. A change in "Auxiliary" the to word "Unit."
39 With the adoption, the first sentence of Past Presidents'
40 Parley Article 13 will now read -- Madam President, for
41 the essence of time? May I request that I will just read
42 the first statement that's in bold.

43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That's acceptable.
44 That's fine.

45 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: It's
46 okay?

47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That's okay.

48 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN: "The
49 Department Chairman will send out rules for Unit Member of
50 the Year competition." That is the only change, changing

1 "Auxiliary" to "Unit." And God bless you.

2 The rationale is we need to make this change for
3 consistency and to confirm with the eligibility
4 requirement specified in the rules that the applicant
5 should not have achieved any elected or appointed
6 leadership role beyond that of a Unit President.
7 Auxiliary Member of the Year can be any member of
8 different levels and may have achieved a leadership role
9 beyond that of a Unit President which negates the
10 eligibility requirement.

11 Madam President, I move the adoption of this
12 change.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you, Pilar.

14 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: By
15 direction of the committee.

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yeah. Thank you.

17 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: I move
18 for the adoption of this code.

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. It has
20 been moved by the Girls -- I mean Girls State. I'm sorry.
21 They're going to drive me crazy. By direction of the Past
22 Presidents' Parley committee, the adoption for the change
23 to Code 13 will read: "The Department Chairman will send
24 out rules for Unit Member of the Year competition.
25 Entries will be submitted to the Department President for
26 judging by the first Friday in May. The Department
27 President shall notify the recipient by letter and send a
28 copy of the letter and nomination to the Department
29 Chairman. The Department Chairman shall notify the
30 National Chairman, National Secretary, and Department
31 Office prior to June 1st. The recipient will be honored
32 at an appropriate function during the Department
33 Convention. The Department Chairman will send an
34 invitation to the recipient for the event where she will
35 be honored and will notify her unit and district
36 presidents of the honor extended their member as soon as
37 possible. The Department Office will supply the recipient
38 with housing forms and agenda for the National Convention
39 where she will be honored. The recipient will be given
40 mileage for attendance at the department function where
41 she will be honored. She shall be given a ribbon similar
42 to page's ribbon inscribed 'California' in the year she is
43 honored. The ribbon shall be given to her whether or not
44 she is able to attend a department function."

45 Is there any discussion?

46 (No response.)

47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All those in favor,
48 say aye.

49 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Those opposed say

1 no.

2 (No response.)

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Motion carried for
4 this code change to code 13. You can continue, Pilar.

5 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: Thank
6 you, Madam Commissioner.

7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Motion carried.

8 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: It has
9 been a pleasure and an enriching experience to serve under
10 your command as the Department of California Past
11 Presidents' Parley chairman.

12 The reports of all the 29 districts reflected the
13 continuance of the Past Presidents' Parley in 54 units
14 with a total of 1,379 members and formation of two new
15 parleys. This chairman is very positive that there are
16 more unreported parleys in our department with members
17 doing outstanding jobs in the promotion of this program.
18 Eighty-six units had Past Presidents' Parlay leaders who
19 trained and encouraged new and seasoned members.

20 Congratulations to all our units and district
21 Past Presidents' Parley chairmen for your unselfish
22 support and for all you do in carrying out your
23 responsibilities, mentorship, and encouragement to our
24 Auxiliary members and recognition of our women veterans.

25 Nurse's scholarship: 110 units donated a total
26 of \$5,380 -- ignore this number because it has changed --
27 to the Nurse's -- that's the minimum -- to the Nurse's
28 Scholarship Fund reflecting strong support by units and
29 members, but disappointingly, not many units participated
30 in recruiting the applicants. Two deserving applicants
31 were awarded \$4,000 for the winner and \$2,000 for the
32 second recipient. Four applications were received, but
33 two were disqualified. Three judges composed of two past
34 department presidents and a professional nurse were
35 appointed and provided with the rules/criteria for the
36 selection. The decision was unanimous without any of them
37 conferring with each other. Some units are giving their
38 own scholarships in their own area -- where am I? Some
39 units -- oh, okay.

40 Some units are giving their own scholarships in
41 their area to local students ranging from \$100 to \$1,000.
42 Units embark on various fundraisings and the proceeds were
43 donated towards the Nurse's Scholarship Fund.

44 For Unit Member of the Year, 19 units honored and
45 recognized their own Auxiliary Members of the Year within
46 their units in so many ways, giving them flowers and
47 various gifts, honoring them at surprise luncheon or
48 dinner, reading their great accomplishments, presenting
49 them with poppy corsages and gave Certificate of
50 Appreciation at Unit general meetings. Fifteen units sent

1 applicants to the Department President for selection.

2 Now going to active duty servicemen, 61 units
3 honored and recognized their own women veteran members.
4 Some units assisted female veterans and their families who
5 are suffering financially, as many are single mothers.
6 Some members continue making monthly visits with their
7 adopted veteran at Menlo Park VA facility, driving
8 hundreds of miles, giving them clothing, gifts, and
9 hygenic needs.

10 Forty units sought out active-duty servicewomen
11 and 23 units celebrated the efforts and accomplishments of
12 these women. Twenty-nine units adopted a woman veteran
13 this year and 17 units signed up 25 new members who are
14 veterans. One event selected a nominee for the Air Force
15 branch of service and her nomination will be forwarded to
16 National for judging.

17 The selfless involvement of our past presidents
18 in all levels has a great impact on the development and
19 growth of our organization. The support of our members
20 raising funds in so many ways to enable them to give
21 donations towards the Nurse's Scholarship and other
22 projects of the program has been outstanding and will keep
23 the Past Presidents' Parley growing stronger.

24 Thank you all for your hard work and support and
25 for your tolerance to my persistence. Oh, I kept bugging
26 all those districts.

27 (Applause.)

28 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: You know
29 I was just doing this to squeeze out all the good things
30 that you do for our organization. Otherwise you will just
31 put them aside and ignore them. So we have to give you
32 recognition for your outstanding job.

33 Madam Commissioner, this concludes my report, and
34 may I present the first place awards?

35 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, please do.

36 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: For
37 first place district supplemental, the award goes to
38 Tamara Bell, Chairman, District 29.

39 (Applause.)

40 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: I have
41 to have a picture.

42 PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you very
43 much.

44 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: Okay.
45 Thank you. Sorry I have to limp my way through. Okay.
46 The first place unit supplemental goes to Lakewood Unit
47 496, District 19, and the winner is Mina Carrasco.

48 (Applause.)

49 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: Oh, she
50 is accepting for Mina Carrasco. Okay. Sorry, and this is

1 for you and for your unit.
2 (Applause.)
3 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: At this
4 time it is my honor and pleasure to present to you the
5 unit member of the year. Carol, aka Carrie, Taylor is
6 sponsored by Los Alamitos Unit 716, District 29.
7 (Applause.)
8 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES:
9 Sergeant-at-Arms and Marshal and Distinguished Guest
10 Chairman, please escort our unit member of the year.
11 (Processional.)
12 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES:
13 Unfortunately our scholarship awardee is not here today
14 and also the active chairman. Oh, she is here already.
15 Madam President --
16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes.
17 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: -- I
18 present to you and to everyone our Unit Member of the
19 Year.
20 (Applause.)
21 UNIT MEMBER OF THE YEAR TAYLOR: Thank you,
22 everyone. This is such an honor. I can't even believe
23 it's happening, but thank you so much to everyone and
24 thank you especially Unit 716 and District 29 for helping
25 me get here. Thank you guys.
26 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Congratulations,
27 Carrie. We'll hear more from you at our luncheon.
28 UNIT MEMBER OF THE YEAR TAYLOR: Oh, and thank
29 you too for being selective.
30 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, I did. It was
31 me. I did it. You wouldn't believe how many entries. We
32 had so many entries. How about a photo opportunity? We
33 can have a photo opportunity with the President and the
34 National President here if you don't mind.
35 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: I heard
36 that our scholarship -- Madam President.
37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Excuse me. Would
38 the Vice President please assume my position for a moment?
39 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: Okay.
40 We have another guest, but we have to wait because we are
41 having picture -- picture session.
42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Did you finish your
43 report?
44 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: Okay.
45 Because we have another guest, Madam President, if you
46 have a minute.
47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes.
48 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: We have
49 our scholarship winner here. If the Sergeant-at-Arms and
50 Marshal and Distinguished Guest Chairman, please escort

1 our unit --
2 (Processional.)
3 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: Ladies,
4 you may sit down. Madam President?
5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I love past
6 presidents. They take over.
7 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: I
8 present to you our Nurse's Scholarship awardee.
9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We're so happy.
10 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: Lindsay
11 is sponsored by Unit 587 Warren McKeon of District 7.
12 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All right.
13 (Applause.)
14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Congratulations.
15 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: The
16 other chairman is -- is the other chairman here? She is
17 meeting us later. The district chairman is Beverly
18 Chapman and I don't know if she is here either. No, she's
19 not. Okay. You may hear more from this lady, but she can
20 say a few words now.
21 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER TALSO: I would just like to
22 say thank you. It's an honor.
23 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: Do you
24 want to take a photo now or later?
25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We'll take a photo
26 opp at the luncheon.
27 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: Okay.
28 So we'll see you at the luncheon.
29 (Applause.)
30 PAST PRESIDENTS' PARLEY CHAIRMAN REYES: Madam
31 President, that concludes my report.
32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you so much
33 Pilar. Great report.
34 (Processional.)
35 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We all wish we were
36 young again so we could wear that dress. That's cute. We
37 will now hear from our Secretary Ruby. Do we have any
38 more dribbles to share for today? And Ruby will let us
39 know if she knows where the Past Presidents' Parlay
40 luncheon is. We weretrying to find out where we were
41 going.
42 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Someone at
43 the candidates' night last night, this is an earring, and
44 I want you to bring the other one up to me because it will
45 go very nice to an outfit I have so we have a pair.
46 Our Past Presidents' Parlay luncheon is going to
47 be held in the Magnolia Room. That's by the escalator in
48 the convention center. Wait. It's by the hotel? I don't
49 know. I walk in one or the other. I don't know where I'm
50 at. So wait a minute. Linda?

1 DISTINGUISHED GUEST CHAIRMAN WORKMAN: Hotel. By
2 the escalator to the hotel.

3 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Hotel, not
4 the convention center. Sue's Lighthouses, Willie's
5 Leaders of the Band, Margie's Chefs, Ronnie's Roses and
6 Melanie's Balloon Pilots will meet Saturday after
7 convention in the bar area of the Hyatt Hotel for drinks.
8 Can I come?

9 The Peachy Performers and Classy Penguins will
10 meet on Saturday at the lunch recess at the Hyatt Room
11 1113.

12 Okay. Park's Patriots, Linda Workman -- Linda
13 Workmen.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It's Linda's
15 Workmen.

16 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Oh, I know.
17 It's Workmen, and I'm trying to read Workman, you know.
18 Okay. Let me start over. Park's Patriots, Linda's
19 Workmen, Sandy's Colonels, and Bonnie's Princesses will
20 meet in room 1425 on Saturday at lunch break. Please RSVP
21 to Bonnie Christner, District 20, so she knows how much
22 food to order.

23 LuAnn's Ships Captains will meet at the TusCA
24 restaurant at 7:00 a.m. Saturday morning for breakfast.
25 LuAnn also has a banquet ticket for sale. They're full,
26 so if you want to go to the banquet, she has one.

27 I have a flyer. I don't know if everybody
28 received it. Attention Legion Family on free healthcare
29 and benefit classes Friday, June 20th Room 209 and then
30 Saturday, June 21st, they start at 10:00 a.m.

31 And I believe that's all the dribbles I have,
32 Madam President.

33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Fabulous. Those of
34 you who are making nominations for an office for the
35 2014-'15 officers, please be on the stage when we return
36 from lunch. We shall now recess for lunch and reconvene
37 at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

38 (Lunch recess taken: 12:21 p.m.)
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1 AFTERNOON SESSION - 2:26 P.M.
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3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: This convention is
4 reconvened. I would like you all -- please, I want to
5 recognize our Past National President Josie Melgard's
6 family who happen to be in the room. Bob Melgard, Jolene,
7 and Diane.

8 (Applause.)

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We're so happy to
10 see you all. Thank you for joining us today. The
11 chairmen giving reports after the nominations would be
12 continuing the Girls State report, Education, Auxiliary
13 Emergency Fund, National Security, Editor, and Membership.
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15 NOMINATION OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS 2014-2015
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17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: At this time we will
18 proceed with the nominations of the Department Officers,
19 Junior Member of Finance, Delegates, Alternates to the
20 National Convention and Endorsement of a National Officer.
21 If there are no objections, the Chair will close the
22 nominations. Nominations are now open for the office of
23 the Department President. The Chair recognizes Sue Hooker
24 from District 15.

25 PAST PRESIDENT HOOKER: Madam President, American
26 Legion Auxiliary Tehachapi Unit 221 and District 15 are
27 please and proud to nominate Harriet Clendenin as the
28 candidate for Department of California President for
29 2014-'15. Her eligibility is through her husband Norm who
30 served in the Army during the Vietnam and her daughter
31 Laura who recently served in the Marines. Harriet has
32 been a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for 14
33 years. She joined Camarillo Unit 471, District 16 in 2000
34 and in 2005 she and her husband moved to Tehachapi and
35 transferred to Tehachapi Unit 221, District 15.

36 On the unit and district level she served as Unit
37 President for six years from 2006 to 2012 and District
38 President from 2007 to 2008. On both levels she has
39 chaired numerous programs including Children & Youth,
40 Education, Junior Activities, Leadership, and Veterans
41 Affairs & Rehabilitation.

42 On the department level she has served as the
43 department Musician and chairs Poppies, Education,
44 Children & Youth, and is currently the Constitution &
45 Bylaws Chairman.

46 While professionally she has held many retail
47 positions, she is currently the office manager at The Loop
48 newspaper where her professionalism has gotten her high
49 praise in the office. She actively serves within our
50 community and recently chaired a very successful event,

1 Wall-to-Wall, raising community awareness of the needs of
2 the veterans and raising \$11,000 to help fund those
3 wounded warriors.

4 Other community projects including Packages For
5 Our Troops now in its eighth year, and a food bank for
6 Veterans attending a six-week school locally.

7 Harriet and Norm have three daughters: Kara and
8 Hollis Susi and Lora Clendenin who served as the honor
9 junior president in 2007-2008. And Norm is currently
10 serving on the National Legislative Council for the
11 American Legion. They are an American Legion Family
12 dedicated to service, not self. So we are very pleased to
13 nominate Harriet for this position.

14 (Applause.)

15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Are there any
16 further nominations for Department President?

17 (No response.)

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Hearing none,
19 nominations for Department President are now closed.

20 (Applause.)

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Nominations are now
22 open for the office of Department Vice President. The
23 Chair recognizes Karen Bobren from District 22.

24 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT BOBREN: Thank you, Madam
25 President. On behalf of District 22, I nominate Susie
26 Tozier for the office of Department Vice President
27 2014-2015. Susie is a member of the San Diego Unit 6 and
28 District 22. Her eligibility is through her parents,
29 Clyde and LaReine Maxey, and also her three brothers Tom,
30 Dan and Jim.

31 Susie has 35 years of continuous American Legion
32 Auxiliary membership. She started as a junior in Unit 6,
33 and after a short break in service she rejoined in El
34 Cajon Unit 303. When that unit closed, she transferred to
35 Unit 6.

36 Susie served all chairman positions including
37 unit president in Unit 6, and she has served as District
38 22 president for two terms. On the department level she
39 has served three years on Junior Conference, Finance
40 Committee, she served as Children & Youth Chair, and
41 currently the VA&R Chair.

42 It is with great pride and pleasure that I
43 nominate Susie Tozier.

44 (Applause.)

45 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Are there any
46 further nominations for the office of Vice President?

47 Hearing none, nominations for the Department Vice
48 President are now closed.

49 (Applause.)

50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Nominations are now

1 open for the Department Junior Member of Finance. The
2 Chair recognizes Rosa Wells from District 10.

3 DISTRICT 10 MEMBER WELLS: Good afternoon, ladies
4 and any gentlemen who are in the crowd here today. I hope
5 you guys had a wonderful lunch. I know I did. Although I
6 didn't pay for it, so that's good.

7 All right. I'm glad you all were able to make it
8 to this year's convention. My name is Rosa Wells and I'm
9 a member of Unit 837, District 10. I'm pleased and proud
10 to be here today to endorse my grandma, Susan Peters, to
11 be Junior Finance for the Department of California.

12 She's eligible to be a part of the American
13 Legion Auxiliary because of her grandfather who served in
14 World War II in the Navy and her father who was in the
15 Korean War.

16 My grandma Susan has been a member of the
17 American Legion Auxiliary Unit 837, District 10 since
18 2008. On the unit and district levels she has served as a
19 unit secretary for two years, unit president for the last
20 three years, and district president for the last three
21 years. My grandma has 26 years of restaurant and retail
22 management experience. She's now retired, but she's an
23 active volunteer and serves as president of the Fremont
24 Senior Center Builders Fund where she was treasurer for
25 three years and is an officer of the Fremont Elks Lodge
26 No. 2121.

27 Two years ago my grandma put together a spaghetti
28 fundraiser to help the homeless veterans at the East Bay
29 Stand Down and raised \$1700 for that. She has already
30 planned an event also this year, the East Bay Stand Down.
31 She plans and organizes these events, participating in all
32 local craft and art fairs.

33 My grandma Sue and my grandpa Doug have five
34 children, 13 grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.
35 My grandma is not just a talker, she is goal oriented, an
36 action seeker and is a mover and a shaker and she makes it
37 happen.

38 So I'm please to nominate my grandma for junior
39 of finance for the Department of California.

40 (Applause.)

41 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Are there any
42 further nominations for the office of Department Junior
43 Member of Finance?

44 (No response.)

45 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Hearing none, the
46 nominations for the Department Junior Member of Finance
47 are now closed.

48 (Applause.)

49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Are there any
50 endorsements for national officer? The Chair recognizes

1 Nancy Brown-Park, National President, from District 26.
2 NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: It is my great
3 honor and privilege to nominate Linda Workman for
4 California's endorsed candidate for Western Division
5 National Vice President 2015-2016.

6 Linda has been a member for 64 years under the
7 eligibility of her late father Joe Engstrom. She has
8 served on all levels of the unit and district in both 7
9 and District 26. On the department level Linda chaired
10 the committees of Junior Activities, Credentials, Girls
11 State; Chairman and Assistance Director, Public Relations,
12 Community Service, the Department Finance Committee,
13 Finance Committee Advisor, Education, Constitution &
14 Bylaws, Children & Youth, Veterans Affairs &
15 Rehabilitation, Membership, National Security, Past
16 Presidents' Parley, Leadership, and has served many years
17 as the Department's Distinguished Guest Chairman and
18 served as the Department President in the year 1998-1999.

19 On the National level Linda served on the
20 committees of National Executive Committeewoman,
21 Membership, Girls State twice; Education twice; Public
22 Relations; and is currently serving as the National
23 President's personal page, and most important my campaign
24 manager.

25 Linda is married to her husband of 35 years,
26 Lyle, and together they have three children, seven
27 grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. Linda is
28 currently employed as the vice president of Post Closing
29 for First Republic Bank in San Francisco. Linda's
30 leadership skills have proven her to be an excellent
31 candidate for this position.

32 On behalf of George Tadlock Unit 472 and the 26th
33 District, it is my honor to place in nomination the name
34 of Linda Workman, my dear friend, as California's endorsed
35 candidate for the office of Western Division National Vice
36 President for the year 2015-2016. Thank you.

37 (Applause.)

38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Are there any
39 further endorsements? Okay. Thank you.

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41 NOMINATION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL

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43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We will now proceed
44 with the nominations for delegates to the national
45 convention. We are entitled to five delegates for our
46 charter and 16 for the amount of our membership for a
47 total of 21 delegates.

48 Department Constitution, Article V, Section 10,
49 the Department President, Department President Elect,
50 Department Secretary/Treasurer or the individual called by

1 the Department President to serve as the delegation
2 secretary to the National Convention and the National
3 Chairman shall be the first nominated delegates. If they
4 are attending the national convention, each district will
5 present the names of the elected delegate and/or alternate
6 for ratification.

7 Okay. Each district will present the names of
8 the elected delegates and/or alternate. Forget what I
9 said previously. The privilege of further nominations
10 provided the number of delegates and/or alternates is
11 under the designated number, so it will be given by
12 district numerical membership strength.

13 So, Ruby, nominations are now open for delegates
14 to national convention. Will our Secretary Ruby Kapsalis
15 please read the names of the nominees?

16 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 1,
17 pass. District 2, pass. District 3, pass. District 4,
18 pass. District 5, pass. District 6, Wendy O'Brien.
19 Alternate passed. District 7, Bonnie Bradbury, delegate.
20 Do you want me to read the alternates too?

21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We're going to do
22 the delegates first.

23 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 7,
24 Bonnie Bradbury. District 8, pass. District 9, pass.
25 District 10, pass. District 11, pass. District 12, pass.
26 District 13, pass. District 14, pass. District 15, pass.
27 District 16, Linda Fercho. District 18, pass. District
28 19, pass. District 20, pass. District 21, Marge Rye.
29 District 22, Susie Tozier. District 23, Gloria Williams.
30 District 24, Deloris Artis. District 25, Donna Scott.
31 District 26, Linda Workman. District 27, LuAnn Capazzi.
32 District 28, pass. District 29, pass. And District 30,
33 pass.

34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. How many
35 do --

36 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I have one,
37 two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten.

38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: So we need 11 more.
39 So we need six more.

40 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. Hold
41 on. Is that microphone working? No. Neither one of them
42 are working?

43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: So you have
44 membership strength as to which order we're going?

45 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yes, yes, I
46 do.

47 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Who's first up?

48 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Well,
49 these -- I think there may be some -- there may be --
50 these are districts.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That you didn't get?
2 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Well, Madam
3 President, I'm sorry but these forms were coming in as of
4 the day before convention and there may be some that may
5 have already been submitted but I did not receive for this
6 list. So I think --
7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You're going to run
8 through the districts that have passed first.
9 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yes.
10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. Go ahead.
11 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Cheryl
12 Neiffer District 29?
13 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: Cheryl Neiffer,
14 District 29. We should have Tami Bell down as a delegate.
15 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Alternate?
16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Do that next.
17 Unless she has that information, and then you can write it
18 down. Who's your --
19 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: And Kendall
20 Madsen as an alternate.
21 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank you.
22 District 14. That one is not working. Go over here,
23 Tammy, please.
24 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT URBAN: Sandra Urban,
25 District 14. I have Gloria Sinopoli.
26 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Can't hear
27 you.
28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Talk into the mic.
29 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT URBAN: Sandra Urban. I
30 have Gloria Sinopoli.
31 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: For the
32 delegate?
33 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT URBAN: And Mary Leyser for
34 alternate.
35 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Just a
36 moment. My little hands don't write that fast. And the
37 alternate was who?
38 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT URBAN: Mary Leyser.
39 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
40 L-E-Y-S-E-R; right? Thank you, Sandra. Tammy?
41 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT SOLLAZZO: Tammy Sollazzo,
42 District 19. I am a delegate and Jean Cooley-Desmeules
43 will be the alternate. And I have the form all filled out
44 for you right here.
45 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank you
46 very much, Tammy.
47 Okay. Madam President, did you want me to go
48 through the delegates again.
49 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Yeah, a little
50 slower.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Can you go through
2 and can you ask -- as you go through these, can you ask if
3 the district -- we know 1 one passed, but if they brought
4 in anything. Did you already? Is that --
5 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: The changes
6 you want?
7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: No, I said some of
8 them you didn't get the paperwork. Did everybody come up
9 that did not -- that you said passed that you should have
10 had a delegate? I'm asking because you just had 19 and 29
11 come up.
12 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yeah, and I
13 have 14, I had 19, I had 29, Madam President. Are there
14 any other districts with any delegates, national delegates
15 or alternates that the paperwork was not received or you
16 need to add? District 13, Mary Hidalgo.
17 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT HIDALGO: Madam Department
18 President, we would like to place Sandy Jacob's name.
19 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: As a
20 delegate?
21 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT HIDALGO: As a delegate.
22 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Do you have
23 an alternate?
24 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT HIDALGO: No, we don't.
25 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right.
26 Thank you. Okay. You want the changes or you want all of
27 them?
28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All of them.
29 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. All
30 right. We're going to do this quicker. Districts 1
31 through 5 passed. District 6, Wendy O'Brien, delegate.
32 District 7, Bonnie Bradbury, delegate. Districts 8
33 through 12 pass. District 13, Sandy Jacob. District 14,
34 Gloria Sinopoli. District 15, pass. District 16, Linda
35 Fercho. District 18, pass. District 19, Tammy Sollazzo.
36 District 20, pass. District 21, Marge Rye. District 22,
37 Susie Tozier. District 23, Gloria Williams. District 24,
38 Deloris Artis. District 25, Donna Scott. District 26,
39 Linda Workman. District 27, LuAnn Capazzi. District 28,
40 pass. District 29, Tami Bell. And District 30, pass.
41 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. What's our
42 number?
43 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Fourteen,
44 Madam President.
45 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We need two more
46 delegates. So by membership strength we would elect or
47 nominate the additional delegates.
48 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
49 Madam President --
50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Excuse me, Ruby.

1 I'm sorry. Would you please name the -- I said the
2 delegates in their own right, but would you name the
3 delegates that are in the top five per our constitution
4 that I read.
5 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
6 Based upon the delegates added before, it goes into
7 numerical strength according to our constitution and
8 bylaws are President Anita Biggs, President Elect Harriet
9 Clendenin. National Convention Secretary Diane DeLashmit,
10 and National Chairman Melanie Taylor.
11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. Thank you.
12 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: You're not
13 included kid. I'm sorry. You're a delegate in your own
14 right.
15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We need three
16 additional delegates.
17 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. By
18 numerical strength, District 29 is the -- 3,128 members
19 with 108.46 percent.
20 (Applause.)
21 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Would be
22 the first one.
23 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: District 29,
24 Cheryl Neiffer. Cynthia Mayfield, second alternate.
25 NEC CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: You moved Kendall up from
26 an alternate to --
27 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: Okay. Kendall is
28 moving up to delegate. Cynthia Mayfield will move to
29 alternate.
30 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I'm sorry.
31 And who's moving to the alternate?
32 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: Cynthia Mayfield.
33 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Cynthia
34 Mayfield. Thank you.
35 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: And if you need
36 another one, I've got another one for you.
37 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Honey,
38 you've got to wait your turn for the second time. Okay.
39 District 6 with 101.5 percent. Are we going numerical.
40 I've got -- I'm sorry. It actually should have been
41 District 25 is the first district there.
42 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: No, no.
43 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. Then
44 it's District 25 now.
45 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: It's 29, 22, 25, 21,
46 and somewhere I have the rest of them.
47 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: This is as
48 of close of books figures.
49 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: It's numerical
50 strength.

1 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yes,
2 numerical strength, not the delegate strength. Okay.
3 I've got it in numerical. Yeah, give me your -- okay. So
4 it's 29. All right. 22?
5 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT BOBREN: Karen Bobren,
6 District 22 president. Our -- it would be June Coatney.
7 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: As a
8 delegate?
9 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT BOBREN: I stand corrected.
10 It would be Virgie Goffney.
11 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Could you
12 repeat that last name?
13 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT BOBREN: Goffney,
14 G-O-F-F-N-E-Y. First name Virgie.
15 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
16 V-I-R-G-I-E.
17 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT BOBREN: Yes, that's
18 correct.
19 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank you.
20 District 25?
21 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT FLETCHER: Debbie Fletcher,
22 District 25. We pass.
23 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: You pass.
24 District 21?
25 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT BIEGER: Jennifer Bieger,
26 District 21. We'd like to add the name of Monica Toman,
27 T-O-M-A-N, Unit 289.
28 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Monica,
29 M-O-N-I-C-A.
30 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT BIEGER: Yes. T-O-M-A-N.
31 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
32 T-O-M-A-N. Thank you.
33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Is that enough?
34 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I've got
35 one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten,
36 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17. No. I've got those included.
37 One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten,
38 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17.
39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: What about the four?
40 Did you add those?
41 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: No, I
42 didn't include those.
43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Include those.
44 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
45 That's 21, Madam President.
46 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. We have
47 enough delegates to -- nominated to the national
48 convention. Nominations are now closed.
49 Nominations are now open for alternates to the
50 national convention. Secretary Ruby, would you please

1 read the names of the nominees we have so far?
2 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: You want me
3 to tell you which districts pass?
4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You can do the
5 districts and if they pass first.
6 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
7 Districts 1 through 5 pass. District 6, pass. District
8 7, Linda Harmon. Districts 8 through 12, pass. District
9 13, pass. District 14, Mary Leyser. District 15, pass.
10 District 16, Madeline Lee. District 18, pass. District
11 19, Jean Cooley-Desmeules. District 20, pass. District
12 21, Estella Avina. District 22, Virgie Goffney.
13 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Wait.
14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Virgie has now been
15 moved up to a delegate.
16 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. So
17 -- all right.
18 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: You need to go back
19 to Stella Avina. She's District 21 and we took another
20 nominee from District 21. She should have moved over.
21 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: We could
22 have gotten an alternate.
23 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: She just nominated
24 Monica Toman, but Stella Avina is on the alternate list.
25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yeah. If Estella
26 Avina was already nominated as alternate, she needs to be
27 moved up to a delegate, Madam President Bieger?
28 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Instead --
29 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT BIEGER: Estella has
30 decided not to go, so --
31 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: So we're
32 removing Estella as an alternate.
33 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT BIEGER: Yes, and I would
34 like to put Joanne Evans in her place from Unit 595.
35 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank you,
36 Jennifer.
37 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT BIEGER: Thank you.
38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you.
39 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
40 Backing out here. 1 through 6 pass. 7, Linda Harmon. 8
41 through 13 pass. 14 is Mary Leyser. District 15 is Zana
42 Chaney. District 16, Madeline Lee. District 18, pass.
43 District 19, Jean Cooley-Desmeules. District 20, pass.
44 District 21, Joanne Evans. District 22, they didn't
45 have --
46 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: They can place
47 another name. Madam President -- where is the president?
48 Here comes the president. Do you have your hand up,
49 Susie?
50 VA&R CHAIRMAN TOZIER: Yeah, the first name you

1 read Leyser, wasn't she moved up to a delegate?
2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: No.
3 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: No.
4 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Gloria Sinopoli is
5 the delegate. I recognize the president from 22.
6 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT BOBREN: Karen Bobren,
7 District 22. June Coatney.
8 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
9 District 22 alternate June Coatney. Okay. District 23,
10 Jackie Cleveland. District 24, Ruth Hackey. District 25,
11 pass. District 26, Sherry Schneider. District 27, pass.
12 District 28, pass. District 19, Cynthia Mayfield.
13 District 30, pass. Eleven. I have a total of 11, Madam
14 President.
15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. We'll have to
16 start with the -- hold on one second. We're going to take
17 just a few seconds. The Parliamentarian needs to discuss
18 something with the National President. Go ahead.
19 DISTRICT 23 PRESIDENT MOORE: Madam President,
20 Sharon Moore, 23rd District. I made a mistake and I sent
21 in Jackie Cleveland as the alternate and it should have
22 been Alzora Carter and Jackie should have been the second
23 alternate.
24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Right. Actually,
25 she was after Wantu was the last one.
26 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: So I'm
27 changing District 22 alternate to Alzora Carter. I know
28 you guys are just testing me.
29 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: They're making you
30 really work for this volunteer job you're doing.
31 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: You
32 remember this is "Acting," ladies.
33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: She doesn't get
34 paid, ladies.
35 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
36 District 23 changed from Jackie Cleveland to Alzora
37 Carter. Okay. Back to 29 for the alternates.
38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. District 29,
39 President Neiffer.
40 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: Yes, ma'am. I'm
41 going to stop getting up --
42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Neiffer, Neiffer.
43 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: -- if you don't
44 get my name. Cheryl Neiffer, District 29. Second
45 alternate is Jan Spriggs. Janice Spriggs, Unit 291.
46 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank you,
47 Cheryl. District 22, Karen? Where did district -- oh,
48 she's --
49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: She's coming.
50 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT BOBREN: I'm sorry. We

1 were having a discussion and we couldn't come to anything.
2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That's called
3 caucusing.
4 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT BOBREN: Regretfully we
5 must pass.
6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you.
7 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
8 District 25? You pass?
9 DISTRICT 25 PRESIDENT FLETCHER: Yes.
10 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 25
11 passes. District 21?
12 DISTRICT 21 PRESIDENT BIEGER: Pass.
13 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Pass.
14 District 19?
15 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT SOLLAZZO: Tammy Sollazzo.
16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Do you know how many
17 we need, Ruby?
18 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT SOLLAZZO: Tammy Sollazzo,
19 District 19. We'd like to add Sherry Greene. Greene with
20 a following E.
21 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Sherry Greene.
22 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT SOLLAZZO: Sherry Greene.
23 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
24 G-R-E-E-N-E?
25 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT SOLLAZZO: Uh-huh.
26 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. We
27 have got one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight,
28 nine, ten, 11, 12, 13, 14, Madam President. All right.
29 District 18?
30 ACTING DISTRICT 18 PRESIDENT FORREST: District
31 18 passes.
32 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
33 28? I'm sure they passed at the beginning, they're going
34 to pass again. Okay. District 23. Okay. This is Jackie
35 Cleveland. I know that. Oh, see how smart I am. I do
36 remember some things. Although I forget a lot more than I
37 remember. Okay. District 5? District 5?
38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You pass. Okay.
39 Wenonah passes.
40 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
41 13?
42 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT HIDALGO: Just to get the
43 show on the road, Cherie Whitaker, C-H-E-R-I.
44 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: What was
45 her last name?
46 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT HIDALGO: Whitaker,
47 W-I-T-A-K-E-R.
48 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: No H in
49 there? It's not W-H-I-T-A-K-E-R?
50 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT HIDALGO: Could be.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We'll take the
2 common spelling.
3 DISTRICT 13 PRESIDENT HIDALGO: She scribbled it.
4 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Is she
5 here?
6 DELEGATE WHITAKER: Yes. W-H-I-T-A-K-E-R.
7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you, Cherie.
8 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: The reason
9 I ask is when you start searching for the membership,
10 leaving off that H is critical. Okay. We have one, two,
11 three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, 11, 12,
12 13, 14, 15. Right? Okay. Fifteen. We go to District
13 14.
14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Did you fix the
15 microphone, sir?
16 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: In other
17 words, get close Sandra.
18 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT URBAN: I --
19 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: You're
20 going to have to get close. Make pretend you love it.
21 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT URBAN: I love it. Baby, I
22 love it. Okay. I will add Ellen McClure.
23 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
24 Ellen McClurg.
25 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT URBAN: Ellen McClurg.
26 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: M-C cap
27 C-L-U-R-E?
28 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT URBAN: No. G.
29 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: McClurg.
30 And the first name is Ellen?
31 DISTRICT 14 PRESIDENT URBAN: Yes.
32 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
33 M-C-C-L-U-R-G. Thank you, Sandra. District 6?
34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Glenda, that's you,
35 ladies.
36 DISTRICT 6 PRESIDENT SCHULTZ: District 6 passes.
37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you.
38 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
39 20?
40 DISTRICT 20 PRESIDENT GOSLIN: Pass.
41 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
42 15?
43 DISTRICT 15 PRESIDENT HERRERA: We pass.
44 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
45 27?
46 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT MYERS: Pass.
47 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District --
48 yeah, District 12?
49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Ladies? Madam
50 President, do you pass?

1 DISTRICT 12 PRESIDENT STUART: Yes.
2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you.
3 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
4 26?
5 DISTRICT 26 PRESIDENT JOHNSTON: Pass.
6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: District 7? You
7 have one?
8 DISTRICT 7 PRESIDENT BANDERA: Madam President.
9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That works.
10 DISTRICT 7 PRESIDENT BANDERA: I don't have to
11 get close to this one. We already have Linda Harmon as
12 our alternate.
13 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Linda
14 Harmon, but you have an opportunity to put another name in
15 at this point.
16 NEC WOMAN MIKESELL: Maybe Linda wants a
17 roommate.
18 DISTRICT 7 PRESIDENT BANDERA: We pass.
19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you.
20 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
21 District 30?
22 DISTRICT 30 PRESIDENT VINCENT: Pass.
23 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: 16 was in
24 there before 18. Back it up, ladies. I'm on 30, but hang
25 on just a moment. Let me pass up to 16. I missed them.
26 They should have been after 18. These old eyes are
27 skipping lines again.
28 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT BIGGERS: District 16,
29 Connie Biggers. We do have a candidate. This is Darlene
30 Duncan.
31 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
32 D-U-N-K-I-N?
33 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT BIGGERS: Not like Dunkin'
34 Donuts. D-U-N-C-A-N.
35 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Pardon me?
36 What is it.
37 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT BIGGERS: D-U-N-C-A-N.
38 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS:
39 D-U-N-C-A-N. Her first name was Darlene?
40 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT BIGGERS: Yes.
41 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank you
42 very much. Okay. That's 17. Back down to 30.
43 DISTRICT 30 PRESIDENT VINCENT: We pass.
44 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Pass.
45 District 2?
46 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You're going to have
47 to go to come to the microphone, District 2.
48 DISTRICT 2 PRESIDENT DAILEY: Pass.
49 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 4?
50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You pass?

1 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT DOWDEN: I didn't hear
2 what's going on.
3 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 4,
4 you have the opportunity to put an alternate into the
5 national convention, the name for an alternate.
6 DISTRICT 4 PRESIDENT DOWDEN: Pass.
7 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Pass.
8 District 13? Wait a minute. How come 13 is down here
9 twice?
10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You said 13 already.
11 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I don't
12 know why they're on the list then. Okay. We go to 24
13 then.
14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: 24?
15 ACTING DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT HACKNEY: District
16 24, Nancy Niles. Niles.
17 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Niles.
18 N-I-L-E-S.
19 ACTING DISTRICT 24 PRESIDENT HACKNEY: Niles.
20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you.
21 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank you.
22 That's 18.
23 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Three more.
24 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District
25 10?
26 DISTRICT 10 PRESIDENT PETERS: Pass.
27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: They pass.
28 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 10
29 passes. District 1?
30 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: They are not here.
31 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 9?
32 DISTRICT 9 PRESIDENT RIOS: Pass.
33 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 3?
34 DISTRICT 3 PRESIDENT RAMEY: Pass.
35 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 8?
36 They're not here either. We're at District 17. We're not
37 going to do 17?
38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: No, they didn't
39 assign.
40 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Do you want
41 to go back to 29?
42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yeah, to the ones
43 who haven't passed.
44 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: All right.
45 District 29.
46 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: I'm not jumping.
47 People think I'm crazy. Cheryl Neiffer, District 29
48 President. Melveta Mason, M-E-L-V-E-T-A M-A-S-O-N.
49 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Thank you,
50 Cheryl. That's 19. Okay.

1 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: And that's it.
2 I'm running out of people.
3 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yeah, with
4 a unit of 3,000 members you should be able to come up with
5 a lot of members.
6 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: They're not here.
7 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 22
8 just put their names down whether they're going to go or
9 not.
10 DISTRICT 22 PRESIDENT BOBREN: District 22, Karen
11 Bobren. We have Lois Cornish.
12 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Lois
13 Cornish. All right. Lois, you're a lifesaver. That's
14 19. Let's go to 25.
15 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: They've already
16 passed.
17 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yeah, don't
18 go through the ones that passed already. Yeah, I didn't
19 write them down.
20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You're going to
21 pass; right?
22 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: I've got one more
23 just in case.
24 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay. 29,
25 for your information you have a Past Department President,
26 Judy Lowe who doesn't live in the state anymore who is
27 still a member of your unit. And that's a possibility of
28 an additional name because I guess Diane --
29 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: We have another
30 name for you.
31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: She's trying to make
32 a statement.
33 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: Yeah, I know.
34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. She sent a
35 letter in.
36 DISTRICT 29 PRESIDENT NEIFFER: Yeah, I know.
37 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And now
38 we're down to 25. You've already passed. 21?
39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: They passed.
40 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: 19 passed;
41 right? No. Okay. 19, come on. Come on, Tammy.
42 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT SOLLAZZO: We would like to
43 have Gayle Stewart. And it's G-A-Y-L-E.
44 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Stewart;
45 right?
46 DISTRICT 19 PRESIDENT SOLLAZZO: Correct.
47 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: That's 20.
48 One more, ladies. Okay. 16?
49 DISTRICT 16 PRESIDENT BIGGERS: Connie Biggers,
50 District 16. Vicki Crow.

1 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Vicki Crow.
2 I don't need to have her spell that, but I might need it
3 for the Crow, C-R-O-W. Madam President, I believe that is
4 21. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine,
5 ten, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21.

6 (Applause.)

7 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: And I need
8 for you to nominate --

9 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Nominations are now
10 closed for alternates to the national convention.

11 (Applause.)

12 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Will the
13 candidates for the department office please come to the
14 stage. At this time it is my pleasure to present your
15 Department Candidates for the year 2014-2015 and our
16 Endorsed National Candidate for 2015-2016. For Department
17 President, Harriet Clendenin.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: For Department Vice
20 President, Susie Tozier.

21 (Applause.)

22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: For Junior Member of
23 Finance, Susan Peters.

24 (Applause.)

25 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: And for Western
26 Division National Vice President, Linda Workman.

27 (Applause.)

28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Congratulations on
29 your nominations. Will you please go in front of the
30 flags for a better picture with the background. Well, you
31 know what Linda Workman looks like. Congratulate her.

32 We will now continue with our Department Chair
33 reports. We need to have the Girls State chairman to the
34 stage so we can complete your report. After Girls State
35 we will have Education, Auxiliary Emergency Fund, and
36 National Security. Can you please come to the stage and
37 be ready for your report. Is Linda Hayes here? Linda,
38 just come through. You're going to have to just disrupt
39 their photo. Thank you. Per my notes, it looks like we
40 left off at Code 20A.

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42 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN REPORT (Resumed)

43
44 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Before you go on,
45 there was a beautiful Auxiliary piece of jewelry that
46 someone left in the Past Presidents' Parlay luncheon. But
47 it's really beautiful. Somebody lost this. Yeah, I'll
48 take it home. Anyway, I have it up here.

49 Go ahead, Linda.

50 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Code 20E currently

1 reads: "Has the responsibility of carefully checking
2 parent's release, application form and ensure that all
3 questions are completely answered and the required
4 signatures have been obtained before forwarding papers to
5 the Department Chairman and the fee to Department Office."

6 Proposed change: "Has the responsibility of
7 carefully checking to ensure that all questions are
8 completely answered and the required signatures have been
9 obtained by receiving the signature page from the
10 candidate before forwarding fees to the Department
11 Office."

12 Madam Department President, by direction of the
13 committee I move acceptance of this code change.

14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Code change 20E of
15 Girls State code changed to: "Has the responsibility of
16 carefully checking to ensure that all questions are
17 completely answered and the required signatures have been
18 obtained by receiving the signature page from the
19 candidate before forwarding fees to the Department
20 Office."

21 This is referring to the responsibility of the
22 unit and sponsors. Is there any discussion on this page?
23 (No response.)

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All those in favor,
25 say aye.

26 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Those opposed say
28 no.

29 (No response.)

30 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Motion is carried.

31 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Code 21 currently
32 reads: "After arrival of the session, if the delegate is
33 not willing to comply with the rules and requirements
34 previously agreed upon or if a situation arises which
35 could be counterproductive to the sessions, the director
36 at her discretion shall have the right to return the
37 delegate to her home immediately. The director shall be
38 required to notify the unit of a required delegate --
39 returned delegate in writing within ten days after the
40 close of session providing complete details of the above
41 situation."

42 The proposed changes are housekeeping only.
43 Remove the "S" from "sessions," add commas before and
44 after "at her discretion," and remove the "S" from
45 "sessions" near the end of the paragraph.

46 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We accept this
47 housekeeping change.

48 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Code 26 currently
49 reads: "Applications must be submitted from the units to
50 the Department Chairman by deadline date of March 12th.

1 All fees to be sent to the department office."
2 Proposed change: Remove -- no. I'm sorry.
3 Proposed change: "Applications must be submitted to the
4 Department Chairman by deadline date of March 31st. All
5 fees to be sent to the department office."
6 Madam Department President, by direction of the
7 committee I move acceptance of this code change.
8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: The -- if you have a
9 discussion, you have to wait until I announce this. It
10 has been moved that Code 26 be changed: "Applications
11 must be submitted to the Department Chairman by deadline
12 date of March 31. All fees to be sent to the department
13 office."
14 Is there a discussion? The Chair recognizes
15 LuAnn Capazzi.
16 PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT CAPAZZI: I believe we
17 also said to add March 31st to that sentence, that all the
18 fees need to be in by March 31st.
19 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: We did. Thank you.
20 LuAnn is right. All fees to be sent to the department
21 office by March 31st needs to be added.
22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. So with that
23 direction, the last sentence: "All fees to be sent to the
24 department office by March 31st." Are there any
25 questions?
26 (No response.)
27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All those in favor,
28 say aye.
29 ALL PRESENT: Aye.
30 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Those opposed, say
31 no.
32 (No response.)
33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Motion carried.
34 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Madam President,
35 that concludes the department code changes.
36 (Applause.)
37 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: Madam President, may
38 I continue with the supplemental report?
39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You could, but our
40 Acting Secretary would like to amend the last code change
41 because it's too redundant.
42 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Madam
43 President, I would like to amend that last code change to
44 read, and it's just merely getting March 31st in there one
45 time rather than repeating it twice. And the proposed
46 change would read: "Applications must be submitted to the
47 Department Chairman and the fees to the -- all fees to the
48 Department Office by deadline date of March 31st." We're
49 putting too much 31st in there.
50 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: No, I understand.

1 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We understand.
2 PARLIAMENTARIAN DeLASHMIT: Let's make it
3 application and fees.
4 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Yeah, it's
5 just poorly worded. "Applications and fees must be
6 submitted to the Department Chairman" --
7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: No, because the fees
8 go to the office. You were right the first time.
9 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Okay.
10 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay.
11 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Is this my
12 third strike or what.
13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You can't strike
14 out.
15 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: Please make
16 it my third strike. "Applications must be submitted" --
17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: To the department.
18 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: -- "to the
19 Department Chairman and all fees sent to the Department
20 Office by March 31st." Thank you.
21 (Applause.)
22 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: So it's been moved
23 and seconded to change Girls State Code 26 to read:
24 "Applications must be submitted to the Department Chairman
25 and all fees to be sent to the Department Office by
26 deadline date of March 31st."
27 Any discussion? Chair recognizes Liz Tomlin.
28 DELEGATE TOMLIN: Hi. Alyssa Tomlin, District
29 29. It's more of a question to Linda. Which code change
30 was it that we were changing to the electronic
31 application? I thought Anita said we were finished and I
32 don't remember discussing it. No, it's not the signature
33 page.
34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Excuse me, ladies.
35 Let me hear from the Chairman, Linda.
36 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: The word
37 "electronic" doesn't appear in that. It says -- if I can
38 find it. I believe it says website.
39 DELEGATE TOMLIN: That we submit it to the
40 website. I just don't remember us discussing that change.
41 That's all -- that was my question. And I don't remember
42 which code.
43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It's not pertaining
44 to the motion we have.
45 DELEGATE TOMLIN: Okay. I'm sorry.
46 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. Are there any
47 questions to the Code 26? Do you have a question?
48 DELEGATE KELLEY: Not on Code 26.
49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. Are there any
50 questions to the motion for Code 26?

1 (No response.)
2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: If there are none,
3 all those in favor say aye.
4 ALL PRESENT: Aye
5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Those opposed say
6 no.
7 (No response.)
8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That motion carried.
9 So now if you want to entertain another question to the
10 chairman at this time.
11 DELEGATE KELLEY: Ann Kelley, District 12, Unit
12 83. We actually had a change to 20A which you skipped
13 over and went to 20E. And I'm not sure that 20E -- I'd
14 like to hear 20E repeated. I think there was an issue
15 there. And then we haven't done 27 and there was a change
16 there as well.
17 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: I'm sorry. I must
18 have --
19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We did 20E. 20E we
20 didn't -- we haven't done 20A yet.
21 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: I thought we did
22 read that.
23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Can you please do --
24 you did not do 20A. You picked back up with 20E and we
25 didn't have a vote on 20A.
26 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: 20A: "All required
27 forms shall be forwarded with the application form
28 including a brochure to the unit with instructions that
29 all forms and applications together with the fee must be
30 returned as provided in the instructions."
31 So Code 20A proposed changes. "All required" --
32 the paragraph is to be deleted. It's to read: "All
33 required forms and fees must be returned as provided in
34 the instructions."
35 Madam Department President, by direction of the
36 committee I move acceptance of this code change.
37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: By direction of the
38 Girls State Committee, Code 20A will read: "All required
39 forms and fees must be returned and as provided in the
40 instructions."
41 Is there any discussion on this code change?
42 (No response.)
43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All those in favor,
44 say aye.
45 ALL PRESENT: Aye.
46 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Those opposed say
47 no.
48 (No response.)
49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Motion carried.
50 GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN HAYES: We did 20E, yes.

1 And I'm trying to see what it was on 27 that was changed.

2 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Ann Kelley, did you
3 understand Code 20E that was changed?

4 DELEGATE KELLEY: No, I don't understand it. I'd
5 like you to read it again, please.

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. It reads as
7 follows: "Has the responsibility of carefully checking
8 and ensure that all questions are completely answered and
9 required signatures have been obtained" -- I don't think
10 this was done. This is a different one than what I saw
11 before.

12 I am going to request that the Girls State
13 Committee, preconvention committee please meet -- you can
14 go right outside the door, get together on these codes,
15 make sure you have them all together correctly as voted in
16 your meeting, and then chairman can bring back the ones
17 that we have not taken care of.

18 (Applause.)

19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you very much,
20 ladies. Okay. I have education. Michelle Soares, can
21 you report now?

22
23 EDUCATION REPORT
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25 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: Good afternoon,
26 everybody. We're in the home stretch. The convention
27 committee on Education met on June 19th in Room 207 of the
28 Santa Clara Convention Center, Santa Clara, California.
29 The statistical report of this chairman appears on page 19
30 of the Book of Reports. There is one correction to that.
31 I incorrectly reported the number of districts reporting
32 instead of units. And so where it says units reporting
33 28, it's actually districts. So I had 28, actually 29 all
34 29 actually showed up in the end, so that was good.

35 Wendy O'Brien from District 6 was appointed
36 secretary, Mary Carolan from District 29 offered prayer,
37 and Sheila Murray from District 23 was appointed
38 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 18 district delegates
39 answered roll call. There were four visitors present.

40 The committee agreed on the following report:
41 The code was read and some Q and A followed. All second,
42 third, 100 percent reporting and Give 10 to Education
43 certificates were passed out in committee. If adopted
44 there will be one code addition. It will be labeled
45 number 14. "The Connie Settles Memorial Trust Scholarship
46 shall be awarded annually to Senior Auxiliary members
47 attending college whose membership dues are paid for the
48 current and past three consecutive years. One scholarship
49 up to \$5,000 shall be awarded annually and may include
50 book stipends. The application," which I created and we

1 will get to -- "E21S and rules for the scholarship will be
2 mailed to all units and posted on the department website.
3 2014."

4 With the addition -- if adopted, with the
5 addition of this code all other code numbers will be
6 renumbered accordingly. By the direction of the
7 committee, I move to accept the following code addition.

8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: By direction of the
9 education committee, following code addition. Number 14:
10 "The Connie Settles Memorial Trust Scholarship shall be
11 awarded annually to senior Auxiliary members attending
12 college whose membership dues are paid for current and
13 past three consecutive years. One scholarship up to
14 \$5,000 shall be awarded annually and may include book
15 stipends. The application E21S and rules for the
16 scholarship will be mailed to all units and posted on the
17 department website."

18 Are there any questions on this motion?

19 (No response.)

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All those in favor,
21 say aye.

22 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Those opposed say
24 no.

25 (No response.)

26 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you. The
27 motion carried.

28 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: Madam President, this
29 concludes my committee report. May I continue with my
30 supplemental?

31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, you may.

32 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: Madam Department
33 President, the ladies of the Department of California have
34 done an outstanding job implementing the education program
35 objectives into their unit activities. Education is the
36 cornerstone of our future and this chairman believes in
37 order to be effective we must educate our youth on this
38 great organization, our programs as a whole, and
39 membership when it's applicable.

40 In order to achieve these goals, I distributed
41 bulletins to the district and unit chairmen containing the
42 national organization's objectives along with scholarship
43 applications for both National and our department
44 scholarships available. I also distributed the how-to
45 guides provided by National on how to implement and be
46 successful within certain programs such as the Give 10
47 program and how to find military children within our
48 schools.

49 Give 10 to Education is very popular. At the
50 time of the writing of this report it was 78, but it

1 turned out to be 83 units that 10,935 items have been
2 donated to date at a value of \$19,143.85. It was stated
3 that this is -- that does deserve applause.

4 (Applause.)

5 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: It was stated that
6 this is one of the easiest ways to participate within the
7 Education program especially in the smaller units. Fifty
8 units also have chosen to make monetary donations directly
9 to schools ranging in amounts from \$50 to \$2,000. The
10 total amount donated for the year is \$10,238 to date.
11 This helps the schools with individual projects they may
12 not have the money for otherwise.

13 As we all know, teachers are spending their own
14 money to fund their classrooms and the direct donations
15 help ease this burden in small and in some cases big ways.
16 Sixty-three units sought out local opportunities, built
17 scholarships in 146 schools. Counselors were given
18 scholarship brochures, Need A Lift CD, and scholarship
19 applications.

20 California offers two main scholarships under the
21 Education program. The Educational Assistance For High
22 School Seniors and that Our Children of Veterans heading
23 to college within California and continuing reentry
24 assistance for people continuing their college experience
25 or who are reentering after a hiatus. The reason I bring
26 this up is because I had the displeasure of turning away
27 several applications because the applicants were not the
28 child of a veteran, but rather a grandchild or great
29 grandchild. Reading the rules in their entirety is a must
30 and no exceptions should be made. Rather, asking
31 questions so that the child can be directed to the proper
32 scholarship application and not be disappointed or
33 rejected is an easier alternative than, you know, some
34 poor simp like me writing a letter.

35 Yeah, and I bring that up because I did have to
36 do that and because the deadlines had passed for the other
37 scholarships they found out that they were eligible.

38 So anyway, a total of 28 units participated in
39 American Education Week doing various things. Several
40 units reported that they donated fruit baskets and
41 homemade treats to the staff of local schools. One unit
42 reported that they read and gave books to students at a
43 local elementary school. However, most units promoted the
44 scholarship programs available by handing out brochures
45 and talking with students directly.

46 The most exciting thing, I think, is that 28
47 units have gotten excited and involved in the Veterans in
48 the Classroom Project. These units reported that a
49 whooping 285 veterans talked with students in 37 schools
50 from first grade through college. The children and young

1 adults were allowed to interview the veterans after their
2 initial presentations. Some of these interviews and
3 assemblies have lasted more than three hours. The list of
4 age appropriate questions were handed out to teachers as
5 well as to the children.

6 Twenty-seven units assisted and supported 1,265
7 veterans pursuing higher or vocational education. This
8 support came in various ways such as tutoring, providing a
9 food pantry for those studying away from home and
10 financial support in undisclosed amounts.

11 Literacy is so important, but surprisingly is
12 still a problem in American schools. Twenty-three units
13 participated in literacy programs. We have two women who
14 volunteer as ESL teachers, many tutor young children and
15 teenagers in reading and donate books to reading programs.
16 Excuse me.

17 One unit donates patriotic books and presidential
18 bookmarks and then holds a contest to see who can remember
19 the most presidents. They make it fun for the kids while
20 they're learning. Several women read to young children
21 and -- sorry. And stress the importance of reading and
22 understanding what they read. Units have created or
23 already had in place their own scholarship programs.
24 Sixty-five units gave out 121 scholarships totaling -- are
25 you ready for this one? -- \$60,190.

26 (Applause.)

27 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: That -- that is an
28 average of almost \$500 per student. Plus 22 units gave
29 out book stipends totaling \$2,814. What a tremendous
30 accomplishment for the units of California. Eight
31 districts also reported -- eight districts also reported
32 that they have their own program and gave \$3,435 in
33 scholarships this year.

34 One hundred units supported the Education program
35 by purchasing \$2,226 worth of poppy seals. Of the units
36 reporting, 127 of them donated a total of \$4820 to the
37 Department of California Education Fund. That is the
38 number that I have today anyway.

39 Members are still actively clipping Box Tops For
40 Education and donating to their own local schools. Those
41 schools also are very appreciative and many letters saying
42 -- by the units in California for helping them with their
43 ongoing commitment to helping the schools. To date, more
44 than 15,000 Box Tops have been donated this year. One
45 unit holds a teacher appreciation day in May where the
46 Auxiliary sends invitations to every teacher and
47 administrator and holds a reception for them. They feed
48 them finger foods and drinks and they also take the
49 opportunity to inform the teachers and administrators
50 about the scholarships available, find out what the

1 schools need, as well as talk about the Americanism
2 contest. This unit has been hosting this event for more
3 than 20 years and the average attendance is approximately
4 one hundred and many times the attendance has topped 150
5 teachers and administrators. This is all done free of
6 charge including drinks, if they so desire, as a way of
7 thanking them for all they do for our young people.

8 National scholarships were promoted and
9 applications were read. I'm proud to say that a spirited
10 young scholarship was won by a young woman from California
11 named Kyley Warther who was sponsored by Unit 277. She
12 won a \$5,000 scholarship from National.

13 (Applause.)

14 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: Entries have always
15 been received for most outstanding American Education Week
16 and most outstanding literacy program. Winners will be
17 forwarded to the appropriate committee members and
18 hopefully California will have one or two more national
19 winners. But there are no losers as far as I'm concerned.
20 As true winners are the children of veterans and the
21 veterans themselves along with all the other students and
22 teachers our Auxiliary members have helped with their
23 educational needs along the way.

24 This concludes my report. May I continue with my
25 first place awards?

26 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Please do.

27 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: Someone is telling me
28 that they didn't get their Give 10 certificates. I will
29 say that I have some to get out, but it's because your
30 districts didn't list the unit numbers on the form. So I
31 asked at the committee meeting to slip me notes. I hope
32 everyone got my -- they did get my notes. I can see them
33 standing over there.

34 The first award I'm going to give and was
35 forwarded to National for further competition is most
36 outstanding literacy program. And that went to Inyo Unit
37 118, Danielle White chairman.

38 (Applause.)

39 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: Danielle is on an
40 Alaskan cruise, so we have Vella Myers, the district
41 president. Thank you.

42 (Applause.)

43 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: Most outstanding
44 American Education Week program goes to Bradley Keffer
45 Unit 138, Kim Vincent, Chairman, District 30. This report
46 was also forwarded to National for further competition.

47 (Applause.)

48 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: Best overall district
49 supplemental report goes to District 29, Carol Grosspoint,
50 chairman.

1 (Applause.)
2 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: Cheryl Neiffer is
3 accepting on her behalf. These ladies worked really hard
4 and I'll tell you the truth it was really, really
5 difficult to whittle all of these report supplementals
6 down to, you know, what was going to get what.
7 Outstanding best overall unit report I have a little bit
8 of a problem here because I had two really great ones and
9 so I broke up the tie in an unusual way, and I'll get to
10 that in one second.
11 The best overall unit report standard issue goes
12 to John M. Armitage Unit 684, LuAnn Capazzi, chairman,
13 District 27.
14 (Applause.)
15 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: The other report it
16 was -- it was a phenomenal read, I have to tell you, but
17 it was really -- I created an award because I'm the
18 chairman and I can do that. It's the best department
19 themed unit report. And first place goes to Jackie
20 Robinson Unit 252, Sheila Mary, Chairman. District 23.
21 (Applause.)
22 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: A little bird told me
23 this is your first convention.
24 DELEGATE MARY: Yes, it is.
25 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: Now you have to come
26 back.
27 DELEGATE MARY: Yes, so I see.
28 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: You have to defend
29 your title.
30 DELEGATE MARY: Okay. Okay. Thank you so much.
31 EDUCATION CHAIRMAN SOARES: Madam President,
32 thank you for this appointment and that concludes my
33 report.
34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you so much,
35 Michelle. Next we'll hear from our Auxiliary Emergency
36 Fund, little Rhodona Enright.
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38 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND REPORT
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40 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT:
41 Hello. The convention committee on Auxiliary Emergency
42 Fund met on June 19th, 2014 in Room 201 of the Santa Clara
43 Convention Center, Santa Clara, California. The
44 statistical report of the Chair appears in the Book of
45 Reports.
46 Barbara Knight, District 18, was appointed
47 secretary. Earleen Paige, District 23, offered prayer,
48 and Maria Lopez, District 6 was appointed
49 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 23 district delegates
50 answered roll call. There were eight visitors present.

1 The committee agreed on the following report:
2 The code was read and the following change was
3 recommended. Code 6 currently reads: "Units wanting to
4 submit an application for an eligible member shall request
5 forms from the Department Headquarters."

6 The proposed Code 6 will read: "Units wanting to
7 submit an application for an eligible member can obtain a
8 copy of the application on the department or national
9 website, websites. A copy can also be obtained from the
10 Department Chairman."

11 Madam Department President, by direction of the
12 committee I move acceptance of this code change.

13 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: By the direction of
14 the Auxiliary Emergency Fund committee proposed code
15 change number 6: "Units wanting to submit an application
16 for an eligible member can obtain a copy of the
17 application on the department or national websites. A
18 copy can also be obtained from the Department Chairman."

19 Is there any questions on this motion?

20 (No response.)

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

23 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Any opposed, say no.

25 (No response.)

26 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Motion carries.

27 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: Thank
28 you.

29 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You have that right.

30 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT:

31 Certificates for 100 percent reporting were presented in
32 committee. Second place awards for best supplemental at
33 district and unit levels were also presented in committee.
34 A complete list of awards will be posted outside the
35 secretary's office.

36 Madam President, this concludes the report of the
37 Auxiliary Emergency Fund Committee meeting and I move for
38 its acceptance.

39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You may continue.

40 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: You
41 don't need a motion to accept my report?

42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I don't need a
43 motion to accept your report.

44 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: Units
45 and districts got on board to help provide for our members
46 in need. They held bake sales, offered baskets for
47 raffles, held luncheons, dinners, and dances. Several
48 district chairmen collected funds at each district meeting
49 and held drawings awarding small gifts. Chairmen talked
50 about the importance of this program and its benefits at

1 their meetings. Many put articles in their unit post
2 bulletins. Our members filed 13 applications for
3 assistance at the unit level. I know of at least one
4 received help from National. Great job, ladies.

5 Our units and districts responded distributing
6 more than \$8519. That's not bad when you consider that
7 only about 35 percent of our units actually made a
8 donation. That is according to the department records.
9 It is extremely important and I know we did something
10 earlier to make this code change, but stay with me for a
11 minute. It is extremely important to make your donations
12 to the department according to Code 3, the check payable
13 to National, then mailed to department. Can you imagine
14 what would happen if every unit donated something? And
15 remember, every dollar counts.

16 I am very proud of our members for their hard
17 work and dedication to this most worthwhile program.
18 Remember, the Auxiliary Emergency Fund is members helping
19 other members.

20 Now for our first place winners for unit and
21 district supplementals. And I will apologize. My gifts
22 are at home but I will be able to get that to you in the
23 next week. Best unit supplement goes to George Tadlock
24 Unit 472, Chairman Lou Thompson.

25 (Applause.)

26 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: And
27 the best district supplemental was for Crystal Romo-Reyes,
28 District 19.

29 (Applause.)

30 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT:
31 DISTRICT 19: Go 19.

32 AUXILIARY EMERGENCY FUND CHAIRMAN ENRIGHT: Thank
33 you. Madam Department President Anita, thank you for this
34 appointment and for the opportunity to continue my
35 learning experience and thank you for the opportunity to
36 serve you and our department. Madam Department President,
37 that concludes my report.

38 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you, so much,
39 Rhodona, for accepting the position. You did a great job.

40 And as Loretta Marsh right now makes her way,
41 would the Editor Estella Avina and Gloria Williams please
42 come to the stage for your reports. Is there -- if you
43 want to make any statement or have a question, any
44 delegates, you'll have to come to the microphone. You can
45 go ahead, Loretta.

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47 NATIONAL SECURITY REPORT

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49 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN MARSH: The convention
50 committee for National Security met on June 19th in Room

1 209 of the Santa Clara Convention Center in Santa Clara.
2 The statistical report appears on page 22 of the Book of
3 Reports. Dolores Ryan, District 15 was appointed
4 secretary. Barbara LaDoucer was appointed Chaplain and
5 offered prayer from District 4. LuAnn Capazzi from
6 District 27 was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms. We had a
7 total of 14 district delegates answering roll call and two
8 visitors.

9 The department code was read and no code changes
10 were recommended. All certificates and awards were
11 presented in committee except first place supplements.
12 Discussion followed to share what units are doing to have
13 a successful and productive National Security program.

14 This concludes the report of the committee. May
15 I continue with my supplemental report?

16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, you may.

17 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN MARSH: Madam
18 Department President, I am sorry to say that I cannot
19 report 100 percent reporting among the districts of the
20 department, but I can tell you that the reports I did
21 receive reported countless hours of volunteerism and
22 dedication to our active military members and their
23 families, as well as to the security and well-being of
24 their communities and neighborhoods.

25 They have reported the usual activities such as
26 gifts and donations to the troops and their families,
27 parties, fundraisers, coupon clipping, baby showers,
28 homecomings, parades, USO support, ROTC and JROTC support,
29 and all the various facets of the National Security
30 program. Even though we hear of many of the same
31 activities each year and probably in several different
32 reports, this proves our units are still working hard to
33 make these programs a bigger and better success each year.

34 I was pleased to hear of members that attend both
35 CERT, C-E-R-T, classes to prepare themselves to be much
36 service to their communities in case of an emergency or
37 disaster. CPR, first aid, and Red Cross training was also
38 on their agenda. Local police and fire departments were
39 also recipients of their generosity.

40 A couple of things especially caught my attention
41 as I read the reports. One unit reported setting up a
42 booth at a family day at an Air Force base to keep
43 children occupied with crafts and activities so their
44 parents could enjoy the other booths and displays offered
45 to them. Another unit had someone speak at their meeting
46 on Internet scams to be aware of, especially those aimed
47 at seniors. What great ideas to share.

48 The statistical report for National Security can
49 be found in the Book of Reports. Check it out and be
50 prepared to be amazed. A list of awards presented in

1 committee has been posted in the department office for
2 viewing.

3 May I proceed with my first place supplemental
4 awards?

5 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, you may.

6 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN MARSH: Okay. First
7 place district supplemental goes to District 28, Sandy
8 Patterson, chairman.

9 (Applause.)

10 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN MARSH:

11 Congratulation. If the tissue looks really crumbled it's
12 not because I threw my shoes on top of it. First place
13 unit supplemental goes to Unit 496, District 19.

14 (Applause.)

15 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN MARSH: Dolores
16 Grijalva, Chairman.

17 DISTRICT 19 DELEGATE: I'm accepting it on her
18 behalf.

19 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN MARSH: This concludes
20 my report. Oh, no, no, no, it doesn't. Skip that. Madam
21 President, I thank you for the honor and privilege of
22 being part of your team this year by serving as Your
23 National Security Chairman. And I want to thank all of
24 you that worked so hard for your National Security
25 program. This concludes my report.

26 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you very much,
27 Loretta. Good job.

28 (Applause.)

29 NATIONAL SECURITY CHAIRMAN MARSH: And I would
30 love it.

31 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We'll now hear from
32 our Editor Estella Avina.

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34 EDITOR REPORT
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36 EDITOR AVINA: Good afternoon. I'll take off my
37 glasses so I can see. You know, you get to where you
38 can't see close and you get to where you can't see far.

39 Okay. The convention committee on Editor met on
40 June 19th, 2014 in Room 6 of the Santa Clara Convention
41 Center, Santa Clara, California. There is no statistical
42 report on Editor. Jennifer Bieger, District 21, was
43 appointed secretary, Carrie Taylor, District 29, offered
44 prayer, and Jessica Gustonson, District 16 was appointed
45 Sergeant-at-Arms. A total of 16 district delegates
46 answered roll call and there were five visitors present.

47 The committee agreed upon the following report:
48 The Auxiliary News code was read and no changes were made.
49 After a short how to submit articles presentation, the
50 meeting was turned over to Public Relations. This

1 concludes my committee report. May I proceed with my
2 supplemental?

3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, you may.

4 EDITOR AVINA: I love those short reports, don't
5 you, Madam President Anita? This year nine issues of the
6 California Legionnaire were published, six printed and
7 three online. The American Legion Auxiliary submitted 79
8 article and six photos. This may sound like a lot of
9 articles, however, nine of these were repeats.

10 The Department Auxiliary budgets for three
11 two-page issues per year. A two-page spread can fit at
12 least 11 articles, but sometimes we only receive about six
13 to seven articles so that means that we have to fill these
14 two pages with our quotes from the Legion, the Sons, and
15 the Legion Riders. I hope that those members who are
16 accepting department offices and/or chairmanships remember
17 that this is one way that you can get your program
18 information out.

19 At this time I do not have the dates for the next
20 Auxiliary year issue deadlines, however as soon as I
21 receive them I will have them put on the website.

22 Madam President, this concludes my report and I
23 thank you for this appointment.

24 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you so much,
25 Stella. You do a great job.

26 (Applause.)

27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Gloria, are you
28 ready for your membership report?

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30 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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32 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Yes. Madam
33 President, may I make a request? I would like a few of
34 the Membership support team members to come on up. If
35 Dorothy could come up if she's here. Cheryl, you don't
36 have to come. And Barbara LaDoucer.

37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Come on, y'all
38 better wake up now. This is Membership. We'll rock you.

39 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Madam President,
40 the Convention Committee on Membership met on June 19th,
41 2014 in the Santa Clara Convention Center, Santa Clara
42 California. The statistical report of this chairman
43 appears on page 22. Joyce Patton, District 23, was
44 appointed secretary, Susan Mar, District 6, offered
45 prayer, and Diana Livas, District 19, was appointed
46 Sergeant-at-Arms. There were 16 districts with 100
47 percent reporting. District 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 19,
48 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30.

49 (Applause.)

50 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Very good. A

1 total of 26 district delegates answered roll call. There
2 were 13 visitors present. Madam President Anita Biggs was
3 our special guest. She presented her February and March
4 Madness awards.

5 The committee agreed upon the following report:
6 The code was read and there was one change. Under
7 National awards, the National President's Citation has not
8 been recognized by the National organization for many
9 years. After a brief discussion, the Chair did entertain
10 a motion. I would like to read at this time the way the
11 code was written and then you will know what the change
12 actually is under the National Award. That's page 51.
13 "The National President's Citation shall be awarded to
14 units who have reached their membership goals set by the
15 department and dues have been transmitted by the
16 department office to National Headquarters prior to
17 January 31st, provided National makes no changes in the
18 basis for the National Citation. The deadline date for
19 the department office to transmit to National shall be
20 four days earlier than the date set by National, that is
21 January 27th."

22 It was moved by Joyce Patton, Unit 252, District
23 23, seconded by Linda Schultz, Unit 21, District 6, and
24 carried by the delegation to delete under the membership
25 code national awards National President's Citation.

26 By the direction of the membership convention
27 committee, I move for the acceptance of this code change.

28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: By the direction of
29 the Membership committee, they have moved to delete under
30 the Membership code national awards national citation --
31 let me read it. National -- it was read by the chairman.
32 So the motion is to completely delete the code or that
33 section of the code, that section of the code. And it's
34 not numbered. There's no number to that code. It's under
35 national awards and it's regarding the National
36 President's Citation awarding units. It's obsolete, in
37 other words.

38 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Yes.

39 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Is there any
40 discussion on this motion?

41 (No response.)

42 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: All those in favor,
43 say aye.

44 ALL PRESENT: Aye.

45 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Those opposed say
46 no.

47 (No response.)

48 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Motion carried.
49 Thank you.

50 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: 100 percent

1 reporting was given to the districts that were present and
2 second and three place awards and honorable mention, top
3 senior recruiter, Pier Warmuth, Unit 328, top Junior
4 recruiter, Cindy Mayfield, Unit 716, and we had two Silver
5 Brigade winners, Glenda Schultz, Unit 521, District 6, and
6 Sheridan Greene, Unit 496, District 19.

7 (Applause.)

8 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Group ABC District
9 Shoot Out contest winners. Department president "February
10 Fever." March Madness contest winners received awards
11 during the meeting. A complete list will be posted in the
12 department office at the conclusion of this report.

13 Madam Department President, this concludes the
14 Membership committee meeting report. Closing prayer was
15 given by acting Chaplain Susan Mar. Meeting adjourned at
16 11:20 a.m. Madam Department President, may I continue
17 with my supplemental?

18 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, you may.

19 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: When it was
20 declared that California Membership teams were playing for
21 the gold, it was impossible to know the amount of
22 creativeness and the tenacity they would bring to the
23 Membership program. Membership was worked by all units
24 reporting in conjunction with our Auxiliary major
25 programs. Eighty-eight units reached 100 percent plus and
26 51 units will receive the Josie Melgard award. Only 16
27 units out of 26 reporting had 100 percent reporting. I
28 would encourage all districts and unit chairmen to read
29 very carefully the guidelines, instructions, and dates
30 before submitting year-end reports and supplementals.

31 We are at 23,671 members strong, that's as of
32 June the 11th, 2014. I hope this increased. We are a
33 force to be reckoned with and still growing. This game
34 isn't over, team. National's goals is to have one million
35 strong Auxiliary members by the year 2019 in celebration
36 of our centennial.

37 Many districts use pictorial basketball boards at
38 their meeting to visually track their units and their
39 percentage ratings. Members delighted in seeing what
40 units were scoring slam dunks and what units were still
41 dribbling. Some districts had set up races within their
42 districts to encourage units in reaching 100 percent goal.
43 Unit members have used the telephone, the Internet,
44 personal contact to gather renewals.

45 Some of our units had to find their key shots,
46 but once they did, they were hitting three pointers and
47 making goals. Other units hosted welcome teas for its
48 members. One unit offered a free one-year membership to
49 members that renewed by a certain date. Another unit
50 member recruited 328 members. California has two Silver

1 Brigade entries which we have sent to National.

2 Several districts reported providing one-on-one
3 training to their unit chairmen. To keep the flow of
4 information moving, they shared all department member
5 bulletins with units. Units are promoting the ALAMIS with
6 personal contact to units effectively providing a new
7 avenue for better communicative techniques. These
8 chairmen truly understand what it means to pass it on.

9 Another unit held its early bird membership drive
10 in conjunction with its Post and Sons of the American
11 Legion last October. This drive was well attended and the
12 unit collected over \$1,000 in dues. Other units held
13 joint membership drives with great success. One unit
14 hosts a dinner each year for its new members and recognize
15 their senior members. The importance of members feeling
16 valued is the only way we're going to retain them.

17 Diversity within our units has been encouraged by
18 the National and Department. One unit who had previously
19 been on probation was able to turn its unit around by
20 recruiting female roller derby skaters, wrestlers,
21 entertainers, and professional women. The unit was on
22 probation and now has reached 120 percent, holding the
23 highest unit percentage in its district.

24 Teamwork between units inspire and motivates all
25 of California's members to play for the gold toward
26 reaching that one million membership base by 2019. I
27 would like to thank the Membership support team. Some of
28 them are behind me now. I have Barbara LaDoucer, Ms.
29 Dorothy, and there you are, Rosalie. These ladies have
30 been tremendous.

31 (Applause.)

32 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Madam
33 Commissioner, this concludes my supplemental report and as
34 this head coach thanks you for allowing me to serve the
35 Department of California in shooting H.O.O.P.S. for you.
36 May I continue with the first place department awards?

37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, you may.

38 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: I need some music.
39 You have to give me. Thank you, ladies and I thank all of
40 you for lining up. Many of you will need to remain even
41 after this award. I'm going to start with the first place
42 unit supplemental in a group. Group A, which is 10 to 700
43 members, first place goes to George Tadlock Unit 472,
44 District 26.

45 (Applause.)

46 NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Here I am.
47 Sorry. Here I am.

48 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: George Tadlock.

49 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: You're getting --
50 the National President is trumping the district.

1 (Applause.)
2 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay. Group B
3 this 701 member to 1500, goes to Vernon Jewel Unit 218,
4 District --
5 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Four.
6 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: No, no, no, no,
7 no. Just wait. Just wait. No, no. It's not 4.
8 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That's the District
9 4 president right next to you.
10 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: You're right.
11 You're right. Here it is Vernon Jewel District 4.
12 (Applause.)
13 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay. We have the
14 last one. That's Group C, 1501 plus members, and that is
15 going to Los Alamitos.
16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I know that's
17 District 29.
18 (Applause.)
19 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Thank you.
20 (Applause.)
21 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay. Now we go
22 to the district awards. Okay. Group A is District 25,
23 first place overall best supplemental.
24 (Applause.)
25 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay. In Group B,
26 we have District 27.
27 (Applause.)
28 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay.
29 PAST PRESIDENT CAPAZZI: District 27 did you say?
30 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Yes. Is the
31 district president here? Vella.
32 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Come on, Vella,
33 staying at the back of the line, come on.
34 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: I think Vella is
35 tired of walking up here. Here, Vella, this is for your
36 district.
37 DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT MYERS: Thank you very
38 much.
39 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: You're welcome.
40 Okay. Now if I can go on. Oh, we have one more, this is
41 for Group C with 1501 plus members, and this goes to
42 District 23.
43 (Applause.)
44 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay. Now we're
45 going to go on with some very important awards that we
46 have. We're going to start with the department citations.
47 I'll let you give them out. How's that? Okay. I'm going
48 to call you by districts and it is unit. This is units
49 attaining goal into the department by April 1st. So you
50 did a great job. Hoopland 529, District 1. There's

1 nobody here for that. So we'll put that aside. Cheula
2 92, District 2.
3 NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROWN-PARK: Rosalie. Thank
4 you.
5 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: How do you
6 pronounce it? Not Cheula, but Cheula. I can get this one
7 right. This is Thomas Tucker. I got that. 204, District
8 3. Where is District 3, Thomas Tucker? And is Chico
9 behind her? Unit 17, District 4.
10 (Applause.)
11 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: And stay. Tell
12 her to stay. And Vernon Jewel, Unit 218, District 4.
13 Okay. Just stay there. Okay. Next.
14 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Are we all sleeping
15 over there. Do we need a nap? Wake up.
16 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Laguna Elk Grove,
17 Unit 233, District 6.
18 (Applause.)
19 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay.
20 Haggin-Grant, Unit 521, District 6.
21 (Applause.)
22 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Warren McKeon,
23 Unit 587, District 7.
24 (Applause.)
25 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Next is
26 Harding-Noia, Unit 161, District 9.
27 (Applause.)
28 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Hayward, Unit 68,
29 District 10.
30 (Applause.)
31 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay. District 11
32 has three. McFall Christian, Unit 249, Calaveras 376,
33 Valley Springs 102.
34 (Applause.)
35 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Scranton & Qualle
36 872, District 12, and also Modesto 74 from District 12.
37 (Applause.)
38 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay. Willow Glen
39 318, District 13.
40 (Applause.)
41 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Hanford, Unit 3,
42 District 14 and also District 14, State Center 511 and
43 Oakhurst 110.
44 (Applause.)
45 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Bakersfield 26,
46 District 15.
47 (Applause.)
48 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: San Luis Obispo
49 66, District 16.
50 (Applause.)

1 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Pasadena 13,
2 District 18. San Dimas 475, and Duarte 830.
3 (Applause.)
4 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Lakewood 496, 411,
5 and 359 from Lakewood.
6 (Applause.)
7 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Sunland-Tujunga,
8 Unit 377, District 20.
9 (Applause.)
10 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Twenty-one has
11 two. Carl R. Meairs and Mira Loma 500.
12 (Applause.)
13 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: JB Clark 149,
14 District 22, Oceanside 146, Pacific Beach 552.
15 (Applause.)
16 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: 23, Dorie Miller
17 639, Benj J. Bowie 228, and Sammy Davis, Jr. 384.
18 (Applause.)
19 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: District 25.
20 Okay. We've got quite a few here. Ontario 112, San
21 Bernardino 14, Richard Arnold Griffith 324, Paul F.
22 Diekmann 466, Philip -- I don't know how to say that --
23 Marmolejo 650, Newberry 751.
24 District 26, George Tadlock Unit 472 and San
25 Mateo 82.
26 (Applause.)
27 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Inyo 118, District
28 27.
29 (Applause.)
30 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: I've got a new one
31 here. District 28, San Benito 69, Salinas 31, Seaside
32 591.
33 (Applause.)
34 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Laguna Beach,
35 District -- I was wondering when Ruby was going to say
36 something.
37 (Applause.)
38 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Laguna Beach from
39 District 29, 222. Newport Harbor 291.
40 (Applause.)
41 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: And Bradley Keefer
42 138, District 30.
43 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That's what I'm
44 talking about. You've got to be excited about membership.
45 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay. Thank you
46 very much. Now we can go sit down. You're too happy.
47 Take that back over there. Thank you. Thank you very
48 much.
49 Okay. Our next special awards. This is the
50 Ethyl Flynn award. The unit with the greatest numerical

1 increase over goal as of the close of books May 5th, 2014.
2 And this is going to Newport Harbor, Unit 291.

3 (Applause.)

4 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Now our next award
5 is the Estella Hannell Memorial award, the district with
6 the greatest numerical increase from the close of books
7 May 5th, 2013 to the close of books May 5th, 2014. It's
8 no -- well, it's no question that it's District 29.

9 (Applause.)

10 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Elizabeth, get up
11 there. Okay. Here we go. Okay now I have a special
12 award here. The Colleen award is to promote the program
13 of education set up by Marjorie McDonald. A citation and
14 a \$100 is to be presented. And this will be presented by
15 LuAnn Capazzi, with special thanks to Pat Sweeney for the
16 issuance of his check.

17 PAST PRESIDENT CAPAZZI: It's my honor and
18 pleasure to present this award because my dear friend Pat
19 Sweeney can't be with us today. So it is my honor to
20 present the Colleen Award to Lakewood, Unit 496.

21 (Applause.)

22 PAST PRESIDENT CAPAZZI: District 19.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Where's the noisy 19
24 at?

25 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay. Thank you.
26 Now Dorothy will do this.

27 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Excuse me, Gloria.
28 I would like the vice president to assume the podium so I
29 can present the slam dunk awards while Nancy is presenting
30 the Josie Melgard awards.

31 A. MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Sure. Okay.
32 Josie Melgard awards. District 2, Unit 92. Okay. And
33 the slam dunk is McCloud, Unit 95 and -- this is Unit 21.

34 (Applause.)

35 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Oh, Unit 565.
36 They have two.

37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It's Weed and --

38 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Yes. District 2
39 has two. Okay. District 3, Unit 204, Thomas Tucker. One
40 for 3. One. Just one. District 4, Unit 17, Chico. One
41 award. Okay. District 4 has a slam dunk, Unit 17.

42 (Applause.)

43 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay. District 6
44 for the Josie award has two. It's Laguna Elk Grove, Unit
45 233 and Unit 521, Haggin-Grant. And then a slam dunk for
46 Rio Linda Unit 521 and Elk Grove 233.

47 (Applause.)

48 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay. District 7.
49 It's two for this district. Alyn Butler and Unit 587
50 Warren McKeon. And they have the slam dunks 169 and 587

1 also has a slam dunk. One for 10. Unit 68 Hayward and a
2 slam dunk. District 11 --
3 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Wait a minute.
4 Where's 10?
5 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Are you ready?
6 Okay. District 10, Unit 68 Hayward.
7 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That was 10.
8 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay. 11. Two
9 for 11. District 11, Valley Springs 102 and Calaveras
10 276. Slam dunk is Unit 16, 102, and 376.
11 (Applause.)
12 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: District 12 has
13 three for Josie: Unit 74 Modesto, Unit 83 Merced, Unit
14 872 Scranton & Qualle. Slam dunk is Merced, Modesto, and
15 872.
16 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Here you go, Kathy.
17 Thank you. Sorry, crowd, you can't see us.
18 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Oh, they're going
19 to stand down there. District 13 is one for Josie.
20 That's 318 Willow Glen. Same for slam dunk is 318.
21 Okay. District 14, there's three for Josie.
22 Unit 3 Hanford, Unit 110 Oakhurst, Unit 511 State Center.
23 Slam dunk is 509, 03 Hanford, 110 Oakhurst, 511 Fresno.
24 (Applause.)
25 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay. District
26 15, Unit 26 one Josie, two slam dunks, 682 and 26.
27 (Applause.)
28 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: District 16 has
29 two, Unit 741 Camarillo.
30 (Applause.)
31 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Unit 66 San Luis
32 Obispo and slam dunks is 741 and 66 also.
33 (Applause.)
34 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: District 18, Unit
35 13 Pasadena, Unit 475 San Dimas, and slam dunk is Unit 13.
36 (Applause.)
37 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Great job, 13.
38 District 19, are they ready? Let me know if we're going
39 too fast. I was waiting. I want you to tell me.
40 District 19 you have one, two, three, four, five. Unit
41 314, 359, 411, 496, and Unit 833.
42 (Applause.)
43 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: And you have 496,
44 411 Rivera for the slam dunk and 314 Hawthornes for the
45 slam dunk.
46 (Applause.)
47 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay. District 20
48 has one, Unit 377 Sunland-Tujunga for Josie and the same
49 for the slam dunk. District 21 for Josie has two: Unit
50 289 and Unit 500. And for the slam dunk is Unit 595, 519

1 Palm Springs, and 289 Riverside.
2 District 22 has three for Josie. Unit 146
3 Oceanside, Unit 149 JB Clark, Unit 552 Pacific Beach. For
4 the slam dunk, 310, 149. We have two for the slam dunk.
5 (Applause.)
6 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Okay. District 23
7 for Josie is Unit 252, Unit 578 Chappie James, 639 Dorie
8 Miller. The slam dunk you have 578, 252, and 639 for the
9 slam dunk.
10 (Applause.)
11 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: District 25.
12 District 25 has five Josie awards, Unit 14 San Bernardino,
13 Unit 112 Ontario, Unit 324 Richard Arnold Griffith, Unit
14 497 Bloomington, Unit 650 Philip Marmolejo. Slam dunk --
15 slam dunk is Chino 299, 650, 324, 497, 14, and 112.
16 (Applause.)
17 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: District 26, Unit
18 472 George Tadlock.
19 (Applause.)
20 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: There was one for
21 26. Okay. District 28 you have three for the Josie.
22 Unit 69, Unit 591, Unit 593.
23 (Applause.)
24 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Slam dunk you have
25 Salinas 31, Unit 593 Prunedale, 591 Seaside, and 69
26 Hollister. District 29 you have Laguna Beach 222 and
27 Newport Harbor 291, Unit 716 Los Alamitos. The same for
28 the slam dunk.
29 District 30. Are you ready for District 30?
30 They get two Josie awards, and it's Unit 25 and Unit 138.
31 (Applause.)
32 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: Oh, lord. I'm
33 waiting for Madam President here. Madam President?
34 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yes, ma'am.
35 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: I don't think I
36 have any more awards.
37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I think we're done.
38 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: I think we're
39 done. Great job. Thank you, Gloria.
40 (Applause.)
41 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS: I would want to
42 thank the membership team, Dorothy Davis and Ruby
43 Kapsalis.
44 (Applause.)
45 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Do we have anybody
46 from Temecula Unit 852 District 21 here? Is someone from
47 852 here? Well, then will the district president for
48 District 21 please come to the stage. And how about
49 anyone from Laguna 231? Anyone from Unit 231 here? If
50 not, will the district president or representative come to

1 the stage, please. Laguna Niguel? Can you come to the
2 stage.

3 We happen to have the president of our newly
4 chartered Laguna Niguel, Unit 281.

5 (Applause.)

6 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: It is my pleasure to
7 present to you your official charter of your unit from
8 American Legion Auxiliary. And we have our National
9 President here as well.

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: We also don't have
12 anyone from the unit from Temecula, Unit 852; however,
13 we'll present this charter to the District President
14 Jennifer Bieger, Unit 852 Temecula. And actually we are
15 so proud that they have joined our family.

16 (Applause.)

17 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Congratulations to
18 those two units. Secretary Ruby, do we have any dribbles?

19 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District 22
20 has one Saturday ticket for sale. I'm assuming that's a
21 banquet ticket. District presidents, please meet Liz
22 Doidge, the Credentials Chairman, at 7:00 a.m. here in the
23 convention hall to verify delegate count. 0700 for you
24 Navy people.

25 Margaret Quinones would like to meet with Karen
26 Bobren and Glenda Schultz immediately following this
27 session, Margaret? Yeah, immediately following in the
28 back of the room or the front of the room. In the back of
29 the room.

30 Flowers for the Sunday installation will be
31 available for pickup tomorrow after 2:30 at the end of the
32 raffle table near the UPS store.

33 I was asked to read the luncheon and cocktail
34 powers with the PDPs again because some people weren't
35 here. The Peachy Performers and Classy Penguins will meet
36 on Saturday at the lunch recess at the Hyatt Room 1113.

37 Sue's Lighthouses, Willie's Leaders of the Band,
38 Margie's Chefs, Ronnie's Roses, and Melanie's Balloon
39 Pilots will meet Saturday after convention in the bar area
40 of the Hyatt Hotel for drinks.

41 Parks Patriots, Linda's Workmen, Sandy's
42 Colonels, and Bonnie's Princesses will meet on 425 on
43 Saturday in lunch break. RSVP to Bonnie Christner,
44 District 20, so she knows how much food to order.

45 Now I want you to catch ahold of this.

46 Madeline's Love Princesses, Bev's Stars, Norma's Birds of
47 Paradise, and Linda's Rodeo Queens, after they heard that
48 Melanie was meeting in the bar, they're joining them. So
49 now you ladies are going to have cocktails and forget
50 about the food. You'll meet in the hotel bar after this

1 session. So enjoy.

2 LuAnn's Ship Captains will meet at the TusCA
3 restaurant at 7:00 a.m. Saturday morning for breakfast.
4 LuAnn has sold her banquet ticket.

5 Let's see. Goldie's Golden Links, Jerry's Cards,
6 Ruby's All Stars, Margaret's Dream Catchers, Shelby's
7 Actresses and Pilar's Musicians are meeting for lunch --
8 maybe we'll add some wine to our lunch -- at noon in our
9 room in 641 in the Hyatt Hotel.

10 Mission City Unit 564 has worked over a year on
11 this function and they're inviting everybody to come over
12 tonight hospitality night June 20th 4:00 p.m. until
13 whenever. No, this is at the post, Post 564. They are
14 having transportation to and from the hotel and I'm not
15 sure where -- is that from the front of the hotel? And
16 you can check with District 13, Unit 564 for the hours.
17 Yes, it starts today at 4:00. Schedule shuttle service
18 from convention center to our post and back. So you can
19 drink all you want.

20 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Before -- thank you
21 very much. Are you done with your dribbling?

22 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I think so.

23 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: I want to
24 acknowledge a very special young lady in the audience
25 District 23, her first convention, my mother Rose. Hey,
26 mom.

27 (Applause.)

28 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you, mom, for
29 hanging in there. I saw you snoozing, but that's okay.

30 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: I'm sorry.
31 District 23 is so kind, they left me some shoes. There's
32 a bra there too.

33 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: That's a little
34 bit --

35 ACTING SECRETARY/TREASURER KAPSALIS: District --

36 AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's DejaNae's bag.

37 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: And also, you know,
38 there are a lot of Geminis, which means there are a lot of
39 dual personalities in the room. I'm one of them.

40 However, we did celebrate Norma DuVall's birthday on the
41 18th and today is our Past Department President LuAnn
42 Capazzi's birthday.

43 (Applause.)

44 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: What better way to
45 send her a birthday than with a bunch of beautiful women.
46 But anyway, let's all sing happy birthday to LuAnn. And
47 any other Geminis? And Norma DuVall. Let's all sing
48 happy birthday.

49 (Singing.)

50 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Yeah, we have dual

1 personalities. That's for sure. Now we want to hear from
2 NEC Terry Mikesell with a personal privilege.

3 NEC CHAIRMAN MIKESELL: Okay. Anita came up to
4 District 2 and visited and we went to Weed, California.
5 And our district commander did not have his checkbook. So
6 a little while ago he very graciously gave me \$100
7 donation to the VA&R and if you want to put it into Walk,
8 Run, Roll. So any way you want to use it. So we have a
9 check from Dave Cockrill for \$100.

10 (Applause.)

11 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Thank you, Commander
12 Dave, District 2. Outstanding. Now we're going to give
13 this information, excuse me on the microphone, to Joan
14 Cannon. We'll make sure she adds this to the total for
15 the Walk, Run & Roll.

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17 ADJOURNMENT

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19 DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT BIGGS: Okay. We will be in
20 recess. The morning session will be at 8:30; we'll have a
21 little less sleep tonight. We have a little more to do
22 tomorrow. So this session of the convention will be
23 recessed until 8:30 tomorrow morning.

24 (The American Legion Auxiliary Convention
25 was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.)
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